



## Call Update

Lynette Marling, the chair of the Call Committee met with the council to share the paperwork necessary in calling an assistant pastor. Based on the congregational responses that were provided in the survey taken earlier this year the following “gifts for ministry” were identified. The church council approved these findings:

### Gifts for Ministry:

1. Help people develop their spiritual life
2. Be active in visitation of members and non-members
3. Be effective in working with youth
4. Be skilled in planning and leading programs
5. Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church
6. Provide care and nurture
7. Build a sense of community among the people with whom s/he works
8. Bring joy and good humor to relationships
9. Be able to share leadership and work in a team
10. Be able to use technology and media

“Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all people see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known...” Eph. 3:7ff

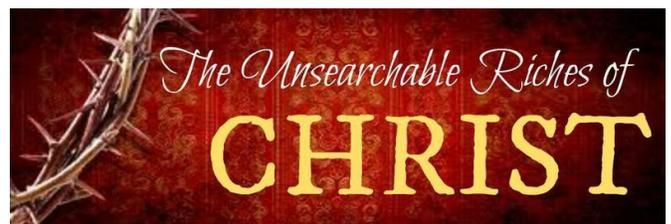
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Please continue to pray for the church, and the call committee that the Holy Spirit will direct the process so that the Gospel will continue to reign over Faith Lutheran.

Peace,

Pastor John



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Pastor Roger McKinstry, Helen Hale.

**We offer our sympathies to** Stephanie Kubik and family on the recent passing of her grandfather, Melvin Hahn.

**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.

**Please keep our youth** in your prayers as they travel to Milwaukee for a mission trip.

**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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:parishnurse@faithlutheran.org) or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!



## Retirement Celebration

Please join us if you are able for a retirement celebration in honor of: Pastor Linda Livingston. The celebration will be held on Sunday, July 28th from 2:00-5:00 pm at:

Ascension Lutheran Church

2210 Grand Ave

Marion, IA 52302

We hope you can come and join in celebrating her and her many years of ministry in our community.

## Fellowship Events

Uptown Getdown August 1st, 2019 6pm-9pm  
Meet up with Faith friends at Marion Square Park for "Uptown Getdown". The Flaming Camero's will be playing live music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music, food, and friends! Also, our next Fellowship Meeting will be August 4th after church.

## Summer Fun Club

Join us for these last three Summer Fun Club Events:

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.

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

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.

## 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



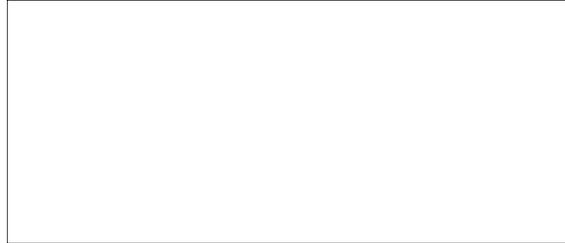
Looking for something short but moving for your summer reading? Our Library has several books by Mitch Albom, a popular writer. We have his first book, a memoir titled *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Albom describes his Tuesday visits with his mentor and friend who is dying of ALS. While that may seem to be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

#### Faith Lutheran Church Staff

**John A. Albertson**  
Senior Pastor

<b>Jen Heinsius</b> Secretary	<b>Daniel Stone</b> Director of Youth and Family Ministry
<b>Diane Lehtinen</b> Choir Director	<b>Christy Pratt</b> Parish Nurse

#### Faith Lutheran Church Council Members

<b>David Ripley</b> President	<b>Connie Bulman</b> Director of Worship
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<b>Deb Bell Geiser</b> Secretary	<b>Barb &amp; Chris Thompson</b> Director of Fellowship
<b>Karen Cain</b> Treasurer	Director of Witness
<b>Dave Koch</b> Financial Secretary	<b>Mike Dautremont</b> Director of Facilities
<b>Diane Lehtinen</b> Director of Adult Nurture	<b>Teresa Wilkes</b> Director of Youth Nurture
	<b>Christy Pratt</b> Director of Social Concerns

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.