



Summer Thoughts

“Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace to this house! Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near you. Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” Luke 10.

H. George Anderson, past presiding bishop of the ELCA writes: “Sharing the good news of Jesus is not a process of pouring my great faith into my faith-poor neighbor, but rather discovering that my imperfect faith can be used by God in a way that will surprise me, indeed it is the power of the Word, the revelation of the way, the truth and the life. It stands independent of our ability to grasp it, to prove it, or accept it.”

Sharing one’s faith may seem like difficult work and many times it is. Some people do not want the “kingdom of God to come near.” The kingdom of God exposes us for who we truly are—sinners seeking forgiveness and love. Yet Jesus commissions us to “go make disciples.” This command is done in many ways. Each of us has a unique set of gifts and talents. That’s the place to start. Determine your gifts and then put them to use. Can you cook? Make a meal. Can you sew? FLC is collecting used jeans to make slippers for people less fortunate. Can you play a musical instrument? Nursing homes love to provide music to their residents. You get the idea. “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.” You don’t need a seminary degree to share your faith. You share your faith by your actions, your interests, your gifts and talents, all of it blessed by God for work in God’s kingdom.

A farmer was asked how he put 6 children through St. Olaf College during the height of the depression. He said, “You just start!” Get started dear friends.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



get started

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Pastor Roger McKinstry.

Our next Summer Fun Club Event will be on Wednesday, July 24th from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at Faith for all ages and we will have a game night.

Join us for Coffee with Pastor on Thursday, July 25th at 2:00 pm.

Rally Sunday and the Church Picnic will be on Sunday, August 18th. Mark your calendars.



Thank you to all who took tags for the Marion Cares Backpacks. Please have your backpacks with the blue tag attached returned to church by Sunday, July 28th.



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

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

BYOS (Bring Your Own Shoes)

The Witness team is seeking volunteers to walk in the Swamp Fox parade on Saturday, Sept. 28. We will be handing out candy and dog treats with an invite to the Pet Blessing. All age walkers are welcome, especially families and youth. Estimated time approximately 9:30 am - 11:30 am followed by lunch and fellowship with the walking team. Please see Kathy & Dave Gerlach, Marlene Pasker, Greg & Lynette Marling or Mark & Christine Goldsmith to volunteer!

Parish Nurse Notes

It is summer and we are active and busy, doing things inside and outside. Listen to your body though. If something hurts, like your back, take a break and start up again. If the hurting starts up again, it is time to stop what you are doing and rest. You may want to do some self-care as well, ice the area and if needed Motrin or Tylenol. If the hurt continues, you may want to consult your health care provider.

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is August 14th 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 parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!



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!

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.



Library Likes



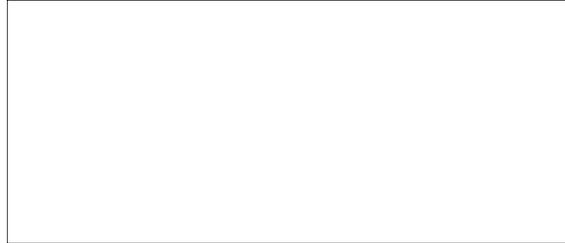
Looking for something short but moving for your summer reading? Our Library has several books by Mitch Albom, a popular writer. We have his first book, a memoir titled *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Albom describes his Tuesday visits with his mentor and friend who is dying of ALS. While that may seem to be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

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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.