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## Pastor's View

*We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.*

These words are spoken during the service of Holy Baptism. Baptism is an important part of the Lutheran church. It is so important that it is one of only two sacraments. The other sacrament is communion. Both are considered sacraments because they are visible signs of God's grace. On May 16, Erica Will affirms her baptism at Our Saviors. She has completed her two years of confirmation instruction. I have enjoyed having her in class. She is a caring and thoughtful student and she has demonstrated in many ways how she continues to grow in faith.

Erica began her faith journey when she was baptized as an infant, just as many others have over the years. When any child is brought to be baptized certain promises are made before God; responsibilities that are entrusted to the parents to carry out. Among these responsibilities are to bring the child to worship, teach them in the way of the faith, and help them understand the Bible. By doing these things the child will then grow in faith and learn to put their trust in God.

Many children have sponsors, who also make promises before God to help the child grow in faith by helping the parents live out the promises that have been made at baptism. Members of the congregation are also asked to support and pray for the child. A lot happens during a baptismal service, all in hopes that this child will grow up to understand what it means to be a child of God.

Sometimes I get discouraged because after the baptism, I rarely or never see the child and parents again. I wonder if the baptism was done just to please someone in the family or if baptism is understood as a guarantee that God will take this child into heaven someday. The meaning and importance of baptism is only lived out if the child is given many opportunities to grow in faith. Regular worship and Sunday school attendance are ways to help a child grow in faith. I know it is not easy to bring young children to worship. They don't always sit still or remain quiet, but guess what? Noise in worship from a young child is a welcome noise. I want to hear the young children express themselves. It makes me happy to know that they are here.

I invite you to come to worship and bring your children; bring them to Sunday school and don't forget about Bible school that is happening the first four Mondays in May. We are waiting for you. As Jesus said, *Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

I hope to see you soon!

Pastor Roberta

## Bible School

**Mondays May 3, 10, 17, and 24**

3:15 - 5:15 at Faith for K – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Parents are invited to join for closing at 5:00.

The theme is **“Follow the Jesus-Built Road.”**

The Bible story lessons will relate to the characters of *The Wizard of Oz*.

**Day 1** (May 3) *Scarecrow’s Wisdom*

**United in Christ**

**Day 2** (May 10) *Lion’s Courage*

**Strong and Courageous**

**Day 3** (May 17) *Tin Man’s Heart*

**Love One Another**

**Day 4** (May 24) *Dorothy’s Trust*

**Road to Emmaus**

## God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays: May 12 and 19

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

## Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen’s home



***The Journey of Generations***

by Violet Cucciniello Little

May issue of *Gather* magazine

(pages 20 - 25)



Everlee Sue Shorter was baptized at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 11. Everlee is the daughter of Zach and Rebecca and sister to Lucas, Bennet, and Natalie.

Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Everlee.

## Graduating from Calamus-Wheatland High School



Congratulations to the members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish who are graduating from Calamus-Wheatland High School: Alyssa McElmeel, Andrew Grau, Chloe Gronewold, Joshua Gronewold, Austin Henning, Chase Knoche, Magnus Sands, Ann Tulley, and Ethan Wilhelm.

May the Lord shower you with his blessings!

## Noisy Offering – May 16

The Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland will be the recipient of 2021 Noisy Offerings. The offering is collected by the children during worship on the third Sunday of each month.

**44 jars of peanut butter** were donated during Lent and given to the Carroll Assistance Center.

## Mark Your Calendar!

One Worship Service Only

Sunday, May 30



9:00 a.m. at Faith Church

## Summer Schedule

Begins Sunday, June 6, 2021



8:00 a.m. Worship – Our Savior’s

9:30 a.m. Worship – Faith

(No Sunday School)

If anyone is interested in **First Communion Classes** for their children, please call the church office (246-2622) or talk to Pastor Roberta or Secretary Rebecca.

To contact Pastor Roberta, please use her cell phone number: **406-478-9518**.

The family of Ethan Wilhelm invites members of the parish to help them celebrate Ethan's high school graduation. Saturday, May 29, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Community Hall



## April Council Meetings

~ ~ **Joint Council** ~ ~

### Pastor's Report:

- Holy Week services were well attended.
- Erica Will will be confirmed on Sunday, May 16, at 8:00 a.m. at Our Savior's. Other confirmation students will participate in the service. Erica will choose the hymns for the service.
- Confirmation Classes will end in April.
- Pastor continues to visit people.

### Worship Committee:

- All Holy Week worship services went well.
- The preparation of all types of bulletins was discussed with Marsha Witte. The following changes will be made:
  - The same two-page booklet format will be used by both congregations for sanctuary bulletins.
  - Worshipers will actively use the hymnal for liturgy, prayers, creeds, responses, and hymns.
  - The *Celebrate* insert from Augsburg, which includes Prayer of the Day, all Lessons, the Psalm, and the Gospel, will be inserted into each bulletin. The annual cost is \$100 per congregation. This provides a total of 100 per week.
  - The on-line bulletin will not contain hymn lyrics.
  - Dan Burke will assist Hurt in using the Word booklet program.

### Education Committee:

- Bible School will be held the on the first four Mondays in May. Fifteen children in K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are registered. A local social media post may be used to invite more children from the Cal-Wheat area.
- The last day of Sunday School is May 23.

### Feeding the Children:

Hurt submitted receipts for March and April totaling \$288.42.

### Old Business:

Joint services will be held on four Sundays which occur on holiday weekends - Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day.

