

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

September 2022

Tripoli, Iowa

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We pray for the healing and well-being of these beloved children of God...

Glenyce Bolte
Lisa Chapin
Melvin Ohlendorf
Nadine Schnurstein
Betty Schwartz
Dean Boris (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Adam Moeller (Kathy & Mike's son)

We pray for members and friends of the church serving in the military.

Brandon Burrows
Matthew Coulthard
Keenan Gienau
Kristian Heidemann
Kolton Henry
Alyssa Jones
Austin Kingsbury
Kaitlyn Time
Chazten Wells

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Darlene Bahlmann
Jean Bentley
Glenyce Bolte
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls
Velda Lynch
Orlyn Milius

We pray for the families and communities where lives and sense of safety have been shattered.

We continue to hold in prayer the people of Ukraine and all those who are assisting them by providing shelter, food, transportation, and updated information.

"What's the buzz?"

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~ from Jesus Christ Superstar

In full disclosure, developing a topic for this month's article was a bit of a challenge. Some months come easy...and some aren't. While hoping for a God nudge, I read some articles...skimmed some headlines...reflected on some recent book readings...and yet nothing was coming together in the way I hoped.

Barb completed the newsletter and emailed it to me. All it needed was my review and my article. So, while trying to postpone my final "it's time to find a topic!" I read through the nearly completed newsletter. As I did, I became excited about what has and will be going on here at Faith UCC.

Be sure to read the list of names the Women of Faith thank for their successful Tripoli Days luncheon. Add all of those names to the names from last month's thank you to the float helpers and you've got a bunch of people who shared their time/talents/treasures to celebrate our community and our church!

Once again our church opened its doors for a successful LifeServe Blood drive – 15 donations and 54 lives saved!

Sunday School will begin on September 11 and beginning with worship on October 16, the kids will gift us each month with a song or two!

And speaking of song, Beth Goudschaal is trying again to get the choir active. 6:30 pm, Wednesday, September 7, Fellowship Hall – if you like to sing, be there!

Yes, reading through these happenings got me energized. And it made me wonder – what else could we offer to the members and friends of Faith UCC? A book study? Bible study? Conversation about the upcoming Sunday lectionary readings? Movie night? Art night? Baking and/or cooking night? Or daytime? Game play gatherings? The possibilities are endless. They don't all have to be structured, religious get-togethers. Coming together as God's children to share in conversation and laughter can be as melodic to the Divine One as prayer.

What's the buzz? Well, there's a lot but I think there might be a lot more just waiting in the wings. Remember, if you think it sounds like a good idea the chances are there are others who will too. Chat with your friends. Chat with a Council member. Chat with me. Who knows what might be a-happening?

Pastor Marilyn

A nugget of wisdom from Conrad Marsh,
our Faith UCC President:

Being one person doesn't mean that you are here for one reason. EXPLORE
your abilities and your limitations!!

TRIPOLI DAYS

Thank You to Marilyn Lahmann, June Buhr, Tamara Rosol, Darlys Buhrow, Delores Meier, Jean Ranard,
Mary Chapin, Carol Brandt, Mary Ann Meyer, Sandy Ladage, Marian Meyer, Lisa Chapin,
Wilma Timmerman, Marlys Biermann, Sharon Funk, Juanita Mohlis, Vicki Oleson, Alfred
Gloede, Donna Funk, Doretta Brandhorst, Kathy Westendorf, Barb Hill, Bonnie Travers,
Dave and Ruth Kirchhoff, Brian, Helen, Kimberly and Kayla Milius, Bob and Donna
Sassman, Don and Vernetta Bunce, Roger and Beth Goudschaal,
Scott and JoEllen Behn, Conrad and Kara Marsh and Camillya, Eli, Tracy and Everett
Bahrenfuse, Larry and Joan Struck, Richard and Karen Milius, Jerry and Marlene Snelling,
Pastor Marilyn Sargent.

Thank you to the above people that prepared the meal, donated other food items, cleaned up after the
meal, took money, greeted the guests, helped in the dining room, donated pies, and desserts, and
gave monetary donations. Whatever you did to help make this a very successful event it is all greatly
appreciated.

Thank you to the people that attended and enjoyed the delicious lunch.

A lot of helping hands...make for a Faith Loving Family.

~ Karen and Marlene ~

The LifeServe Blood Bank was held on August 24 at Faith
UCC. There were 15 donations that saved 54 lives. Mark
your calendar – the next blood drive is scheduled for
Thursday, December 20th.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith will have a short meeting after church on Sunday,
September 11. The purpose of the meeting is to decide how we want to
use the funds from the Tripoli Day Lunch. All women of the church are
invited.

NE IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION

Heating assistance is available for the disabled and elderly. Application may be completed starting October 1, 2022
to April 30, 2023. For information call 319.352.4532 or information can be found on the bulletin board in the
Narthex.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School starts September 11th. We will have a lesson, singing, and a pancake breakfast for the students prior to church. Once again, the youth will be singing on the third Sunday of each month. The first Sunday to sing is October 16th. **We can't wait to see your children back at Sunday School!!**

CHOIR

Choir practice is going to begin! I have missed the choir and I think it's time to start again. Let's gather on Wednesday, September 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. **EVERYONE** is welcome — you just need to **LIKE** to sing! Hope to see you on the 7th!

