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Pastor's View

For we walk by faith, not by sight, (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Have you ever thought about how often you “walk by faith, not by sight”?

It began when John the Baptist cried out to the people to prepare the way for the Lord and invited them to be baptized. They came to the river, waded in, and let John dunk them into the water. What did they see? John and the river. What did they believe? They believed they were being saved.

Then Jesus appeared. Some called him the Messiah or the Son of God. What did the people see? An average looking man, who was gentle and easy to listen to. Did he look like the Messiah who would save the world? No. Yet, the disciples were drawn to him, not by what they saw, but by what they believed. They trusted Jesus. They had faith in what he was telling them and what he was doing in the name of God.

We are now the disciples who are following Jesus. Unlike the early disciples, we cannot see Jesus, we can only have faith and believe in what we read in the Bible and are told by others. It begins in our baptism. We are brought to the baptismal font by those who also believe in Jesus. In the font is water. The pastor says some words and then we are lowered closer to the font and water is splashed on our head. What do we see? Water. What are we asked to believe? We are to believe the water is a part of the Sacrament of Baptism and with the water and the Word we are now members of God’s family, Jesus walks with us and the Holy Spirit is given to us. We are changed forever.

When we come to worship each week, we are given the opportunity to join with other believers and worship the Triune God. What do we see? The furnishings are the same each time. After a while do we really see them? It may not be as important to see as to believe and feel Jesus by our side and the Holy Spirit stirring around us. When we come to communion, what do we see? If we use our eyes, we see bread and wine. If we use our faith, we see the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Each day we are called to “walk by faith not by sight”. Most of the time we do it without even thinking about it. Maybe it is time to be more conscious of our faith decisions. Maybe it is time to pay more attention when the Holy Spirit stirs in us. When we walk by faith, we may occasionally stumble, but we will never fall.

Pastor Roberta

**Calamus Lutheran Parish will have
One Worship Service
on
Sunday, July 4
at
9:00 a.m. at Our Savior's**

**Faith Outdoor Worship
July 11, 18, 25**

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

Noisy Offering – July 18 and August 15

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.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Just L.I.F.E - Liberation Is For Everyone!

by Angela T. !Khabeb



Wednesday, July 14

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

Session 2: "Just Truth"

July issue of *Gather* magazine

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Wednesday, August 11

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

Session 3: "Just Hope"

August issue of *Gather* magazine

There will be no August newsletter.
Please submit September newsletter items to the church office by Monday, August 16.
Thanks for your cooperation!

Fall Schedule

The fall schedule will begin with 9:00 joint worship on Sunday, September 5, at Faith.

Sunday, September 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship at Faith
- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School at Our Savior's
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship at Our Savior's

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



June Council Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

God Squad:

- 15 people attended the summer cook-out.
- Youth have painted the stage at Faith.
- Youth will have Bible Jam through the summer.

Pastor's Report:

- Continues to visit the homebound.

Worship Committee:

- Each congregation has created its own worship bulletin for the summer.
- Choir will resume in the fall.
- Worship Committee will not meet in July.
- Andrea Shelton will research ways to incorporate music into the Faith outdoor worship.

Education Committee:

- Discussed ways to increase attendance at Bible School.
- Same Sunday School curriculum will be used in 2021-22. Music time will be added back to Sunday School.

Old Business:

- Pastor Erika Uthe of the Synod office contacted Witte about a pastoral candidate. Person is from out-of-state and is seeking a half-time position. A Zoom meeting between Uthe and the PCC Committee will begin at 5:30PM on June 17. Witte will send PCC Committee email addresses to Uthe.

New Business: None

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business:

- Shelton will meet with Orkin representative and explain need for greater control and placement of units.
- Cleaning of church pews and pads will be at noon on Sunday, June 27. Witte will rent steamer. Boussetot will purchase Murphy's Oil. Request for volunteers will be announced at next worship services.
- Outdoor worship will continue through July. If it rains, the service will be held inside.
- Roof repair has been completed. Please keep an eye out for any leaks.

