



Worship Notes: Flowers in Worship

Isaiah 40: 7-8: “The grass withers, the flower fades;

When the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass

The grass withers, the flower fades;

But the word of our God will stand fast forever.”

“Flowers are an expression of the beauty of God’s creation and of joy in Christ. Flowers are also a reminder of the frailty of life. Only fresh flowers are used for worship. Potted plants are not used because they do not convey the same symbolism of sacrifice and frailty as cut flowers. Artificial and ‘dried’ flowers,’ because they are not authentic, are never used. When available, flowers from parishioner’s gardens or yards are appropriate.”

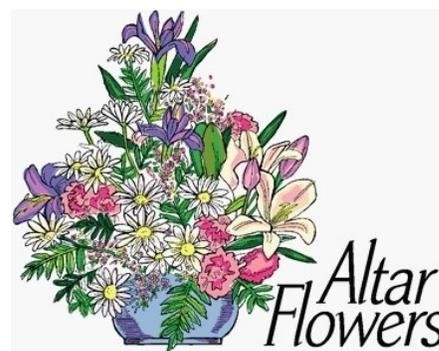
Flowers may be placed near the altar but never on it. Traditionally, flowers are not used in the worship space during the solemn and penitential season of Lent.” (Worship Workbook) Thanks to all who provide flowers for worship. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, marking a special celebration in life, or simply to the glory of God. The flower chart is located in the hallway across from the church office. Kathy Rude is the flower coordinator.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Pastor Roger McKinstry.

Rally Sunday & Church Picnic

Join us on Sunday, August 18th for our Annual Rally Sunday Church Picnic and fun. Worship begins at 9:00 am. Sunday School Rally Day follows at 10:15 am.

From 11:30 am—? We will have a yummy lunch, inflatable games, dunk tank, bingo, kids' games, grown-up games, fellowship and fun!

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect after a busy summer.



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!



Book Club

The Faith Lutheran Church Book Club (not to be confused with the Faith Reads program which read the book *The Faith Club*) meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our current meeting place is in flux, but for August we will be meeting at the home of Connie Conine 390 Gypsy Lane, Robins. The book for August is ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** by Betty Smith.

We have chosen books out through March so you can read ahead as fits your schedule. Please feel free to come to a meeting even if you have not read or finished the book for the month.

September: ***Boy's Life*** by Robert McCammon
October: ***Where the Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens

November: ***Come Sundown*** by Nora Roberts
December: No book in December, but we may still meet to enjoy the holiday spirit.

January: ***Haroun & the Sea of Stories*** by Salman Rushdie

February: ***Along the Infinite Sea*** by Beatriz Williams

March: ***Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*** by Gail Honeyman

April: ***The Chilbury Ladies Choir*** by Jennifer Ryan

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Tweeton at mstweeton@gmail.com.
Happy reading!

Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is August 11th 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!



Summer Fun Club

Join us for these last two Summer Fun Club Events:

Our next Summer Fun Club Event will be on Wednesday, August 7th from 6:00-8:00 pm we will skate at SuperSkate and it's open to all ages.

Our final Summer Fun Club will be Wednesday, August 21st from 7:00-9:00 pm we will have a drive-in movie night at Faith for all ages.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 18th, Faith's students & teachers (pre-school to college) are invited to receive a special blessing to honor the beginning of the 2019/20 school year. Students & teachers will receive a blessing during the Children's Message during the 9:00 am, Sunday service.



Bring your backpacks, trappers and gradebooks . . . Your Faith community wants to celebrate and support your educational journey.



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.



God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is set for Sunday September 8th here at Faith. It is a day the ELCA has set aside for a day of service. There will be clipboards with sheets on the GWOH table in the narthex to sign up for a service project. Also, when signing up, indicate if you need a shirt or not. We will be using the same shirts from our last GWOH. There will be service projects for everyone!

The service projects for this year are: making blankets for homeless animals, hygiene kits and cleaning kits for homeless veterans, putting food boxes together at HACAP, cleaning up invasive weeds at Indian Creek Nature Center and cutting out patterns from jeans for Sole Hope. There is information about Sole Hope on the GWOH table.





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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.