



Summer Thoughts

Summer offers different opportunities to grow in faith. The programs that guide the year for the most part take a break. Rest is welcome after nine months of rigorous schedules. Summer is reserved for reading, praying, worshipping, and reconnecting.

As a church we take our faith on the road. The youth are especially busy with canoe trip, mission trip and faith building opportunities.

Fellowship opportunities move out doors. This month Coffee With Pastor will host a potluck.

The call committee is busy with the work involved in calling the next assistant pastor.

The lawn crew continues to keep the grounds looking beautiful.

Personally I found rest and a stronger connection with the kids on the annual confirmation canoe trip, I look forward to a week at Bible camp, vacation and some continuing education time. My goal is to catch up on reading and beginning planning for the fall. Catching a fish or two would be nice also!

The lectionary for the summer is centered in the gospel of Luke. Here we find Jesus engaged in teaching and healing. Take time to read Luke and ponder the stories of Jesus and the disciples.

My prayer for you is to be able to slow down...take time to enjoy summer...time to reconnect with family, friends and God! Fall will be here before you know it!

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

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

Special thanks to the unbelievably committed people that we have working outside on our lawn, tree line, flowers, shrubs and landscaping.

Recently, a Thrivent grant for \$250 was used to purchase ninebark shrubs to replace the dying barberry shrubs near the entrance to the church. Thank you to the many volunteers that continue to work tirelessly to make the church beautiful inside and out!

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 2:00-3:00 pm, 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 Treats—Help needed

How neat is that? The signup sheet for donating is on the welcome table.

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.

Fellowship Events

June 30th - immediately following after church - Video Game/Game Day
Join us for Games of all kinds. Bring neighbors, 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. 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.

Faith Lutheran Reads



Thanks to all who participated in the first Faith Lutheran Reads project! We distributed over 20 books and had 2 discussion days. The book conversations covered a number of important topics that the book addressed: committing to an authentic dialog, being open to the ideas and lives of others, listening carefully to each other, working through disagreements, thinking through our own beliefs (and other ideas). We are looking at titles for next year's reading. If you have a suggestion for a book that you think might make a good reading experience for our congregation, talk to Deb Aldrich.

Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is July 7th in the associate pastor's old office after service. 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!

Sole Hope-Need Jeans!

One of our projects for God's Work Our Hands will be Sole Hope that makes shoes from blue jeans. We are collecting old jeans now. Please note that these must NOT be skinny jeans or stretchy fabric jeans. They may have holes but we just need an area 8" x 5" at least to cut the patterns. More information will follow and a box for your jean donations in in the Narthex.

Churches of Marion Food Pantry

Hunger Isn't On Summer Vacation. At the Churches of Marion Food Pantry, summer is the time of year when food donations go DOWN, due to lack of food drives and fewer donations coming in from participating churches, and demand goes UP, as kids are out of school, and are not receiving school breakfast or lunch. This is a partial example of our current shopping list for ONE WEEK (assisting 80-90+ families), which is what we purchase to supplement donated items, and items we are able to purchase through HACAP.

- 360 rolls of toilet paper
- 200 boxes of mac & cheese
- 172 cans of vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, tomatoes)
- 144 cans of meat items (chicken, tuna, beef stew, corned beef, spam)
- 144 cans of fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit, peaches, pears, applesauce)
- 80 packages of ramen noodles
- 80 bottles of fruit juice
- 80 "treat" items (pudding, jello, cake mix, microwave popcorn)
- 80 shelf-stable milk products (shelf stable cartons, evaporated milk, condensed milk, dry milk)
- 60 boxes of instant potatoes
- 48 cans of canned pasta
- 24 bags of egg noodles

Can you help us fill the gap this summer? You can help by donating any of the above items, or by helping us fund our purchases. Food donations are accepted at the drop bins at Faith or at the food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am and between 1-3pm.

Monetary donations may be sent to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry, 864 12th ST, Marion, IA 52302.

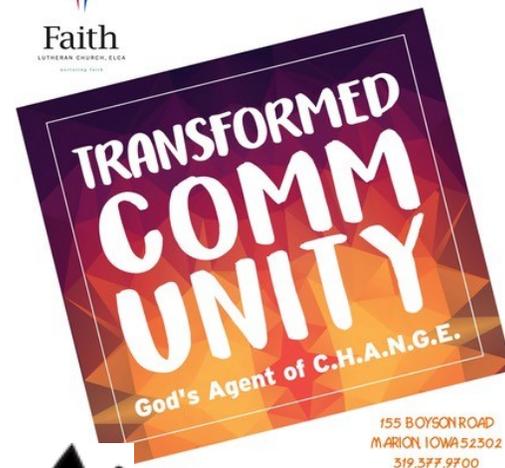
THANKS SO MUCH for your continued support of local families in need!

Sign up for VBS/DayCamp

Volunteers needed for the week. Please sign up at welcome table. See Danny for ?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 8TH-11TH

EWALU DAY CAMP
JULY 8TH-12TH



Library Likes

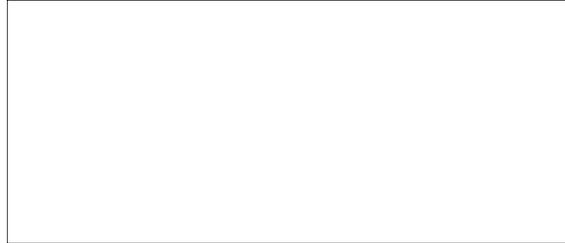
Looking for something short but moving for your summer reading? Our Library has several books by Mitch Albom, a popular writer. We have his first book, a memoir titled *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Albom describes his Tuesday visits with his mentor and friend who is dying of ALS. While that may seem to be 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 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.

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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.