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Pastor's View

"Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and sinners. I find that comforting." Nadia Bolz Weber

The theme for this year's Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly was "Go Tell the World." Bishop Current says a good way to tell others about Jesus is by sharing our faith stories; times when we knew God was with us and directing our lives. She told a very moving faith story about her first call to ministry and how she was led by God to be in the lives of three different families. This happened because she chose to sit on her front steps and talk to the children who came to play in her driveway. Something as simple as sitting and paying attention led to some very holy moments.

What faith stories do you have to share? When I was in seminary, I was on a one-year internship in North Dakota. My intern supervisor went on vacation and assured me it should be a quiet week while she was gone. The day after she left, I received a phone call from the funeral home. A man had committed suicide and his widow wanted to have the funeral at our church. I had a little practice in presiding at funerals, but I had never conducted a funeral for a person who had committed suicide. After I agreed to do the funeral, I started to panic. I did not know this man or his wife. What was I going to say that would comfort the family?

The day before the funeral I was still uneasy about my sermon. I went to the visitation and began looking at the many flower arrangements that sat around the casket. One card caught my eye. It said, "I choose to remember Jim for how he lived, not how he died." That was just what I needed. Suddenly from those few words God was guiding me. God led me to do something I rarely did, read the cards attached to the bouquets. The person who wrote those words was a gift from God to me. The funeral was still hard, but those words helped me deliver a sermon that brought comfort to the family.

God comes to us in many ways. God sent Jesus to us to be our salvation. Now it is up to us to "Go Tell the World." It is as easy as telling one of your faith stories and showing others how God works in your life through Jesus Christ. Don't be shy, be bold. The world needs you.

See you in worship! Pastor Roberta



Affirmation of Baptism



The following will affirm their faith on Sunday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's: Dalton Will (St. John, Bliedorn) Macailah Jacobsen (Our Savior's) Alex Rickertsen (Faith) Kalloway Whitman (Faith)

May God continue to bless you on your faith journey!

A reception following the service will be held in the fellowship hall at Our Savior's.

> Summer Worship Schedule June 12 – August 28



8:00 a.m. Worship – Faith (outdoors) 9:30 a.m. Worship – Our Savior's (indoors)

Faith Outside Services: June 12, 19, 26

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

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, June 8 10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home



Crafted in Christ by Katie Hines-Shah Session 1 of a 3-month summer study that uses the concept of quilting to explore themes of community and sabbath. May/June issue of *Gather* magazine (pages 36 - 41)

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!!!

Noisy Offering – Sunday, June 19

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



Baptisms

Hayden James Henning, son of Joe Henning and Ashley Erhart, was baptized at Our Savior's Church on Sunday, May 15. Hayden's sponsors are Kellie Classen and Zach Hintz.



Caycee Jan Christensen, daughter of Mitchel and Melissa Christensen, was baptized into Faith Church on Sunday, May 29, at Our Savior's. Caycee's sponsors are Ryan and Lori Heilig.



~ Joint Council ~

Present: Pastor Roberta Pierce; Our Savior's: Deb Detlefs, Amy Glover, Mary Timmerman; Faith: Larry Schau, Hal Shelton, Ashley Steffens, Mark Witte; Visitor: Jason Bousselot

Pastor's Report:

Monday Bible School is going well.

Worship Committee:

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Clinton is closing and has items they wish to donate to area churches.

Feeding the Children:

Spent \$18.30 this month

Old Business: None

New Business:

- > Job performance evaluation format approved.
- Pastoral candidate recommendation: Leah Holloway-Nilsen

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business: None

New Business:

Larry will inquire at local fire department about need for a K- class fire suppression fire extinguisher for the kitchen. A \$480 quote from CertaSite is good through June 10.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

No Report

Next Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Our Savior's

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

Please submit July newsletter items to the church office by June 20. Thanks for your cooperation!

Call Committee Report

Six members of the Parish Coordinating Committee interviewed a full-time pastoral candidate on April 26. At the May joint council meeting, the PCC recommended that the candidate be considered for call to the Calamus Lutheran Parish. The joint council agreed and is recommending the call to the individual congregations.

The next step in the call process is a meetand-greet event.

All members of Faith and Our Savior's are encouraged to attend that meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, at Our Savior's.

Leah Holloway-Nilsen will introduce herself and there will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

Special congregational meetings to vote on extending a call are set for Sunday, June 19, following 8:00 a.m. worship at Faith and 9:30 a.m. worship at Our Savior's.

MINISTERS for June 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 Lonny Sievers

Acolyte: Alena Wilhelm

Altar Ministry: Marsha and Mark Witte

Communion Assistant: Marsha Witte

Lectors:

June 5: Dirk Braet June 12: Annette Braet June 19: Sharyl Banowetz June 26: Marsha Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher: Joe Morehead

Acolyte: Macailah Jacobsen

Communion Assistant: David Burke

Lectors: June 5: David Burke June 12: Amy Glover June 19: Eva and Rachel Burke June 26: Joe Morehead

Cleaners: Jason Bousselot

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 F = Faith Church Summer worship will be held outdoors when the weather permits. OS = Our Savior's Church Summer worship will be held in the sanctuary. 			1	2	3	4
5 Pentecost 8:00 Worship – F 10:00 Worship – OS Affirmation of Baptism at Our Savior's Reception for confirmands will follow.	6	7 Meet and Greet with pastoral candidate Leah Holloway-Nilsen 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	8 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home	9	10 Southeastern Iowa Gathering at in	11 Synodical Women's St. Paul Lutheran Davenport
12 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS Noon Grill-Out for JH and HS youth and their families at Grau's home.	13	14	15 Education Committee 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	16 Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	17	18
 19 Noisy Offering Special Congregational Meetings after each church service 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS Father's Day 	20 July newsletter items are due	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS	27	27	29	30		

Sunday, July 3 - - Joint Worship Service at Faith at 9:00 am