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Pastor's View

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I'm still basking in the glow of our incredibly uplifting Easter services. If you were able, I hope you were a part of the crowd of people who gathered to celebrate Christ's resurrection. I want to thank all those who planned and participated in the services. Without these faithful volunteers we would not have such uplifting services.

I hope you were also able to attend the Easter breakfast and the Easter egg hunt. A big thank you to Heather Grau, the youth, and their parents for serving a delicious breakfast and giving the children a fun egg hunt. The smiles on everyone's faces that day were priceless.

We are still in the Season of Easter and will be until Pentecost Sunday on June 5th. My prayer would be that those who came to Easter services would continue to come and celebrate with us as we rejoice in all the Jesus Christ has done for us. Will you come and join us? If not, why? What brings so many people out for Easter, but keeps them away the rest of the year?

I know there are many family obligations, travels out of town, and sporting events. Yes, these are reasons I have heard for people not being able to attend worship, but do they happen every Sunday? One hour out of your week to give thanks to God. One hour is not much when you consider all God has done for us. I know there is a lot on your calendar, but would you be willing to make one more notation on your calendar for Sunday morning? Give it a try. Yes, you may not make it every Sunday, but we miss you when you are gone.

How many of you will make me smile when I see you walk in the door on Sunday morning? What is more important than my smile is the joy you will feel when you spend time with other faithful members of God's family. I saw how happy everyone was on Easter Sunday. Let's see how many Sundays we can duplicate that joy as we give thanks to God, partake in the Lord's Supper, and teach our children the importance of being a part of a church family.

See you in worship!

Pastor Roberta

Superheroes of the Bible



Bible School
Mondays in May
3:15 – 5:15 at Faith
Kindergarten – Grade 5

The children are welcome to invite
their friends and neighbors!

Day 1 (May 2) **Heroes save the day!**

The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000

Day 2 (May 9) **Heroes do the unexpected!**

The story of Mary pouring perfume on Jesus' feet

Day 3 (May 16) **Heroes have faith!**

The story of David and Goliath

Day 4 (May 23) **Heroes take action!**

The story of the Good Samaritan

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

God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18, and 25
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, May 11
10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home in DeWitt



Across the Generations (pages 22-27)
May/June issue of *Gather* magazine

Handel's Messiah

Centennial Hall
Augustana College in Rock Island
Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.

The 2-hour abridged version will be performed
by the 200-member Oratorio Society and Orchestra.

It was last presented at Augustana in 2018.

Tickets: \$21, \$16 seniors, \$11 students
Call: 309-794-7306

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21
Hyatt Regency Conference Center
Coralville, Iowa

Faith delegates: Ashley Steffens and Brian Tulley
Our Savior's delegate: David Olson

The last day of Sunday School is May 22.

Thank you to the staff for your service!

P/K - Shelley Gentile, Isabella Gentile, and Eric Hoffmann; **1/2/3** - Dan Burke, Rebecca Hurt, and Ryan Dick; **4/5/6** - Cindy Burke and Doug Willet;
Music: Marsha Witte; **JH/HS:** Heather Grau and Pat Grau; **Adult Class:** Pastor Roberta Pierce.

Sunday School will return in September at Faith.

Mark Your Calendar!

One Worship Service Only
Sunday, May 29



9:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Church

June 5 is a very special Sunday!

Pentecost

8:00 a.m. worship at Faith

Affirmation of Baptism

10:00 a.m. worship at Our Savior's

Summer Schedule

Begins Sunday, June 12



8:00 a.m. Worship – Faith (outdoors)

9:30 a.m. Worship – Our Savior’s

Sincere condolences to the family of Uvonne “Sis” Youngers who died on March 28. Her funeral service was held at Faith on April 2.

Graduating from High School



Congratulations to Haily Glover, Colin Grau, Christian Montover, Brayden Williams, and all others who are graduating from high school.

May the Lord shower you with blessings!

The family of Colin Grau invites the parish to a celebration of Colin’s graduation on Saturday, June 4, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Lost Nation.

God Squad

Easter – Thank you to all the families that contributed to the breakfast and egg hunt.

Thank you to all who attended.

It was a blessing to see everyone this year!

Annual Grill-Out – noon on Sunday, June 12, at Grau's House (1658-257th Street, Calamus).

6th to 12th grade youth and their families are invited to celebrate the end of school, say good-bye to our seniors, and welcome the incoming 7th graders. Meat and beverages will be supplied. Please bring a dish to share and be ready to play yard games!!!

God’s Work - - - Our Hands

1) During Lent, members of Faith and Our Savior’s donated **80 jars of peanut butter** for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. Thanks to all for your contributions to this Naomi Circle project.