~ Beth Goudschaal



FALL DINNER

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner will host a fall dinner on Sunday, September 18 from 11 am to 1 pm at the American Legion. Menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, dessert & drink. Adults \$15.00, Children 5-10 \$7.00 and under 4 free. Dine in or carry out.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF SUMNER GUEST DAY

The United Methodist Women are hosting a Guest Day on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall at United Methodist Church of Sumner. Lu Horak will speak on "Finding Peace in an Anxious World." More information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ONE YEAR TO LIVE – MEN'S RETREAT

On November 11, 12, & 13 there will be a Men's Retreat at Camp Ewalu near Strawberry Point, Iowa. Registration is now open at www.lutheranmeninmission.org. If you would like more information or questions, contact Jim Rathe at 319-231-5749.

STRESSED OUT

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting a six-session series for men on stress using powerful Bible parallels. The sessions are at 7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall starting September 11 through October 23. There is no cost to attend. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Jim Rathe at 319-231-5749.

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2022

Members in Attendance: Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Kathy Westendorf, Kara Marsh, Conrad Marsh, Keith Stahlhut, Bonnie Travers, Brenda Shinstine, Jerry Lahmann and Eli Bahrenfuse.

Council Member Absent: Vicki Oleson

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn.

The meeting was called to order by Conrad Marsh.

Approval of the minutes: Motion by Beth Goudschaal to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022, council meeting, seconded by Brenda Shinstine, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Lisa Chapin to approve the report as stated, seconded by Bonnie Travers, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The air conditioning in the sanctuary is not working. Eli will contact Elsamiller Electric in Waverly to look at the air conditioning.

Elder Report: The By-Law committee will meet with the council on Monday, August 8 to review the by-laws. A list for school supplies has been posted. Try to have your items of school supplies to the church by Sunday, August 21. You can still bring school supplies after the August 21 date and they will be taken to the school. The Tripoli Days Sunday Worship will be held at Faith Church this year.

Liaison Report: Lisa Chapin reported that the Faith Education Team will be meeting soon with the first day of Sunday School being September 11 at 9 am. Eli Bahrenfuse reported that Rich, Brian and Helen Milius cleaned up the mulch from the ash trees. Nate Milius will bring dirt to fill in the holes left from the tree removal. There has not been discussion at this time about replacing the ash trees that were removed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Marilyn thanked all those who were a part of the ash tree removal and clean up. The south door in the narthex has been fixed. The AED battery needs to be replaced. The response to the Active Threat was good. The Blessing of the Back Packs will be during the August 21 worship. There was some discussion on hosting different community events at Faith Church.

Old Business: Discussion about the Tripoli Days float and the t-shirts. Lunch will be served at Faith Church following the parade.

New Business: Turn in the SWOT to the Development Committee by August 8. The Active Threat at Faith Church was the first one done in a church setting. Conrad Marsh said this was talked about at his work and other employees were going to take the conversation back to their churches for discussion.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kathy Westendorf, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Chapin

NOTE: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Lisa Chapin
	Orlyn Milius
3	Peyton Benson
4	R.J. Ott
5	Vern Bolte
8	Travis Buhrow
9	Brad Bunce
	Jennifer Dillon
12	Wendy Hawes
15	Cheyenne Moore
16	Rich Milius
	Adelade Lang
17	Jan Heidemann
19	Roger Buchholz
	Bonnie Travers
21	Amy Drewis
22	Justin Dillon
24	Randy Rinkenburger
25	Braydon Thornton
27	Sue Schwarze
28	Delores Meier

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Jay & Jean Ranard
8	Tanner & Baily Klein
10	Brian & Angie Buchholz
17	Larry & Joan Struck
26	Eli & Traci Bahrenfuse

Faith UCC Council

President	Conrad Marsh
Vice President	Eli Bahrenfuse
Recorder	Lisa Chapin

Elders

Lisa Chapin (Chair)
Beth Goudschaal
Kara Marsh
Vicki Oleson
Bonnie Travers
Kathy Westendorf

Trustees

Jerry Lahmann (Chair)
Conrad Marsh
Eli Bahrenfuse
Brenda Shinstine
Keith Stahlhut

Faith United Church of Christ Finances**General Fund 2022**

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$11,378.00	\$76,771.42
Expenses	\$11,679.24	\$100,457.34

Cemetery Operations Fund 2022**July**

Portfolio Value	\$62,126.65
Checking Account Balance	49.24
Savings Account Balance	<u>3,041.17</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$65,217.06

Faith UCC Staff

Pastor	Rev. Marilyn Sargent
Admin Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Barb Hill
Custodian	TJ Flaig
Director of Music	Beth Goudschaal
Musicians	June Buhr
	Phoebe Drape
	Dawn Holm
	Tracy Neuendorf
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