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**Faith and Our Savior's  
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## Pastor's View

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. (from Confession and Forgiveness, ELW)

These words are spoken at the beginning of worship. It follows a time of silence when we are invited to confess our sins to God. I wonder if those listening to these words understand the significance of what is being said. It is not the pastor forgiving your sins, it is Jesus Christ. We are forgiven because of God's love and grace. We have laid before God all that we have done to sin against God and against others. God has heard us and God has taken the sin from us. God is giving us a fresh start.

What do we do with this fresh start each week? We go out and sin again. Luther struggled for years with his sinful self until he found forgiveness in Jesus Christ. He thought God could never forgive him for his sins. He thought he had no choice but to live a life of disgrace. Then he read in the Bible about all God had done for him through Jesus Christ. He finally understood that God is not a vengeful God, but loves us just as we are and was willing to sacrifice his Son for us.

Luther was so excited about what the Bible had to tell him that he made sure the Bible would be available to others in a language they could understand. He spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone. He took God's willingness to forgive his sins as a sign that he should make sure others know that same forgiveness. He did not hoard God's grace and mercy for himself, he offered it to all.

I invite you to boldly stand before God and confess your sins. As you do, know that you are a beloved child of God and remember God loves you. This is not an invitation to sin, but an invitation to try your best to live by God's commandments. When you struggle, admit you have come up short of God's expectations. You are not a failure as Luther once thought of himself. You are a work in progress and God is not done shaping you in God's image.

As we enter the summer months, among all you have to do I hope you will make worship one of your priorities. Please join me on Sunday, either in person or online. It may be the most important hour of your week.

Pastor Roberta

## Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

June 6 – August 29



8:00 a.m. - Worship at Our Savior's

9:30 a.m. - Worship at Faith

Note that on Sunday, July 4, there will be one service at 9:00 at Our Savior's.

### Faith Outside Services

June 6, 13, 20, 27

- Outdoor worship will be held in the church parking lot or a shaded area.
- Bring a lawn chair or sit in your vehicle.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- If it rains, we will move inside.

**The Our Savior's congregation will hold a special meeting regarding budget updates on Sunday, June 6, following 8:00 worship.**

### Summer Cookout on Sunday, June 6

Noon at Grau's House

1658-257th Street

(gravel road south of Calamus)

God Squad, parents, family, friends and church members are invited to celebrate summer with an afternoon of fellowship, grilling, and yard games. Please bring a friend, a dish to share, and a lawn chair!

### Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, June 9

10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home



***Just L.I.F.E (Liberation Is For Everyone!)***

by Angela T. Ikhabe

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### Noisy Offering – June 20

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.

**Sunday School** concluded on May 23. **Thank you to the staff:** Shelley Gentile (preschool), Cindy Burke and Eric Hoffmann (kindergarten/first), Dan Burke and Rebecca Hurt (second/third), Ashley Steffens and Rebecca Wilhelm (fourth/fifth/sixth), Heather Grau (junior high/high school), and Pastor Roberta Pierce (adult class). **Classes will resume in the fall at Our Savior's.**

**Bible School** was held on the four Mondays of May for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The theme was "Follow the Jesus-Built Road" with Bible lessons on wisdom, courage, love, and trust.

**Thank you to the Bible School staff:** Cindy Burke (director), Rebecca Hurt (snacks), Pastor Roberta Pierce (story), Eric Hoffmann (activity), Melisa Jacobsen (crafts), Marsha Witte (music), Macailah Jacobsen (youth helper), and Peyton Grau (youth helper). Thanks to those who offered financial support.

**The DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary annually participates in Birdies for Charity at the John Deere Golf Classic.** 100% of donations go toward the designated project for the DeWitt Community Hospital. An additional 5% is also donated by the John Deere Classic. If you would like to support this project, you may collect a donation form located on the bulletin board at Faith.

## Affirmation of Baptism



Erica Will affirmed her faith on  
Sunday, May 16, at Our Savior's.  
Congratulations, Erica!

## MINISTERS for JUNE 2021

**Please note:** If you cannot do your task as assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

### OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

**Usher:**

Brian Bousselot

**Acolyte:**

Faith Will

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lectors:**

June 6: Jason Bousselot

June 13: Marcia Edens

June 20: Joe Morehead

June 27: Deb Detlefs

**Cleaners:**

Brian Bousselot and Mary Timmerman

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**Ushers:**

Diane and Lonny Sievers

**Acolyte:**

Alena Wilhelm

**Altar Ministry:**

Terri and David Bousselot

**Communion Assistant:**

Dirk Braet

**Lectors:**

June 6: Marsha Witte

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## May Council Meetings

### ~ Joint Council ~

**God Squad:** (Written report was submitted by Heather Grau and read aloud by Hurt.)

- Summer Cook-out will be held June 6 at the Grau Home. Youth and their families are invited to attend. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.
- Youth continue to update the stage area at Faith.
- Youth will decide at the May 19 meeting if they will continue Bible Jams through the summer.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Bible School is going well. Pastor enjoys getting to know the children.
- Pastor continues to visit people.

