

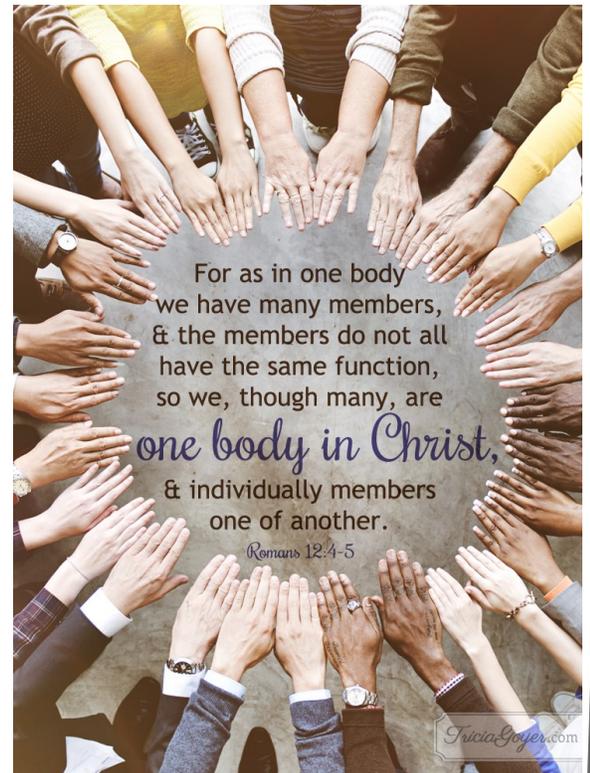


The Body of Christ

The body seems broken. The body that is our surroundings here in Eastern Iowa has been shattered and is hurting in the loss and devastation of the derecho last week.

While the storm and its aftermath has had different direct impacts on us individually, we are all experiencing the change that results from such a catastrophic event. I am reminded of this injured body in the words of Paul to the Romans when he proclaims “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ and individually we are members of one another.” (Romans 12:4)

While this popular reference is often used to assess our own gifts, I want to focus that in these gifts we are in the same body *with* Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ is *with* us. And here the various gifts mean that we are in this time working together to *heal* the body of Christ. It takes all gifts to make the body whole. However miniscule your actions may feel to be, Christ is in you and you are in Christ. Your actions of removing trees and limbs help heal. Your actions



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of providing food and water to a neighbor in need help heal. Your monetary gifts to disaster relief help heal. And your prayers help heal not just the body, but the heart and soul. Regardless of the wounds and despair it is in Christ, our body will remain whole.

Intern Dennis Rodenberg

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Diane Anderson, Deb Aldrich, Char Jacobson, Christy Pratt's mother.

We express our deepest condolences to Euen Hill and family on the passing of Richard.

Gathering Again Info

Our in-person church services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am. Health screening begins at 8:20 am.

Here's what to expect:

- Before church, Christy will greet you, ask a few questions, and take your temperature.
- She'll provide you with a mask if you don't have one and direct you to the hand sanitizer.
- All people will wear masks throughout the service.
- People will maintain 6-foot intervals when entering, sitting in the sanctuary, and exiting.
- Every other pew will be closed off. The open pews will be for families to sit together or for individuals to sit 6 feet apart.
- Pick up a hymnal as you enter the sanctuary. Return the hymnal as you leave.
- We will not yet have congregational singing or reciting prayers.
- We will be using Service of the Word without Holy Communion.
- The East bathroom (the "old" bathroom) will be available.
- The water fountain will be turned off.
- An offering plate will be available for envelope drop-off (OR please mail in your offering).
- We will wave, bow, or nod to others for passing the peace.
- Please do not leave the area of the church enclosed by the blue partitions.

We expect that changes at a moment's notice might be necessary due to the COVID-19 crisis.

At this time, we encourage those who are over 65 and/or with health conditions to not attend in-person services. We fully respect all decisions to attend or to not attend.

On-line options for worship include the church website sermon podcast, and Facebook or YouTube streaming services. Links to these are easy to find on the home page of the church website.

Any questions? Feel free to contact:

Pastor John
Pastor Dennis
Danny Stone
Mike Dautremont, Facilities Director
Christy Pratt, Parish Nurse
Deb Aldrich, Worship Director

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength; . . . love your neighbor as yourself.
Mark 12:30

Feed Iowa First Farm

Our Feed Iowa First garden is still producing and picking and delivering are still being done here at Faith. Even with FIF having tremendous damage to their facilities they are managing to deliver free produce to those in need.

Plans are to take out the sweet corn stalks and plant a fall crop to be harvested. More information will come as we know it.



Feed Iowa
FIRST

Parish Nurse Notes

The Marion Food Pantry has temporarily moved to 1105 7th Ave in the Marion Square Plaza and is open from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm daily.

To find local Derecho Storm Recovery Resources, our local seiasynod.org has put together up to the minute links. Go to their website and click the link.



Iowa Derecho Storm Resource Page (Cedar Rapids area focused) This is a public Facebook group so it gets a variety of posts but several nonprofits and community organizations post needs to the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/974094406389442/>

If you have a concern or would like to talk with me, you can contact Christy Pratt parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call 319-361-0445. All conversations are confidential.

Online Pastor's Study



Pastor John is offering an online study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. The topic of the study is

“Parables of Grace” and you can find the link by going to our faithlutheran.org website and clicking on the link. You may watch on Facebook or on YouTube.

The study will continue indefinitely and the archive of episodes will be available to watch on demand.

Marion Senior Living

Each year beginning in 2011, Marion Senior Living Community (MSLC) has held a lasagna dinner fundraiser at Faith Lutheran Church. However, this year the pandemic has forced the cancellation of the event. Instead this year, MSLC board members will be selling \$5 gift certificates that can be used at any of the Zio Johno locations and do not expire. Patrons may use as many coupons as they need to purchase a meal of their choosing. MSLC will receive half of the proceeds for each coupon cashed.

Coupons will be available August to September 15th. Jen will have \$5 coupons for your purchase in the church office and available for pick up on Wed/Thurs/Fri from 7:00 am—3:00 pm.

The proceeds of our fundraiser help us continue to update and expand the service and security options that assure the safety and well-being of our residents. Newer computers, additional exterior lighting, expanded walking paths, and raised gardens are just a few of the newest additions to our campus.

Thank you in advance for helping Marion Senior Living provide affordable housing and services for our low and moderate income seniors.

If you have any questions regarding the coupons or need more, please email katielammers@mchsi.com or call 319.310.2832





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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 Sundays

8:20 am—Health Screening

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.