

## Disciples All

“Now is the moment I am beginning to be a disciple. May nothing seen or unseen begrudge me making my way to Jesus Christ. Come fire, cross, battling with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs, crushing of my whole body, cruel tortures of the devil—only let me get to Jesus Christ! Not the wide bounds of earth not the kingdoms of this world will avail me anything. That is whom I am looking for—the one who died for us. That is whom I want—the one who rose for us.”

Letter of Ignatius First Century.

We are entering the season of Pentecost—the longest season of the liturgical church year. During this season the scripture lessons focus on the teachings of Jesus. Parables and signs that help us understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We will hear stories from Matthews Gospel, healing and sending stories. We will run into familiar folks like Peter and John, Mary the Mother of our Lord. And some not so familiar characters like Bartholomew. We will observe the Feast Days like Holy Cross Day, Reformation, All Saints and Christ The King.

In and through these stories, people and Feasts may you experience the Holy Spirit moving in you, working for that promised better day!

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Joyce Smith, Paula Burley, Diane Anderson, Joe Miglia, father of Angie & Barry Miglia, Lee Dytrt, brother-in-law of Catherine Dytrt, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Matt Cook son-in-law of Pard & Mariann Keith, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein. **Tickets for Thrivent Night** at the Ballpark are available by calling 366-2991 or seeing Dave Koch. Date is June 27th at 6:35 pm and tickets are \$6.

**This year our June Coffee with Pastor** will be a sandwich luncheon held on Thursday, June 15th at 11:00 am. Come join us for sandwiches and salads. Following our luncheon, we'll play bingo for fun prizes. Make plans to join us!

**Good Time Rollers will be meeting** at Vineria Wine Shop (264 Blairs Ferry Rd) on Friday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the clipboard if you can attend so we have a number for reservations.

**Our first Summer Fun Club event will be** Wednesday, June 14th at Faith from 7:00-8:30 pm. All kids from 2nd grade on up are invited to attend. We will have movies and games and fun for all. Adults are always welcome to attend.

## Thank You Volunteers of Faith

The Social and Concerns Committee will once a month spotlight a group of volunteers to thank them for their time and talents.

June's Spotlight is on the Acolytes!

Special thanks to our Acolyte

Coordinator: Natalie Poellet

Thanks to: Zoey Kubik, Micah Poellet, Haley George, Tyler Boussetot, Dylan Evenson, Dalton Evenson, Laila Boussetot, Issy Stone, Greg Gerst, Marcelle Strait, Trevor Erb, Mason Hunt, Kiera Pluckhahn, Tyler Woods, Zach Miglia, Madison Graubard, Isabelle Graubard, Nathan Stark, Isaac Stark, Alyssa Below, Ellie Wilkes, Katie Wilkes, Katie Barnidge.



## Confirmation Canoe Trip Food

Attention Faith Members: The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 19th-23rd confirmation students. Once again, we need your help to offset the costs of this important time of fun and fellowship for our youth. In the narthex, we have a canoe trip clipboard to sign up for food donations. Items can be dropped off at the church at anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday the 18th at the latest. We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!

Please add our participants to your prayers for this great week! We appreciate all the support from the entire congregation as these kids and adults enjoy a week of faith and fun!



## Parish Nurse Update

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is July 9th after service in Pr John's office.

Please stay cool out there! Make sure you drink lots of water while doing your outside activities. Also, put sunscreen on before going out, SPF 30 is good!

If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at [parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org) or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!



## God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is set for Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> here at Faith. It is a day the ELCA has set aside for a day of service. There will be clipboards with sheets 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!

We will gather have breakfast for the volunteers at 8:00 am and then attend 9:00 am worship. Don't forget to wear your God's Work, Our Hand's t-shirt! Following service we will go to our service areas and work. Following our projects we will return to the church at noon for a luncheon.

Listed below are the various service projects:

- Making blankets
- Cleaning up at Indian Creek Nature Center
- Helping to pick cherry tomatoes at the Faith Farm for Feed Iowa First
- Making Cards
- Help Feed Iowa First at the Shop
- Making Hygiene kits

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful day of service!



## VBS & Day Camp Registration

Sign up sheets for our 2017 VBS and Day Camp are now available. Vacation Bible School runs from July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am –11:30 am and is for preschool to kids entering Kindergarten. Our theme is "Taking Root".

EWALU Day Camp runs July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am—3:00 pm and is for kids entering 1st grade to 6th grade. The theme is "The Water of Life" On Friday, Day Campers

will go to EW-ALU in Strawberry Point. Sign up sheets are available on the welcome table or see Danny for questions.

Volunteers are needed for both

the day camp and VBS as well as hosting the counselors from Camp EWALU for a dinner each night they are here. If you are interested in helping out for one or more things, please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex.



## Faith Farm Update

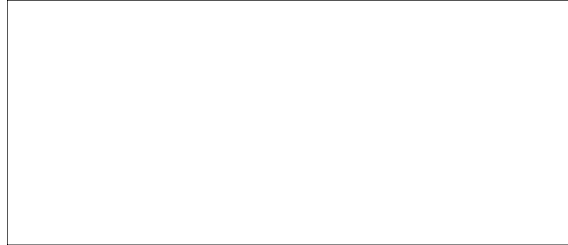
Hi Faith Farmers! It's been a couple weeks since we've touched base. I hope all is well. Sonia would like us to trellis up our tomatoes sometime in the two weeks. Most of our tomatoes are growing very nicely and are almost ready for some support. She is in the thick of maintaining her farms, so she's going to give Rick the twine on Thursday when she sees him and will show him the weaving method. Then, Rick can teach us and we can do Faith Farm on a date that works for us (in the evening when it is cooler). Stay tuned for a final date!

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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.

### SUMMER 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.