



Call Committee, A Holy Endeavor

The congregation voted to elect a call committee for the purpose of calling another pastor, one to assist Pastor John. This vote was held at the Annual Meeting of the congregation in 2019.

The call committee members are as follows: David Ripley, President of the congregation, Lynette Marling, Chair of the personnel committee, Nathan Schroeder, Hanna Kruse, Katie Schafer, and Mick Vana. Pastor John serves as advisor.

Early in the process the congregation had the opportunity to complete the “gifts for ministry” survey. This information will guide the committee as they complete the “Ministry Site Profile,” required by the Synod.

What is a call? In the ELCA, congregations call the pastor they wish to call, in accordance with the constitution, which states in part, “...Only a member of the clergy roster of the ELCA, or a candidate for the roster of ordained ministers (seminary graduates) who have been recommended for the congregation by the synodical bishop, may be called as pastor of this congregation.”

Pastors in the church are not “hired” but “called” after prayerful deliberation. The distinction is more than simple semantics. Those called to leadership positions in the church are gifted with a relationship with the people of God that allows them to be a part of people’s lives at the most sacred and precious events of life.

Confidentiality is of ultimate importance. The work of the call committee is a holy calling, led by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of ministry. There are two distinct parts of the committee’s work. The first part is to describe the congregation and the leader the congregation seeks in a form called a “Ministry Site Profile.” The second part of the committee’s work involves receiving the names of prospective candidates and interviewing them. The call committee’s work is confidential, only general information can be shared. No candidate’s name or identifying information can be shared; the congregation must trust the work of the committee as guided by the Holy Spirit.

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How can you help?

1. Pray for the committee members daily.
2. Let the committee members know of your support and perspectives without pressuring them for confidential information.
3. Listen carefully with your heart when the call committee presents a thorough report and recommendation at the appropriate time.

Peace,
Pastor John

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Brad Devine, Shannon Stark's stepfather.

Volunteers are needed at the Marion Food Pantry in a variety of capacities. Check them out of Facebook/ marionfoodpantry.

Please have your canoe trip food donations into the church by this Sunday, June 16th. Thanks for your support in allowing these kids a great experience in Faith!

Marion Churches Blood Drive

The Marion Churches blood drive is Tuesday June 17th at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection from 2:30-6:30 pm. What a way to help 3-4 people at one time is to donate your blood to them. It takes only 1 hour of your time. There will be childcare on request, just let me know if you need childcare. If you haven't donated before because of the kids, now you can drop them off at the nursery and donate your blood to the drive. New this time- gift cards! You will receive a \$10 gift card in the mail 2-3 weeks after donating. How neat is that? The signup sheet for donating is on the welcome table.

Fellowship Treats—Help needed

Call for help with Fellowship Treats: Love Treats after Sunday Service? We would love your help. Sign up at the table in the Narthex. Sunday Morning Fellowship is easy peasy lemon squeezy...

- 1) Get Coffee going
 - 2) Set out two round tables from coat closet with napkins
 - 3) Plate Treats (for two tables and kitchen counter)
 - 4) Enjoy Worship
 - 5) Have a pitcher of water with glasses ready for kids at kitchen counter
 - 6) Enjoy the company of friends and clean up
- Marion HyVee has an account with Faith Lutheran, so if you don't want to bake, you can call HyVee and pick up a few dozen treats. Thank you from Fellowship Team.

Take Away Hunger

Join us for a joint project between St. Pius X and Faith! This is a meal packaging event on Saturday, June 29th hosted at St Pius X. It will begin at 1:30 pm with a joint prayer service. At 2-3pm, each church will provide 20 volunteers to form a total of 3 assembly lines.

Our goal is to package 7,500 meals! Snacks and drinks will be provided for volunteers and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, Faith and St Pius X. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome table.

Fellowship Events

Good Time Rollers next event will be on Sunday, June 16th at Bever Park. Meet at the bandshell with lawn chair and sack lunch at 6:15 pm and hear the New Horizon's Band with member Pam Olson and then stay for the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band including member Lesley Flear. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex.

June 30th - immediately following after church - **Video Game/Game Day**
Join us for Games of all kinds- Video Games, Lawn Games, Board Games, Card Games (Guitar Hero, Mario Cart, Classic and New Video Games) Bring Neighbor's Family and friends! Food provided - Breakfast Pizza after church, Regular Pizza for lunch, veggie tray, pop

July 12th - Rock the Block 6:00-8:00 pm
Bring your lawn chair and enjoy Free live music on the lawn of the NewBo City Market. Parking available at lot 44 (one block away from the Market) Delicious Food and Drink vendors on site to purchase. (no outside food allowed)

July 14th—Next Fellowship Committee meeting immediately following 9:00 am worship.