**Worship Committee:**

- The preparation of a simplified bulletin format was discussed.
- The same two-page booklet format will be used by both congregations for sanctuary bulletins during June. Member feedback will determine future use of this format.
- Readers will actively use the hymnal for liturgy, prayers, creeds, responses, and hymns.
- The simplified "Today's Readings" insert, which includes all lessons, the Psalm, and the Gospel, will be inserted into each bulletin.
- Summer worship services will be determined by individual councils.

**Education Committee:**

- Bible School is going well with 17 children registered.

**Feeding the Children:**

- Hurt submitted receipts for \$4.94.
- The service will conclude on May 21.
- All food has been distributed.
- Funds remain in the account for restart of program in fall of 2021.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- Joe Morehead was not present to report on contacting of Uthe for more information on the pastor seeking more information about our parish. Item tabled.
- CDC Guidelines announced that anyone fully vaccinated for the COVID 19 virus may discontinue wearing a mask unless in a location that requires masks. Each congregation will determine their mask requirements. Pastor chooses to continue to wear a mask for the safety of others who may not be vaccinated.

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

#### **Financial Secretary report:**

- The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were presented. A gift was received from the Barbara Anderson Olson - Anderson Family Farm Fund. A card will be purchased and sent along via the QC Community Foundation. Discussed how the money should be appropriated. A congregational meeting is scheduled for June 6. Announcements will be posted in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Old Business:**

- Cemetery Spraying: Jason is locating the materials.
- Painting: Tabled until next month.
- Bulletin: Reviewed proposed bulletin.

**New Business:** None

### **~ Faith Council ~**

#### **Old Business:**

- Outdoor Property Clean-up Day included installation of mulch and future trimming of trees.
- Indoor Property Clean-up was discussed by Joyce Sands and Boussetot. Cleaning Guidelines and frequency of tasks were reviewed during walk-through of church.
- Witte will organize the cleaning of church pews and pew pads. Volunteers will assist with oiling of pews and steam cleaning of pew pads.
- Shelton will address other tasks related to indoor care.
- Parsonage rental is removed from agenda due to no response from interested party.

- Water damaged altar was removed from Children's Chapel. Future purpose is yet to be determined.

### **New Business:**

- Outdoor Worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 6 and continue through June. Pastor will use the simple worship format used for outdoor worship in 2020. An insert which includes all Readings, Psalm, and Gospel will be distributed. No bulletin will be printed. Altar Ministry will prepare communion as usual. Communion Assistant will assist in distribution. Service will be held indoors if weather is not conducive to outdoor location. Continuation of outdoor worship during July and August will depend on member feedback.
- Anyone who is fully vaccinated for COVID 19 is not required to wear a mask when inside the building. This action was based on recent CDC Guidelines.
- Motion made by Shelton to donate \$100 to the Southeastern Iowa Synod for new ministries in the Southeastern Iowa Synod and to support FreeIndeed, a prison congregation inside the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary. Hurt seconded. Motion carried. Witte will deliver the check during Synod Assembly on May 21.
- Motion made by Schau to approve the transfer of Pastor Bill and Jane Runaas to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, Iowa. Shelton seconded. Motion carried.

### **Next meetings:**

7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at Our Savior's

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

Please submit newsletter items  
to the church office by Monday, June 14.  
Thanks for your cooperation!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Sunday Services are also online at <a href="http://www.clparish.org">www.clparish.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Services are outdoors at Faith for the month of June. Bring a lawn chair.</p>	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>6</b> 8:00 Worship – OS OS Congregation Meeting 9:30 Worship – F  Noon-<b>God Squad Picnic</b> and games for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families at Grau’s house. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.</p>	7	8	<p><b>9</b> <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Marsha Witte’s home  <b>Education Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Our Savior’s</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Our Savior’s  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Our Savior’s</p>	11	12
<p><b>13</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p><b>20 Noisy Offering</b>  8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p><b>27</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	28	29	30			<p><b>Sunday, July 4</b> <b>One Service</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b> <b>at Our Savior’s</b></p>