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**Pastor's View**

*A tree can be only as strong as the forest that surrounds it.* Peter Wohlleben

I am reading a fascinating book entitled *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. Trees are much more social than I realized and I think we can learn a lot from trees. Here is an excerpt from the book:

*A tree is not a forest. On its own, a tree cannot establish a consistent local climate. It is at the mercy of wind and weather. But together, many trees create an ecosystem that moderates extremes of heat and cold, stores a great deal of water and generates a great deal of humidity. And in this protected environment, trees can live to be very old. To get to this point, the community must remain intact no matter what. If every tree were looking out only for itself, then quite a few of them would never reach old age. Regular fatalities would result in many large gaps in the tree canopy, which would make it easier for storms to uproot more trees. Every tree would suffer. Every tree is valuable to the community and worth keeping around for as long as possible.*

Just as every tree is valuable to the forest, every person in the faith community of Calamus Lutheran Parish is valuable to the community as a whole. We need everyone to keep our faith community strong. I know people feel that they don't make that much of a difference or that their absence won't matter to others, but it does. We need all of you to be a part of our "forest."

If you have been absent for a while, I invite you to come back to the Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 6:30 p.m. at Faith. We will have services for the next five Wednesdays at 6:30, some at Faith and some at Our Savior's. Please refer to the calendar for the information on these services. These services are being planned by our confirmation students. This is the time to support our younger "trees" so that they understand the importance of being a part of the "forest."

I look forward to seeing you in worship and I would love your ideas on what else we can do to keep our "forest" growing and healthy.

Pastor Roberta

# MARCH

**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.

**No Confirmation Classes in March**

## **God Squad Bible Jams**

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Ash Wednesday, March 2; 7:30 p.m. at Faith

Wednesdays, March 9 and 16  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

Wednesdays – March 23 and 30, and April 6  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

## **40 Days of Giving:**

Calamus Lutheran Parish will be gathering

## **40 Jars of Peanut Butter**

(chunky or smooth, any size, any brand) for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland during the

## **40 Days of Lent**

from Ash Wednesday (MARCH 2) through Easter Sunday (APRIL 17).

## **The Education Committee**

would like to get feedback on the current Sunday School curriculum and plans for future materials. There will be a meeting of current teachers, past teachers, and parents at the beginning of **Sunday School (9:25) on March 6** while the children have music. Anyone interested or who desires to be a teacher in the future is invited to share their thoughts. Thank you!

## **Naomi Circle Bible Study**

Wednesday, March 23

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



“The Kingdom of God” by Mark Allan Powell  
March/April issue of *Gather* magazine

## **Would you like to try *Gather* magazine?**

It is a publication for women of the ELCA. There is a special subscription offer for new subscribers: get one year (6 issues) for only \$9.95 (regularly \$19.95).

Call 1-844-409-0576 or visit  
[gathermagazine.org/subscribe](http://gathermagazine.org/subscribe).

## **Youth-Led Worship Service**

Sunday, March 27

10:30 a.m.

at Our Savior's

Sunday School children will sing!

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

## Funeral Lunches at Faith Lutheran Church

The list of members willing to assist with funeral lunches is being updated. Volunteers are needed to prepare the basement for the meal, donate food, help in the kitchen during the meal, and clean up the kitchen and basement after the meal. You may choose to assist with one or more of the tasks which fit your schedule.

Please call the church office at 246-2622 and provide your current phone number. Explain how you will assist with upcoming funeral lunches.

Serving at the funeral lunch for a fellow Christian is one way to express condolences to the family. And many hands make light work!



## February Meetings

### ~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

#### Pastor's Report

- Still making home visits on Wednesdays.
- Have a couple of baptisms coming up.
- Have two new members wanting to join.
- Working with confirmation children on Lenten service planning.

#### Worship Committee

- Discussed upcoming services through Easter.
- Discussed "Passing the Peace." Will start March 27 at youth-led service. Both churches will start April 3.

#### Education Committee

- Reviewed Bible School and decided on the theme "Superheros of the Bible." It will be held on four Mondays in May.
- Will hold teachers/parents meeting Sunday, March 6, at 9:25 a.m. to discuss Sunday School material. The committee is seeking input from all.

#### Old Business:

- Noisy Offering \* will go to ELCA World Hunger this year.
- Terri Boussetot, Sharyl Banowetz, Dan Burke, and Mary Timmerman will serve as the performance review committee.

#### New Business:

- Photos will be taken next month at meeting.

### ~ ~ Faith Council ~ ~

There was not a quorum.

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

#### Old Business:

- Internet: Jason will call and get it added.
- Youth leading the service at Our Savior's on March 27 would like to do a Noisy Offering for the Victory Center in Clinton.

#### New Business:

- Two families have requested their children be baptized: Addison and Jackson Chadwick on March 6 and Hayden Henning on May 15.
- Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. April 16 will be the rain date.
- Jason has the pipes from the old organ. If you are interested, they are free.
- Discussed cleaning of the carpets and getting proposals. There may be asbestos tile underneath the carpet.

**Next meeting on Wednesday, March 9,  
following the Lenten service at Faith**

Please submit items for the April newsletter to the church office by Monday, March 16.

## \*2022 Noisy Offering

More than 820 million people – that is about 11 percent of people in our world today – are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need.

From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

## **MINISTERS for March 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:**

Yale Christensen  
Mitch Christensen  
Alan Lee

**Acolyte:**

Kinnick Christensen

**Altar Ministry:**

Diana and Lonny Sievers

**Communion Assistant:**

Yale Christensen

**Lectors:**

March 6: Yale Christensen  
March 13: Brian Tulley  
March 20: Heather Grau  
March 27: Diane Christensen

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH**

**Usher:**

Dan Burke

**Acolyte:**

Macailah Jacobsen

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lectors:**

March 6: Deb Detlefs  
March 13: Melisa Jacobsen  
March 20: Mark Olson  
March 27: Amy Glover

**Cleaners:**

Amy and Shane Glover

# March 2022

**NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at [www.clparrish.org](http://www.clparrish.org)** \*\*Refreshments follow Wednesday Lenten Worship Services beginning March 9.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church		1	2 <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> 6:30 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:30 pm at Faith	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS <b>9:25 Meeting of Education Committee, parents, and teachers for feedback on Sunday School curriculum</b> 10:30 Worship – OS	7	8	9 <b>Education Committee</b> 5:45 pm at Faith <b>Lenten Worship</b> 6:30 pm at Faith <b>Worship Committee Joint Council following worship</b> <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	10	11	12
13 <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	14 April newsletter items are due	15	16 <b>Lenten Worship</b> 6:30 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	17	18	19
20 <b>Noisy Offering</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	21	22	23 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home <b>Lenten Worship</b> 6:30 pm at Our Savior's <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	24	25	26
27 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 <b>Youth-Led Service at Our Savior's</b>	28	29	30 <b>Lenten Worship</b> 6:30 pm at Our Savior's <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at OS	31		