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Pastor's View

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us.

(Ephesians 5:1)

February is the month of love. February 14th is Valentine's Day. A day set aside to give the one you love a special gift to show how much you care for them. Or, as some may say, another day invented to make people spend money. I happen to love Valentine's Day because it is the day I met my husband. It was fifty-two years ago this year that he was my blind date at a Valentine's Day party. So if February is such an important month, the month of love, why is it the shortest month of the year? Could it be because you can't limit love to one month?

When God created the world and all that is in it, God did it with love. Each of us has been lovingly formed by God. We have been brought into this world to show God's love to others. This limitless love God has for us is sometimes called agape. This kind of love has no ending. God will never fall out of love with us. It is this same kind of love we have for God and it is the same kind of love God wants us to show each other.

Agape is not for just one month or just one day. This kind of love is not shown by expensive gifts given to a person. This love is shown in our actions toward each other. How can we show God how much we love God? The best way is to treat each other with care and respect. When God sees the injustices in the world, God suffers. God made each of us in God's image and sent us into this world to be a blessing to others.

To help us accomplish this, God sent Jesus to be an example of agape. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and befriended the outcasts. He saved us all from our sins and gave us the promise of eternal life. He never wavered from what God had sent him to do. He endured much suffering to save us. Now it is our turn to show that same kind of devotion to God in all that we do.

February may be a good month to begin showing our love to others, but don't stop there. Find ways to be a blessing to others and show agape to everyone and to God.

See you in worship!

Pastor Roberta



Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays - February 2, 9, 16, 23
6:00 p.m. at Faith

God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays – February 2, 9, 16, 23
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, February 9
10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home



“The Kingdom of God”
by Mark Allan Powell

January/February issue of *Gather* magazine
(pages 30-35)

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Sincere condolences to the family of Clara Wilhelm who passed away on January 10. Clara's funeral service was held at Faith Church on January 15.

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

Please submit items for the March newsletter to the church office by Monday, February 14.



January Meetings

~~ Joint Council ~~

God Squad

- 5-7 youth are participating in Bible Jam.
- 5 youth attended the Christmas Party.
- Sarah Tulley and Courtney Knoche are registered for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in MN. Deb Tulley and Trina Knoche will serve as chaperones.
- Youth will lead a worship service sometime in March 2022 at Our Savior's. God Squad requested they be allowed to choose the recipient organization for the non-designated offerings at that service.
- Group is planning a new t-shirt design for 2022.

Pastor's Report

- Christmas Services went well.
- Confirmation Class has good regular attendance.
- Lenten services will involve Confirmation students but will not be skits.

Worship Committee

- Lenten Worship services on Wednesdays will all begin at 6:30PM at the following locations.
 - March 2, 9, 16 at Faith
 - March 23, 30, April 6 at Our Savior's
 - Refreshments will be served following each service.
- Maundy Thursday, 6:30PM at Faith
- Good Friday, 6:30PM at Our Savior's
- Easter Worship will be at 8:00AM at Faith and 10:30AM at Our Savior's.
 - No Sunday School will be held on Easter Sunday.
 - Any group hosting an egg hunt or breakfast may choose the time and place between services.
- The March Worship Committee Meeting will be held at Faith immediately following the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 9.
- Future Worship Committee meetings will begin at 6:30PM.

Education Committee

- Christmas program went well.
- Education committee will review the Sunday School curriculum. Current curriculum has been used for three years.
- Bible School may be held on Mondays in May. Planning is still in progress.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Pastor's Salary

- The PCC recommended a \$200 per month raise be budgeted for Pastor. Cost would be \$100 per congregation per month. Pastor has not had a raise since she began her interim duties two years ago. Motion by Boussetot to approve raise as presented by PCC. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Performance Reviews

- The PCC recommended regular performance reviews of shared/hired staff to identify areas for improvement and possible wage increases.
- Pastor will assist with a duty list for the secretary by contacting area secretaries and using her past experience.
- A performance review committee will be formed from both congregations.
- Performance review committee nominations will be presented at the February 10 meeting.

Secretary's Wages

- Motion made by Boussetot to keep current hourly wage for the church secretary. Jacobsen seconded. Grau then moved to amend the motion to leave the wage as is, but budget a maximum of 50 cents per hour raise following the performance review. Steffens seconded. The amendment carried. The motion with the amendment was then voted on and carried.

Noisy Offering

- Last year's recipient was Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.
- 2022 recipient will be a global mission organization. Decision will be made at the February meeting.

Church Windows and Virus Scanner

- Motion made by Burke to renew the updates on both software programs on the office computer. Grau seconded. Motion carried.

Copy Machine

- The current copier contract allows a maximum of 90,000 copies. The parish made only 34,000 copies in 2021.
- Witte will check with the company to see if the contract can be adjusted to a reduction in quantities and reduced cost.

Committee Retreat

- A parish meeting of all people serving on all committees in both congregations will be held from 9:00 - 11:00AM on Saturday, February 19, at Faith. Please plan to attend.

~ ~ **Faith Council** ~ ~

Old Business:

- Property and Management reported the water damaged wall and ceiling in the chapel may now be scraped and painted.

- Witte contracted Meyer Pest Control at a rate of \$95 per visit to service both parsonage and church.

New Business:

- Thank you notes were received from Rachel Boussetot and Pastor Roberta. Both expressed appreciation for their Christmas gifts and their joy in serving.
- Council Terms Ending 2021 – Boussetot (2nd) and Steffens (1st). Steffens will serve a second 3-year term beginning in 2022.
- Each committee will be asked to give a brief summary of their report at the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Youth-led Service – suggested March 27
- Council Size – will bring up at annual meeting about lowering council threshold to 5 members

Next Meeting

**7:00PM on Thursday, February 10
at Our Savior's**

**Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022**



**6:30 p.m. Worship Service
Faith Church**



**Wednesdays - March 9, 16
6:30 p.m. Worship Services at Faith
&
Wednesdays - March 23, 30, April 6
6:30 p.m. Worship Services at Our Savior's
Refreshments will be served
following each service.**

MINISTERS for February 2022

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:

Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Acolyte:

Grant Hoffmann

Altar Ministry:

Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Communion Assistant:

Sharyl Banowetz

Lectors:

February 6: Annette Braet

February 13: Sharyl Banowetz

February 20: Alan Lee

February 27: Ruth Braet

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Neil Holmquist

Acolyte:

David Burke

Communion Assistant:

Brian Bousselot

Lectors:

February 6: Jason Bousselot

February 13: Neil Holmquist

February 20: Marcia Edens

February 27: Joe Morehead

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

February 2022

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at www.clparish.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church		1	2 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	7	8	9 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Education Meeting 7:00 pm at Faith	10 Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	11	12
13 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	14 March newsletter items are due Valentine's Day	15	16 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	17	18	19 Meeting for all members of all parish committees. 9:00 – 11:00 am at Faith
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