

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

June 2023

Tripoli, IA

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

Lisa Chapin	Velda Lynch
Mary Ann Meyer	Nadine Schnurstein
Beth Goudschaal	Leian Kammeyer
Scott Selberg	Dean Boris
Deborah Harkess	Carol Lynch
Keith Selberg	Larry Kammeyer
Carol Kammeyer	

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

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

We hold in prayer our members in home...

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

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



“For everything there is a season
and a time for every matter under heaven.”

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

In the Christian church, the year is divided into liturgical seasons – Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (after Epiphany), Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time (after Pentecost). On Sunday, June 4, we begin our journey into the second Ordinary Time of the year.

So what is Ordinary Time? While often the word ordinary means that nothing special is occurring, that is not what is meant by the liturgical term Ordinary Time. In this case, the word ordinary comes from the Latin word *ordinalis*, which means “numbered.” During Ordinary Time the Sundays are numbered, e.g., 1st Sunday after the Epiphany; 5th Sunday after Pentecost, etc.

The post-Pentecost Ordinary Time begins with Trinity Sunday and ends with Reign of Christ Sunday. That is a lot of Sundays! So what does living within this Ordinary Time mean to us as we move through them as children of God? How might they guide and sculpt our lives? Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ writes,

We move from concentrating on the *event* of Christ in the world and shift to the impact of *being* Christ in the world. A life in the unity of the Trinity is one of being shaped and sent daily in the image and in the purpose of the Holy Love. (emphasis added)

What would the world look like...sound like...feel like if we went about being Christ-like in the world? What might we accomplish during these coming 26 Sundays of Ordinary Time? How will we react to the lectionary scripture passages we hear each week – from the early Hebrew scriptures...from the Prophets...the Psalmist? As we read from the letters of Paul, what will our takeaway be? As we stand beside Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew, how will we respond? During this Ordinary Time, we will hear the narratives of God's children being God's children – sometimes celebrating...or mourning...or questioning...or believing – much as we do today.

During this Ordinary Time may we cling to those ancient stories and find ourselves in them as we prepare to be shaped and sent out to share God's Holy Love with all – just as Jesus prayed,

As you have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.

~ John 17:18

In hope for the journey,

Pastor Marilyn

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023

Members in Attendance: Beth Goudschaal, Vicki Oleson, Jerry Lahmann, Kathy Westendorf, Brenda Shinstine, Conrad Marsh, Eli Bahrenfuse, Bonnie Travers, Traci Bahrenfuse

Also in Attendance via Zoom: Kara Marsh

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn, Barb Hill, Jean Ranard, Phyllis Schnurstein, Marlys Biermann, Marlene Snelling

Absent Members: Dean Shinstine, Dave Kirchhoff

Meeting called to order by Jerry Lahmann

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn.

Approval of the March 3rd minutes: Motion by Beth Goudschaal, to approve as stated, seconded by Conrad Marsh

Liaison Report: Memorial Committee was in attendance to discuss moving Endowment and Memorial savings accounts to the CD Endowment. If increased it will draw higher interest, more than double the rate now. Motion by Jerry Lahmann to table until next month, seconded by Beth Goudschaal.

Events Committee discussed the potential for live music and other contemporary options for occasional Sunday service.

Memorial Committee is donating funds to complete landscaping at the church. Further discussions between the Memorial Committee and Property Committee to take place soon. Still looking into pamphlets or handouts to explain in more detail the endowment funds.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Beth Goudschaal, to approve as stated, seconded by Brenda Shinstine.

Trustee Report: Confirmed the Summer Camp is added to the insurance policy. This did add an extra premium that wasn't figured into the original business plan. Options to reduce other coverage due to newer roof and other updates, will offset this additional coverage for this year. We will need to go over numbers after the program this summer to confirm it will be profitable next year.

Peoples quote was reviewed and determined to not be the right fit for Faith Church.

Elder Report: Confirmation is set for May 7th.

Recognizing Faith UCC's graduates is set for May 14th.

Recognize the teachers and children sing on May 21st

Pastor's Report: Discussing the need for an Ad hoc Committee. Only around 3-4 people the committee would focus on interior decorations for the church. New paint and décor to spruce up the interior of the Church. It has been many years since this has been done.

Pastor will be joining the General Synod in Indianapolis this year. She will be a Stage Manager. The costs of this event will be covered for her. She will be out June 28th – July 5th, with the event taking place June 30th – July 4th.

Old Business: New microphone needed. Estimate for this is \$725, that covers installation.

The Summer Camp currently has 8 children enrolled, with many more emails showing interest. The wish list has been shared and posted on the bulletin board if anyone would like to donate. Thank you to everyone that has already donated, the kids and teachers appreciate your generosity.

New Business: Jerry Lahmann has a new email, j676869@butler-bremer.com

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Beth Goudschaal, seconded by Vicki Oleson, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Traci Bahrenfuse

These minutes have not yet been approved by Church Council

Can You Hear Us Now?

