

Pastor's View

A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. (Luke 13:6)

This is the beginning of the parable of the fig tree that Jesus told his followers to help them understand God's forgiveness and the importance of turning to God. The parable continues with the man wanting to cut down the unproductive tree, but the gardener begs the man to let him nurture the tree for a year. The gardener says that if the tree bears fruit he will let it live and if it does not, he will cut it down.

We don't know what happens after a year, but I believe the tree did bear fruit and was shown God's love and forgiveness. When the tree was nurtured and cared for, it thrived. Aren't our children like this fig tree? We bring them to be baptized. They become one of God's children and are watered with waters of baptism. We promise to help them learn about God and follow God's commandments. We promise to help them thrive and bear fruit. But then do we leave them in the vineyard to grow on their own or do we follow through with our promises and continue to feed them the word of God?

A child left on their own will wither like the fig tree and not bear fruit. The gardeners in their life need to continue to feed and care for the growing tree. How can we do this? We need to encourage a child's attendance in worship and Sunday School. These are easy ways to keep our promises to teach them the word of God. Parents sometimes find it uncomfortable to bring a small child to worship because they do not always sit still or stay quiet. Guess what? No one cares if this child is noisy. The joyful noise of a young child fills the sanctuary with hope for the future.

A child who is nourished from birth will grow to bear much good fruit. This child will learn to love and trust God and will show others in words and actions how wonderful God is and how important it is to show God's love to others. Bring your children to worship; bring your children to Sunday School; and watch them grow big and strong, so that nothing they encounter in their lives will cut them down.

See you in worship! Pastor Roberta



Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday April 14 6:30 p.m. at Faith Church



<u>Good Friday</u> April 15 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Church



Easter Sunday

April 17 8:00 a.m. Worship at Faith 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Faith 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Faith 10:30 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's

Noisy Offering collected April 24



The 2022 recipient of the Noisy Offering is ELCA World Hunger.

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)



March Our Savior's Meeting

Our Savior's Council met on Thursday, March 9.

- Internet has been installed at the church.
- Carpet Cleaning is still being researched.
- **Spring Clean-up Day** is Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am. Rain date Saturday, April 16.

NOTE: The April Joint Council Meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at Our Savior's.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, April 20 10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home



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

HELP: All parish JH and HS youth and their parents are asked to help prepare for the Easter breakfast and Egg Hunt. Eggs will be stuffed and tables set at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. Food needs to be ready to serve at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17.

Superheroes of the Bible



Bible School Kindergarten – Grade 5

Mondays in May – 2, 9, 16, 23 from 3:30 – 5:00 at Faith Church

Parents are welcome to join the lesson review and closing from 5:00 - 5:15

The children are welcome to invite their friends and neighbors!

Please register all children by April 13.

MINISTERS for April 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: Brian Tulley Mark Witte

Acolyte: Alena Wilhelm

Altar Ministry: Ruth Braet Annette Braet

Communion Assistant: Ruth Braet

Lectors:

April 3 Shelley Gentile April 10: Heather Whitman April 17: Ruth Braet April 24: Andrea Shelton

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher: Brian Bousselot

Acolyte: Faith Will

Communion Assistant: Cindy Burke

Lectors: April 3: Joyce McCutcheon April 10: Dan Burke April 17: Cindy Burke April 24: Brian Bousselot

Cleaners: Deb and Ray Detlefs

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NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at <u>www.clparish.org</u>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church						
3 Fifth Sunday in Lent	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS			Lenten Worship 6:30 pm at Our Savior's			Spring Clean-up Day at Our Savior's
			Bible Jam 7:00 pm at OS			8:30 am
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13 * NOTE below	14	15	16
8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS			Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Prepare for egg hunt and breakfast	Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm at Faith	Good Friday 6:30 pm at Our Savior's	Rain date for Our Savior's Clean-up 8:30 am
17 Easter Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 Worship at Faith 9:00–10:00 Breakfast at Faith	May newsletter items are due		Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home	Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Our Savior's		
9:45 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship			Confirmation Class 6:00 at Faith	Joint Council 7:00 pm		
at Our Savior's			Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	at Our Savior's		
24 Noisy Offering	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS			Confirmation Class 6:00 at Faith			
10:30 Worship – OS			Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith			

* **NOTE:** Register your children $(K - 5^{th})$ by April 13 for Bible School on four Mondays in May.