2) The Calamus Lutheran Parish joint council has designated **ELCA World Hunger** as the **Noisy Offering recipient in 2022**. The offering is received once a month during worship. Gifts are used for projects around the world that help alleviate hunger.

3) Seven Cal-Wheat students received weekend meals during the school year from the **Feeding the Children** project organized by Rebecca Hurt.

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, follow these steps.

1. Collect a donation form located on the bulletin board at Faith or at the back of the church at Our Savior’s.
2. Write a check to **QC Golf Classic Charitable Foundation**.
3. Complete the brief donation form.
4. **Mail the donation and form prior to June 1, 2022 to this address:**

**Birdies for Charity
15623 Coaltown Rd.
East Moline, IL 61244**

DeWitt Community Hospital is often the first place one goes if injured or ill. Even though transportation to other hospitals for care may be needed, it remains the closest facility to meet our emergency, general, or long-term care needs. Thank you for supporting our local hospital.

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



April Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

Pastor's Report:

- Memorial service for Janice Berger on Saturday, April 30, at Faith.
- Whitman wedding coming up in May at Our Savior's.

Worship Committee:

- Affirmation of Baptism Service will be Sunday, June 5, at Our Savior's. Families request a 10:00 a.m. start for worship. Refreshments will be served by Naomi Circle following worship.
- Starting June 12, Our Savior's worship will be at 9:30 a.m. Our Savior's will use "With One Voice" for the summer.
- Faith will have outdoor services starting June 12 and continuing through the summer.

Education Committee:

- Discussed plans for Bible School. There are 21 children in K-5th grade registered.
- Will continue work on next fall's Sunday School curriculum.

Feeding the Children:

- Food will go home with seven school children on four more Fridays.

PCC:

- Will be meeting with a pastoral candidate this week.

Old Business:

- Performance review committee met and reviewed secretary's job description and also arrived at a data point for review.

New Business:

- Approved confirmands: Macailah Jacobsen, Alex Rickertsen, Kalloway Whitman, and Dalton Will. They will affirm their baptismal vows on June 5th at Our Savior's.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

Present: Jason Boussetot, Dan Burke, Deb Detlefs, Amy Glover, Neil Holmquist, Mary Timmerman

Old Business:

- Carpet - Still waiting on estimates.
- Trees - Ten trees were purchased and will be planted to replace the outside row that was taken down. A donation was received and the rest will be paid out of the memorial fund.
- Delegate - David Olson will serve as delegate to the SE IA Synod Assembly.

New Business:

- Mowing - Received \$4,000 estimate from Reed Minor for lawn care for the year. Approved.
- Bathrooms - Mary proposed getting estimates to redo the bathrooms.

~ Faith Council ~

Present: Rebecca Hurt, Larry Schau, Hal Shelton, Ashely Steffens, Mark Witte

Old Business:

- Pest Control - New pest control service by Kevin Meyer seems to be effective.
- Delegates - Ashley Steffens and Brian Tulley are registered as delegates to the SE IA Synod Assembly along with Pastor Roberta Pierce.

New Business:

- Boiler - Need to schedule a check-up. It seems to be shutting off periodically. Church has been cold on several Sunday mornings.

Next month's meetings:

- Thursday, May 12, at Faith

MINISTERS for May 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:

Alan Lee
Paul Olson

Acolyte:

Peyton Grau

Altar Ministry:

Terri and David Boussetot

Communion Assistant:

Dirk Braet

Lectors:

May 1: Mark Witte
May 8: Ashley Steffens
May 15: Doreen Henning
May 22: Terri Boussetot

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

David Burke

Communion Assistant:

Neil Holmquist

Lectors:

May 1: Neil Holmquist
May 8: Jason Boussetot
May 15: Marcia Edens
May 22: Melisa Jacobsen
May 29: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Brian Boussetot and Mary Timmerman

May 2022

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

F = Faith Church, OS = Our Savior's Church

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|-----------|--|--|---|---|
| 1 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS 3:00 “Messiah” at Augustana | 2 Bible School 3:15-5:15 at Faith | 3 | 4 Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Mother's Day | 9 Bible School 3:15-5:15 at Faith | 10 | 11 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith | 12 Christian Outreach 6:30 pm at Faith Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS | 16 Bible School 3:15-5:15 at Faith June newsletter items are due | 17 | 18 Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith | 19 | 20 Southeastern Iowa Hyatt Coralville, | 21 Synod Assembly Regency Iowa |
| 22 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS | 23 Bible School 3:15-5:15 at Faith | 24 | 25 Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 One Worship Service 9:00 am at Our Savior's | 30 Memorial Day | 31 | | | | |

Sunday, June 5, is Pentecost and Confirmation.