A new hand-held microphone, a new headset microphone, and a new receiver have been purchased for use in the sanctuary. Thank you to Melvin Ohlendorf's family for their gift of memorial funds and to Steve and Barb Hill, Roger and Beth Goudschaal, and Pastor Marilyn for their monetary donations. The in-sanctuary and live-streaming experience is greatly improved!

*Thank
You*

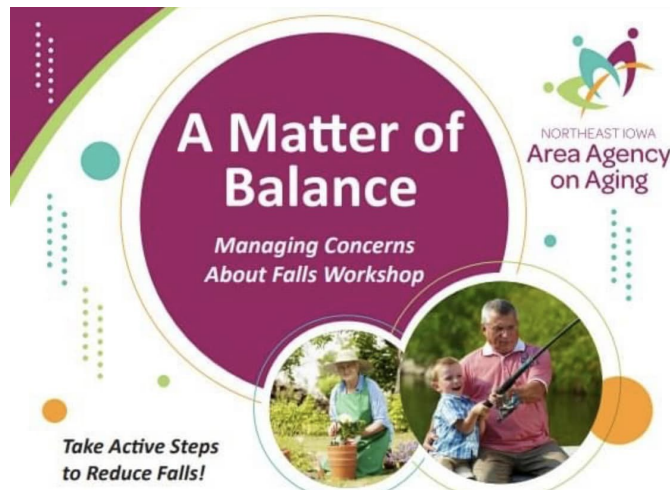
Dear Pastor Marilyn & Church Friends,
Thank you for the key chain and cards. The key chain is a great keepsake from the church family. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Justin Dahlstrom

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

The next LifeServe Blood Drive at Faith UCC will be held June 29th from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. To schedule your appointment text LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or visit their website @www.lifeservebloodcenter.org



During the month of July, the NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging is presenting “*A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Workshop.*” If you have concerns about falling, want to improve balance, flexibility, or find yourself restricting activities due to falling concerns — this workshop is for you!

July 6 — July 31
Mondays and Thursdays
5:30-7:30 pm
Tripoli City Hall
303 S Main Street

To register, contact Miranda Biermann at 319.287.1173 or email mbiermann@nei3a.org

Registration deadline is June 29

There is a suggested contribution of \$20 to cover the cost of material fees.

<u>June Birthdays</u>	
June 1	Marilyn Lahmann Helen Milius
June 3	Jean Bentley
June 8	Caleb Marsh Megan Newbrough
June 10	McKinna Benson Tamara Rosol
June 11	Karen Buchholz
June 12	Joan Struck
June 13	Austin Newbrough
June 14	Marlys Biermann Justin Hoppenworth Dave Kirchhoff
June 15	Sara Blessing Pat Warner
June 16	Zachary Johnson
June 18	Angie Buchholz Lori Dahlstrom
June 19	Brenda Sievers
June 21	Corey Rosol
June 23	Kennedy Drewis
June 25	Jerry Snelling
June 26	Juanita Nuss
June 28	Grant Goudschaal
June 29	June Buhr

<u>Faith United Church of Christ Finances</u>			
<u>General Fund 2023</u>			
	<u>May</u>	<u>Budget*</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$10,968.31		
Expenses	\$11,435.08		
*Council approved budget not yet approved by congregation			
<u>Cemetery Operations Fund 2023</u>			
<u>April</u>			
Portfolio Value		\$58,758.69	
Checking Account Balance		438.35	
Savings Account Balance		<u>1,042.78</u>	
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND		\$60,239.82	

<u>Worship by the numbers...</u>			
	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Attendance</u>	<u>Monetary Gifts</u>
May 7	146	14	\$2,067.36
May 14	84	10	\$2,237.00
May 21	110	12	\$2,196.25
May 28	60	12	\$1,880.00

<u>Church Council</u>	
President	Jerry Lahmann
Vice President	Eli Bahrenfuse
Recorder	Traci Bahrenfuse
<u>Elders</u>	
	Beth Goudschaal (Head Elder)
	Traci Bahrenfuse
	Kara Marsh
	Vicki Oleson
	Bonnie Travers
	Kathy Westendorf
<u>Trustees</u>	
	Conrad Marsh (Head Trustee)
	Eli Bahrenfuse
	Dave Kirchhoff
	Jerry Lahmann
	Brenda Shinstine
	Dean Shinstine

<u>June Anniversaries</u>	
June 3	Roger & Darlene Buchholz
June 8	Gerald & Marilyn Lahmann
June 14	Larry & Carol Kammeyer
June 17	Steve & Dawn Dahlstrom
June 20	Duane & Sandra Ryherd

<u>Faith UCC Staff</u>	
Pastor	Rev. Marilyn Sargent
Admin. Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Barb Hill
Custodian	Lisa Chapin
Director of Music	Beth Goudschaal
Musicians	June Buhr Phoebe Drape Dawn Holm Mary Jo Rathe