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Beating the Odds Through Faith



Lew Montgomery had his heart set on an NFL career. The standout athlete at Waterloo High School lettered all four years as a Hawkeye at the University of Iowa under Coach Hayden Fry. But his dream proved to be out of reach. “The odds were stacked against me,” Lew said. “I either had to give up or stay on course and rely on my faith.”

Lew chose to put his degree to work and motivate others to meet life’s challenges head on. “God had a greater plan for me,” he said. “He blessed me with three healthy daughters and my only son who has a rare genetic disability.”

Lew champions fundraising efforts for research about Sanfilippo Syndrome. “My faith journey is to find a way to help kids who can’t speak for themselves. I’ve taken that job very seriously.”

Lew will share his story at Churches United’s Kick Out Hunger fundraising event on Sept. 9th. “Faith has always been a critical part of my life,” he said. “I beat the odds. I had faith on my side.”



KICK OUT HUNGER • Saturday, Sept. 9th @ 10:30 a.m.
Ken Anderson Club/Lindberg Stadium/Augustana College
Tickets \$50 ON SALE at www.cuqca.org or 563-332-5002
Proceeds benefit Churches United Hunger Ministries

United in Faith Helping People in Need



Planning is underway for the biggest turnout ever at the 46th Annual Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 1st!

The Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk Rally for recruiters will be held on Thursday, August 17th from 5:30-7pm at First Lutheran Church, 1230 5th Avenue, Moline. Enjoy pizza and more while you learn about how to get pledges and collect donations using Walk-on-the Web fundraising and ways to recruit and energize your team.

Call Churches United at 563-332-5002 to find out what you can do to benefit local hunger ministries and “walk for the hungry” on Oct. 1st.

Greetings from *Winnie’s Place!* Some supporters have been involved since renovations began in 2016 and one of these wonderful people stopped by today with food from the church. In our catching up, we realized that it is hard to communicate all-important information to all you important people!



It is with great sadness that I am informing you that Jean passed away in mid-June. Many of you knew her as organizing projects during renovation, leading Bible study here, organizing and receiving donations, answering calls and all the talks on faith we have had together. Jean connected so many people to this ministry and for this, we are eternally grateful.

We realized that not everyone was aware of this loss. We pray for all who are grieving. The one thing that brings us a smile is knowing that she is so thrilled to be swapping stories with Jesus. Please continue to pray for the void she leaves at the shelter.

Because of Him, Kit

Winnie’s Place needs: coffee including decaf, creamer, taco seasoning, taco sauce, crackers – saltine and snack, Clorox clean spray, diaper rash ointment, egg noodles, dish washer detergent, rugs 5x7 or 6x9, umbrellas, garbage bags, paper towels, bus tickets, and grocery store gift cards. **Thank you!**

A Note from Anne

Grace Lutheran Church in Davenport has been a long time member of Churches United, participating in a variety of ministries. One of their many contributions over the past several years has been a “milk donation” of sorts.

The congregation provided 45 gallons of milk each month to three of our Iowa food pantries. This effort was led by a very passionate member of their church, Sue Johnson. Once the milk was collected, our lead volunteer Karen Dixon and her crew would deliver the milk on the second Wednesday of each month. After many years, Sue will no longer be able to coordinate this ministry. Pastor John Grebner is hoping to find volunteers who are willing to step forward and continue to provide milk to these pantries.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for her leadership in this endeavor and we wish her all the best. Thank you as well to Grace Lutheran Church and Karen Dixon. Without volunteers and leadership like this, Churches United could not meet the needs of the community.

With Peace, Anne

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Wanted: Contemporary Christian Musicians - First Presbyterian Church in LeClaire, IA, is looking for singers, guitarists, a drummer, keyboard and worship leader. For more information, call Duane Oltmann at 563-381-7778.



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