### New Business:

- Pastoral Candidate  
Joe Morehead received a phone call from Erica Uthe, SE IA Synod representative. Someone requested more information about our parish. This person is seeking less than full-time employment and has lots of experience. Council requested Morehead contact Uthe for more information.
- RAGBRAI  
Council reviewed RAGBRAI vendor requirements. A vendor on private property must provide a bathroom and hand-washing station for public use and pay the \$50 state fee. Motion made by Steffens to prohibit the use of church property for a vendor's booth due to the bathroom and hand-washing requirements. Burke seconded. Motion carried. Any church group wishing to participate must locate elsewhere and pay the required fees.
- Photos were taken for the website.

~ ~ **Our Savior's Council** ~ ~

### Old Business:

- Mowing/Spraying  
Topline Mowing submitted a bid at the same price as last year (\$3,500). Will add to contract that mowing needs to be done before a funeral. Motion by Deb. Second by Melisa. Motion approved via unanimous consent.
- Cemetery  
Cemetery was not sprayed last year. A couple is buying the business we have used in the past. No prices were included in materials provided. Jason will send via e-mail or bring Sunday to submit for a vote.

- Painting

Company that did sanctuary was not interested due to size. Looking for companies that may paint the difficult surfaces (curved windows) on the outside. Jacobsen may know some people who may be interested.

**New Business:**

- Cal-Wheat After Prom

\$50 donation suggested. Motion by Dan. Second by Deb. Motion approved via unanimous consent.

- Cal-Wheat Cleanup

A community fundraiser is going on and the school could send out kids to help clean up. Decided church did not need anything but will pass message along.

~ ~ **Faith Council** ~ ~

**Old Business:**

- Outdoor Property Cleanup

Property and Management Committee will schedule date and determine tasks.

- Indoor Property Cleanup

Bousselot will find Cleaning Guidelines and schedule a meeting with Joyce Sands to review tasks needing attention - light fixtures, back stairways, elevator and elevator entrance, overall cleaning post-pandemic, etc.

- Parsonage Rental

Tabled until more information is received.

- Roof Leaks

Water damaged the altar in the chapel and the south wall of the sanctuary. Property and Management will contact White Roofing for assistance. The altar on the stage may be moved to the chapel. The damaged altar may be repurposed as a portable lectern.

**New Business:**

- Pianos Tuned

Two pianos will be tuned on April 22 by Gene Taets for about \$105 - \$120 per piano.

- Cal-Wheat After Prom

Motion by Steffens to donate \$50. Grau seconded. Motion carried.

- Cal-Wheat Cleanup

Cal-Wheat students will assist members in outdoor spring-cleaning projects. Contact the church if you would like more information.

- Installation of Faith Council - April 18

**Next meetings:**

**Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith**

**Special Meeting of Faith Council**

(Sunday, April 18) Re: Parsonage Rental  
Calamus-Wheatland Schools recently hired a new teacher whose contract begins July 1, 2021. They are looking for a place to rent.

These stipulations may be revised by Faith Council prior to leasing:

- Monthly rental rate is \$600. First month rent due at signing of lease.
- Security deposit of \$600 is due at signing of lease. The security deposit is returned at the end of the lease if the property is in the same condition as when the lease was signed.
- Renter pays all utilities.
- No pets are allowed inside the house or outside on the property.
- Lawn care is provided.
- A one-month vacancy notice may be given by either party.

**Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly**

“Baptized and Set Free”

Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22

Lutheran Church of Hope

West Des Moines, IA

The assembly will gather virtually.  
Delegates will participate via Zoom.  
Visitors may watch via Livestream:  
<https://seiasynod.org>

## MINISTERS for May 2021

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

### FAITH CHURCH

**Ushers:**

Mark Witte  
Brian Tulley

**Acolyte:**

Peyton Grau

**Altar Ministry:**

Mark and Marsha Witte

**Communion Assistant:**

Marsha Witte

**Lectors:**

May 2: Mark Witte  
May 9: Ashley Steffens  
May 16: Doreen Henning  
May 23: Terri Boussetot  
May 30: Dirk Braet

### OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

**Usher:**

Dan Burke

**Acolyte:**

David Burke

**Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

**Lectors:**

May 2: Joyce McCutcheon  
May 9: Dan Burke  
May 16: Cindy Burke  
May 23: Brian Boussetot

**Cleaners:**

Jason and Chad Boussetot

# May 2021

**Monday Bible School** - Children will “Follow the Jesus-Built Road” with stories about wisdom, courage, love, and trust.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOTE:</b> Sunday Services are also online at www.clparish.org						1
2 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	3 <b>Bible School</b> for K – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders 3:15-5:15 at Faith	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>Mother’s Day</b>	10 <b>Bible School</b> for K – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders 3:15-5:15 at Faith	11	12 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Diane Christensen’s home  <b>Bible Jam</b> JH and HS youth 7:00 pm at Faith	13 <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	14	15
16 <b>Noisy Offering</b> 8:00 Worship – OS <b>Confirmation at OS</b> 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	17 <b>Bible School</b> for K – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders 3:15-5:15 at Faith	18	19 <b>Bible Jam</b> JH and HS youth 7:00 pm at Faith	20	21 <b>Southeastern Iowa</b> Lutheran Church of Hope Livestream: Beginning at 5:30 pm “Baptized and	22 <b>Synod Assembly</b> West Des Moines, IA <a href="https://seiasynod.org">https://seiasynod.org</a> Beginning at 9:00 am Set Free”
23 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>Pentecost</b>	24 <b>Bible School</b> for K – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders 3:15-5:15 at Faith	25	26	27	28	29
30 <b>One Service</b> 9:00 Worship – Faith	31  <b>Memorial Day</b>					