New Business:

- Ed Meadows estate sent \$35,004.55 undesignated memorial to Faith Church. Witte sent a thank you. Shelton will contact Thrivent Financial for information on managing the memorial.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

Old Business:

- A card of thanks to the executor of Barb Anderson Olson's estate was signed.
- Cemetery spray is on schedule for spring and fall at a cost of \$325.
- White Roofing came and finished the tower siding. They also cleaned up the flashing on south side. They are not sure if they can do the old church.
- Still looking for someone to paint.

New Business:

- Discussed updating the mission statement.
- Discussed an elevator.

Next meetings:

- Thursday, July 15; 7:00 p.m. at Faith
- Thursday, August 12; 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's

~ Our Savior's ~

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 6

Mary Timmerman and Jason Boussetot explained the money received from Barbara Anderson Olson's estate. The final settlement followed 20 years of disbursements from the Anderson trust. Our Savior's share is about 66k. Some verbiage says that the money should support our mission.

Pastor Roberta explained the need for expanding missions outside the church walls. She suggested sending money to the Synod, who would distribute 53.5% to church wide projects. The money kept locally by the Synod is used to help develop future leaders and efforts locally. Last year the Synod gave 78k to help with the Derecho. Very little (15% of the 42.5%) is used to support the Synod administration.

A question was asked about the total of benevolence over the last 5 years. Jason believed it to be \$500-\$1,000. Prior to that, very little was given due to budget. Before that it was around \$3,000 a year, but that was back with Pastor Sarah. A motion was made by Dan Burke to increase benevolence to 10k and spend 7k immediately from the gift, seconded by Deb Detlefs. Motion failed by a show of hands 4 - 13.

A question was asked about a typical week's income. The answer was \$500-\$700 a week.

A motion was made by Brian Boussetot to give \$1,500 a year for 5 years to the Synod, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Boussetot to allow the council to decide the discretionary budget for outreach, seconded by Deb Detlefs. Motion carried unanimously.

THANKS!

Calamus Lutheran Parish,

Thank you so much for your generous donations during the King's Harvest Drive! King's Harvest Shelter was ecstatic to receive our large donation of 43 toothbrushes, 47 tubes of toothpaste, 25 sticks of deodorant, 28 bottles of body wash, and 36 bars of soap, along with various other hygiene products. All of the items were distributed through their self-care baskets and sent to low-income and homeless families and individuals. This drive was very successful and I am very proud of our parish and our contributions.

Hailey Glover

MINISTERS for July 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:

Andrea and Hal Shelton

Acolyte:

Kellen Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Andrea and Hal Shelton

Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

Lectors:

July 11: Alan Lee

July 18: Heather Grau

July 25: Shelley Gentile

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Eva Burke

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lectors:

July 4: Melisa Jacobsen

July 11: Mark Olson

July 18: Amy Glover

July 25: Joyce McCutcheon

Cleaners:

Cindy and Dan Burke

July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTE: Sunday Services are also online at www.clparish.org</p>	<p>NOTE: Outdoor Sunday services continue at Faith for the month of July. Please bring a lawn chair.</p>			1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>One Worship Service 9:00 at Our Savior's</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith</p>	16	17
<p>18 Noisy Offering</p> <p>8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Ushers:

Dirk Braet

Eric Hoffmann

Acolyte:

Grant Hoffmann

Altar Ministry:

Deb and Brian Tulley

Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

Lectors:

August 1: Brian Tulley

August 8: Andrea Shelton

August 15: Heather Whitman

August 22: Mark Witte

August 29: Doreen Henning

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Kara Olson

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

August 1: Dan Burke

August 8: Cindy Burke

August 15: Brian Bousset

August 22: Neil Holmquist

August 29: Marcia Edens

Cleaners:

Cindy and Dan Burke

August 2021

NOTE:

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1 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	9	10	11 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte’s home Education 6:00 pm at Our Savior’s	12 Worship 6:00 pm at Our Savior’s Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior’s	13	14
15 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	16 Newsletter items due in the church office	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	30	31				Sunday, September 5 One Service 9:00 Worship at Faith