



## Catch a Glimpse of God at Work!

As I noted in my introduction, my family and I moved here from Jacksonville, Florida. Although we moved here from the south, my wife and I were both born and raised in Northeast Ohio. (Both girls were born in Florida, so winter, snow and all that will be a new thing for them!) In coming back to the Midwest, I have been able to reacquaint myself to spring and summer here, and soon, the other two seasons as well. I understand the trepidation and undercurrent of anxiety that sometimes comes when we look ahead and see winter looming. Even as I type, I am recalling some of that myself. At the same time, I am also looking forward to it, since it has been 14 years since I have seen snow. (Well, except the driving part!)

As new programs get set to kick off, the new school year is underway, and we see the seasons begin to change, we may become aware of that undercurrent of anxiety. Things are changing, and we get used to new routines and schedules. This might be an opportunity to see God at work. As things change, we may be able to see God at work in places that we had not noticed before. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is coming up on September 10. Here is an opportunity for us to live out the love that God has shown us, and an opportunity for us to make a difference in our community. There is a chance we will catch a glimpse of God too. As the leaves begin to change, we catch a glimpse of God at work in creation. When we attend the football game or volleyball match, we may run into an old friend we have not seen in a while. So in the midst of this season of change, we can take heart. We can see God at work in our lives, and in the world around us.

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Take a minute, slow down, and look for what God is doing around us!

Cheers!

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** The Below Family, Terrie McCarthy, Diane Anderson, Joe Miglia, father of Angie & Barry Miglia, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

**The Men's Breakfast will next meet** on Tuesday, September 12th at 9:00 am in the Family Center.

**Sign up now to play** in Faith's Golf Tournament at Fawn Creek Country Club on Sunday, September 17th on the clipboard on the welcome table. Tee off time is 3:00 pm.

**Habitat for Humanity is building** a new home in Marion and they need your help and your donations. Volunteers are needed beginning about the 22nd of the month. See the volunteer signup sheet on the welcome table in the narthex.

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

#### Good Time Rollers 50+ Event:

On Saturday, September 23 following 5:30 worship, the GTR will meet at Mandarin Spice Restaurant for dinner at 6:45 pm. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex.

#### 20's and 30's Event - Save the Date

Saturday, October 7th we're planning a family outing to Allen's Orchard and then pizza back at the church. Your kiddos are welcome and more details to come.

To our new family at Faith,

Thank you for the cards and gift cards that we received on Rally Sunday. It was very much appreciated, and they will be put to good use! My family and I have been able to fit right in and become a part of the church family here at Faith. We are thankful and blessed by your generosity.

Intern Jeff Geiger & Family

## MSLC Lasagna Dinner

Marion Senior Living Community will be having a Lasagna Dinner fundraiser at Faith on Thursday, September 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Sign up sheets are now on the welcome table in the narthex for dessert donations and volunteers to work a shirt for set up, serving and clean-up. Please help out this worthy cause. Call Jen for tickets 377-9700.

## Men's Retreat

Join Pastor John for the Men's Retreat on Friday, October 20 beginning at 6:00 pm to Saturday, October 21st ending at 1:00 pm at EWALU Camp & Retreat Center in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Bring your tools and work gloves because we are going to do God's work at camp. Rollup your sleeves and build strong relationships as we renovate a cabin and repair bunks. Pack your bedding and a healthy appetite. Cost is \$35 per person and includes meals and lodging. A sign up sheet will be available on the welcome table in the narthex.



## Worship Time Change

Our Sunday Worship times change next Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17th. We will then continue to have Saturday evening worship at 5:30 pm and Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:10 am.

Faith Friends,

In appreciation for all your support and cooperation all these years! It's been a privilege to have been your flower coordinator! Many thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, I am still enjoying them.

Coreen Hein

## 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 service projects for everyone! We will gather between 8-8:45 am for breakfast. Don't forget to wear your God's Work, Our Hand's t-shirt! After breakfast, we will go to service together and praise God. Once service is finished, we will go to our service area and work.

God's Work, Our Hands day will end around noon or until the project you are working is done. We will meet back at church for a luncheon in celebration of Pastor John's 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Thank you for your participation in this day of service!

Listed below are the various service projects:

- Making blankets
- Cleaning up at Squaw Creek
- 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

## 9th Grade Confirmation

Here is the upcoming schedule for the 9th Graders preparing for Confirmation:

**Sept-Oct:** Meet 7-8:00 pm in Family Center

Will complete faith statement, choose Bible verse and create banner.

**Sunday, October 22nd**—Immediately following 10:45 am worship we will have confirmation rehearsal and lunch.

**Sunday, October 29th at 9:15 am**—We will take pictures in the sanctuary and **10:45 am** will be worship with Confirmation Rite.



## September Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 16th . From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "The Boss Baby" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Middle School Room we have "Beauty and the Beast" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Going in Style" (PG-13) and the Middle School and Older kids have "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" in the Youth Room (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or caregiver) Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun family night!



## October Youth & Family Event

Join us for a Family Outing to Bloomsbury Farm on Sunday, October 8h at 2:00 pm.

We will carpool from Faith Lutheran leaving at 2:00 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person.

Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Adult drivers are always needed to help carpool. Our rain date is October 15th.



## WNL

**Wednesday, Sept 6th**—WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

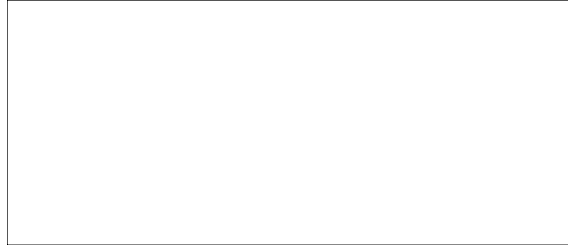
**Wednesday, Sept. 13th** —WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20th** WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.



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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 Time Changes

#### Sunday, September 17th

##### Saturdays

5:30 pm—Worship

##### Sundays

8:00 am—Worship

9:10 am —Sunday School All Ages

10:45 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.