



## IS IT POSSIBLE?

**Today is a new day.** A day of starting over. A day of letting go of old hurts and guilt. A day for getting better and not bitter. A day for making the commitment to bridge the gap between temple and home.

**Is it possible** for home to be a sanctuary? A safe place? Free from competition and complaint? Free for service to one another?

**Is it possible** to practice our faith at school? In the workplace? As we spend our days in retirement? Is it possible to speak a kind word? Offer a free hand?

**Is it possible** to practice a faith that includes instead of excludes? That invites instead of hinders? That assumes love instead of hate or worse indifference?

There's an old camp song that goes like this. **“Father grant that what I say with my lips I may believe in my heart, and what I believe in my heart, I may show forth in my life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Just for today...let go...let go of the washed out faith...shallow piety...impossible rules for yourself and others. Today spend some time sitting at the foot of Jesus. Let his hands heal you...let his words feed you...Let his presence hold you.

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And rest in the glow of forgiveness and grace.

Peace,

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Helen Hale, Dick Hein, Harold Thompson grandfather of Chris Thompson

**Marion Food Pantry is** in need of these items: cream of mushroom soup and other cream soups for cooking, peanut butter, all canned fruit especially pineapples and pears, bag and boxed white rice, applesauce, egg noodles. Now Marion Food Pantry will have a monthly evening distribution time on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Volunteers are desperately needed to help distribute food on T/Th 1-3 pm. Volunteers are also needed to be on a buying team. Faith could have it's own buying team of 2-3 people including one person who could lift and at least one person who has a vehicle to haul the purchases. Please call 377-7309 if you can help.

**Join us for games on** Thursday, July 26th & Thursday, August 2nd at 1:00 pm.

**The next Holy Land Trip Meeting will be on** August 23rd from 6:00-8:30 pm led by Mark Hoffman of Magi Travel and at Wayne Zion Lutheran Church in rural Monticello. The link to our trip brochure is [www.cvent.com/d/wtqv8](http://www.cvent.com/d/wtqv8). For questions, call Pr. Rodney 389-6153 or Pr. Linda 373-1444.

## Faith Farm Update

The tomatoes are starting to fruit and soon they will be turning red. If you are signed up to pick, I will send you an email about how to pick and when to pick in a week. Also, if you are signed up to transport the tomatoes, I will contact you about transporting them to where they need to go. If you are interested in help picking or transporting and haven't signed up, let Christy Pratt know, 319-361-0445.

Thank you everyone for making this farm a success for Feed Iowa First!



## Parish Nurse Notes

This time of the year is a great time to go to the farmer's market and get local produce.

You name it, it will be there!

Cucumbers, green peppers, green beans, cabbage, tomatoes, etc are there ready for you to buy!



The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is August 12th after service in Intern Jeff's old office.

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

## Upcoming Fellowship

**Please sign up now for** the upcoming Church Picnic at South Troy Park in Robins on Sunday, August 5th from 11:00 am—? Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be provided. Bring a beverage as well as a side dish and dessert to share. There is a playground, sand volleyball, basketball courts, horseshoe and ball diamonds. Bring any outdoor games and come and join the fun! Dig out your picnic baskets and come to enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs and great conversation! More details to come!

**August 2nd** - Jazz Under the Stars at Noleridge Park will feature "The Jazz Standard" (Paul & Gail Williams, Peter Hart, Dan Oline, and Tim Crumley). Music starts at 7pm, in case of rain listen to KCKK-FM.

**August 16th** - Good Time Rollers will meet also at Jazz under the Stars at Noleridge Park. Music starts at 7pm with the Funk Daddies.

**Next Fellowship meeting is:** August 16th at 6:00 pm.

## Marion Cares Backpack Drive

Once again, Faith will sponsor 10 youth by purchasing their much needed school supplies. Marion Cares has dropped off tags which include the supply list for a needy child.

You can sign up and take a blue tag and return the backpack filled with all the materials to the church. Marion Cares will pick these up and distribute to the children. We must have all the backpacks returned by Sunday, July 29th. Thanks again for your support to benefit local kids in our community!

Please remember to place your **BLUE TAG** in the backpack when you return it.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 19th, Faith's students & teachers (pre-school to college) are invited to receive a special blessing to honor the beginning of the 2017 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.



## God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is set for Sunday September 9<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 have 9 am church service followed by breaking up into our service project groups. We will begin our service projects after instruction. The projects will last for couple of hours.

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



## Summer Fun Club

Join us for these last two Summer Fun Club Events:

Wednesday, August 1st from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Bowling Party fro all ages at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center (Adult friends are welcome)

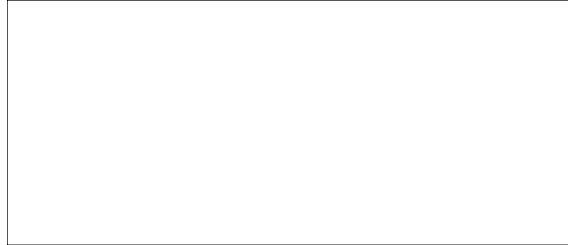
Wednesday, August 15th from 7:00-9:00 pm  
we will have a drive-in movie night at Faith for all ages.





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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.