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Dag Hammarskjold, Peacemaker

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In 1951, he was appointed Minister of State. In the same year, he was chosen to serve in the United Nations. Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in 1961.

Working out his faith in the service of humanity, he strove to learn more about the nature and the work of God. As he wrote in Markings, “In our era, the road to holiness passes through the world of action.”
(Festivals and Commemorations)

We are called this day and every day to work in the kingdom. Under the leadership of Jesus Christ, we go out into our families, our workplace, our community, our school and make the day better for those around us. Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, listening to the lonely—this isn’t just helpful suggestions as to how one might spend the day—no this is the command of Christ. “As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.”



Everyone needs someone to listen, to care, to bring a healing touch. Jesus calls you to this task.

“God does not die on the day when we cease to believe...but we die when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.” (Markings, 1950)

May God grant you courage to be salt and light in God’s name.

Peace,

Pastor John

Pastor John Albertson

FAITH CHURCH NEWS

We express our deepest sympathies to the family of Terrie McCarthy who passed away Sunday. Visitation will be tonight/Thursday from 5-7 pm and Funeral services will be held here at Faith on Friday, September 10th at 10:00 am.

We also express our deepest sympathies to Earl White and family on the passing of Penny. Visitation will take place at Faith on Sunday, September 12th from 3:00-5:00 pm and funeral service will be at Faith on Monday, September 13th at 11:30 am.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my Mother, Cheryl Gaul's illness and passing. Sincerely, Christy Pratt & Family.

Are you interested in membership at Faith? Please see Pastor John. A new member orientation event is being planned for September. More information & dates to follow. Come & See!

Churches of Marion Food Pantry needs:

- Paper products • Personal hygiene items
- Peanut butter • Soup • Cereal
- Box potatoes • Canned fruit • Canned meat
- Laundry detergent • Dish soap

We have a new Flower Coordinator—Sonja Gibbs! Give Sonja a call at 981-2105 or sign up on the flower chart located in the hallway by the offices. You may sign up for an available Sunday to donate in honor, in memory of, or in celebration of an individual or event.

Hearing assistance equipment is conveniently located at the back of the sanctuary by Danny for any that are needing aid improving the quality and volume of the service. Please feel free to give it a try.

The Gathering Again Committee and the Council are taking steps to move forward in reopening the church. The church building is open including doors near the kitchen. The water fountains and coffee machines are still closed. Both sets of restrooms are open. Please be respectful and considerate of another person's space in the sanctuary and elsewhere. Both the GAC and the Council are happy to listen to concerns and answer any questions you might have. GAC members are Deb Aldrich, Mike Dautremont, Christy Pratt and Pastor John.

Parish Nurse Notes

In conjunction with the Gathering Again Committee guidelines, we have established protocol for people to not attend any indoor or outdoor event at Faith if you can answer "yes" to any of these questions:

? Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste of smell, diarrhea or unexplained muscle soreness?

? Close contact with a person who may have Covid-19 in the last 2 weeks?

? A recent or waiting on a Covid-19 test in the last 2 weeks.

Please use hand sanitizer and wear a mask before going into the sanctuary to protect others.

There have been some questions as to why we are continuing to wear masks at in-person worship. We are singing and this singing increases airborne vapors which increases the risk of spreading Covid-19. Although many of our congregation are vaccinated, there are some who may not be and we want to protect all in the best ways possible. Thanks for your care and concern for others. If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361.0445. All discussions are confidential!



Zio Johno's \$5 Gift Certificates

Marion Senior Living is once again having to be creative for their yearly fundraiser. Instead of their annual lasagna dinner, they are once again selling \$5 Zio Johno's gift certificates. These never expire and you may use as many together as you'd like.

Jen has \$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. **Please stop in and support them!**



Pastor's Class on Prayer

Pastor's Class continues on Sundays at 10:15 am in the church library. All are welcome to attend. We will begin the year by studying prayer. Luther had much to say about the subject and his writings will be a basis for the study. Pastor's class is a time to explore together the questions of faith and life. Please consider joining us this fall.

"GRANT THAT I MAY NOT PRAY ALONE WITH THE MOUTH; HELP ME THAT I MAY PRAY FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART."

MARTIN LUTHER

Faith Farm

The Faith Farm is producing large amounts of kale, tomatillos and the tomatoes are continuing. If you have excess produce from your garden you may drop it off bagged in the right hand side of the church refrigerator and it will be donated to Feed Iowa First.

Parents of Young Ones...

Creation Station

This Sunday, we unveil an experiment lead by the Youth & Family Ministry, Youth Nurture and Worship committees. We have added a small play center to the southwest corner of the sanctuary. The "Creation Station" features a Noah's Ark rug with plush and plastic animal. The toys are washable! We want our youngest members to feel welcome in worship and have a space to vent their busy energy.

Nursery Available

Staffing Faith's Nursery is still on hold, but we want families to know that the Nursery is available. Coos, squawks and tantrums are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if caregivers wish to gently self-separate, Faith's Nursery is available. Changing supplies are ready, the TV shows the worship and toys galore will help entertain.

WNL & Sunday School

Sunday School Returns

Faith Lutheran's Sunday School classes resume on September 19th. Children, youth, teens and caring adults gather at 10:10 am in the Sanctuary for a brief Opening. After music, lesson and prayer, we head to our classrooms.

Volunteers are needed to teach each Sunday! The curriculum is ready, and the craft cabinet is full. We will start 2021 with a Preschool & Lower Elementary Class, Upper Elementary Class and a Teen Group. Please, send Danny Stone a message if you wish to teach! He is ready to help teachers prepare! Registration forms for children are available in the Narthex or at www.FaithLutheran.org. Kids can join at any point during the year. Each week will focus on a different Bible lesson, so kids won't feel left out if they miss a week. Sunday School begins with Old Testament stories and then we begin the Christmas story with Advent. In winter and spring, youth explore the New Testament.

Wednesday Night Live has a place for EVERYONE

Faith's awesome teaching team – Tarah and Teresa – is returning to teach! With this strange year, we still need to fill key positions! We need volunteers to fill out the Men's Cook Team, Women's Team and leaders for the High School Team. Additionally, we need a couple of brave souls who can partner to lead the Recreation Time. After the hiatus, we are also launching the WNL Board!

Registration materials 2nd grade to High School youth are in the Narthex or can be downloaded at www.FaithLutheran.org. Our first gathering is scheduled for September 22nd! New youth are always welcome to join, and Danny is happy to answer questions!

How to reach Danny Stone?

Call his cell at 319.743.5990. Call Faith at 319.377.9700. Send a Facebook message or Email Youth@faithlutheran.org.



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growing in Christ, sharing God's love.

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Worship With Us!

All are welcome and invited to
worship at Faith Lutheran
Church.

In-Person Worship

Sundays
9:00 am

Online Worship Available

Facebook & YouTube

Links at faithlutheran.org

A reminder: Our service bulletins are on the "News and Bulletins" tab on our website. There is also a weekly reminder and link on Facebook. Feel free to download the bulletin to follow along if you worship with us virtually.

Faith has been serving the Marion-Cedar Rapids area for more than forty years; supporting local ministries such as the Marion Churches Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and Marion Senior Living Community. We are in partnership with the 9,091 congregations, 26 Lutheran colleges and universities, 7 seminaries, 240 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 3.4 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.