Parish Nurse Notes

June is Alzheimer's and brain awareness month. Alzheimer's is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and, eventually, the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. In most people with Alzheimer's the first symptoms appear in their mid-60s and may have dementia caused by Alzheimer's. First symptoms of Alzheimer's is a decline in non-memory aspects of cognition, such as word-finding, vision/spatial issues, and impaired reasoning or judgment. Alzheimer's is the 3rd cause of death, after cardiac disease and cancer in older Americans.

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is July 7th in the associate pastor's old office after service. Also, I am free to discuss any healthcare concern you may have. If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

Faith Farm Update

The corn crop hasn't sprouted. Feed Iowa First thinks the seed rotted from all the rain we had. They will get back to us on what to grow there next.

On the other hand, our potatoes and onions are doing wonderful in the Faith Farm! We are planning to till in the middle of each row of potatoes every couple of weeks to help with the weeds. Thank you for all the help with the weeding we got from the weeding crew. We just need more help with hoeing the loosen dirt around the potatoes. If you have some spare time, just come to the farm and hoe around the plants. You can also sign up at the Faith Farm table to help with the weeding. Christy Pratt will let you know when it will be a good time to weed.

Sign up for VBS/DayCamp

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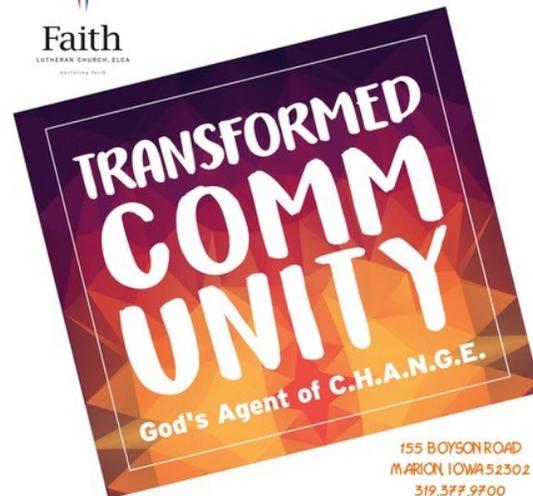
JULY 8TH - 11TH

EWALU DAY CAMP

JULY 8TH - 12TH



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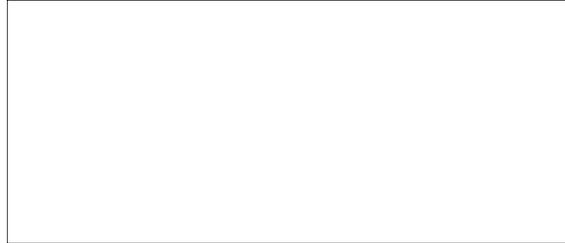
Library Likes

Looking for something short but moving for your summer reading? Our Library has several books by Mitch Albom, a popular writer. We have his first book, a memoir titled *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Albom describes his Tuesday visits with his mentor and friend who is dying of ALS. While that may seem to be incredibly sad and depressing, Morrie Schwartz refuses to view his life that way. Many people of all ages consider this a favorite inspirational book and read it more than once. Other books by Albom that we have in our Faith Library include *Have a Little Faith* and *The First Phone Call From Heaven*. Consider reading a Mitch Albom book to look at life in a little bit different way. His books are found in the "All Kinds of Good Reading" shelves in the A (for Albom) section.



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We are a community of Faith,
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.

Worship Opportunities

All are welcome and invited to worship at
Faith Lutheran Church.

Worship Times

Saturdays

5:30 pm— Worship

Sundays

9:00 am— Worship

Faith has been serving the Marion-Cedar Rapids area for more than thirty years; supporting local ministries such as the Marion Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Senior Assistance Programs. We are in partnership with the 10,657 congregations, 28 Lutheran colleges and universities, 8 seminaries, 450 global missionaries and one of the largest non-profit social service networks in the United States; as well as Lutheran World Relief worldwide. All are ministries of the 5.2 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Faith Lutheran Church Staff

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But most of the real work is done by unpaid members of the congregation, often without recognition, who see their service as a response to God.