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Lutheran Church
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**Faith and Our Savior's
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Calamus Lutheran Parish**

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Pastor's View

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supports us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I use this prayer often. It was a prayer I said before I went to meet the leaders of Calamus Lutheran Parish. I wondered if you would choose me to be your interim pastor and I wondered if I would be able to help you in the transition time between pastors. I put my trust in God and, as always, God did not disappoint me. God led me to Calamus Lutheran Parish and I have been blessed to be able to be your ministry partner.

As I leave now and turn the parish over to your new pastor, I want to thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your kindness. I have enjoyed getting to know you. When I came I had no idea we would be together for over two years. Over this time, you have found your way into my heart and it is not easy to say good-bye. God understands my feelings and has intervened. God is making my leave-taking so much easier by giving you a pastor who I know will take good care of you.

Of everything I have done in my ministry with you, my most joyful moments were those spent with the young people during the children's sermons, confirmation and Bible school. I will miss seeing them continue to grow in faith, but I know they will find new and exciting ways to interact with Pastor Leah. I will miss them very much!

When I leave, I will no longer be your pastor, but I will never forget you. You will continue to be in my prayers. If you welcome your new pastor as warmly as you welcomed me, you will have a wonderful ministry partnership. Calamus Lutheran Parish has so many strengths. Continue to build on those strengths. Never forget you are a parish. Keep the lines of communication open and find new and exciting ways to work together. Keep your eyes on Christ!

I hope I will see you in the time I have left so I can thank you in person for blessing me in so many ways.

Pastor Roberta

**Calamus Lutheran Parish will have
One Worship Service Only
on
Sunday, July 3
at
9:00 a.m. at Faith (outdoors)**

Faith Summer Worship

8:00 a.m. on the Sundays of July and August

- * Outdoor worship will be held in a shaded area by the church.
- * 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.

Our Savior's Summer Worship

9:30 a.m. on the Sundays of July and August

- * Worship is in the sanctuary.
- * Using the *With One Voice* worship book.

Noisy Offering – Sunday, July 17
The 2022 recipient is ELCA World Hunger.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, July 13

10:00 a.m. at Bousset's Pond south of Calamus



July/August issue of *Gather* magazine; pages 24-29
Session 2 of a 3-month summer study that uses
the concept of quilting to explore themes
of community and sabbath.

Save the Date

Leah Holloway-Nilsen will be ordained
on Friday, August 5, in Madison, Wisconsin.

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

Fun Days Basket Raffle

It is time to prepare baskets for the fundraiser held in conjunction with Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days. Baskets, containers, and items to go in the baskets are needed. You may also give a monetary donation for supplies. Please contact Mary Timmerman (563-940-0423) or Andrea Shelton (563-219-0047) with any questions. Thank you!

Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days

Friday, August 26 – Sunday, August 28

A three-day festival with events held in both towns.

Friday (Wheatland) – kids' fun run, movie and activities in the park, and street dance.

Saturday (Calamus) – parade, kids' activities in the park, (pedal pull, water fights, carnival games), basket raffle, alumni baseball game, classic car 'cruise-in' and street dance.

Sunday (Calamus) – worship in the park (10:00) and Calamus Volunteer Fire Department Beef Dinner (noon).

Community Worship



Calamus Community Park

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m.

**Bring lawn chairs or blankets
(Rain Site – CALCO Building)**

There will be NO worship services at
Faith Church or Our Savior's Church
on Sunday, August 28.

Sunday School

Sunday school will return in September.

Classes will be at Faith.

The education committee is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school: teachers, helpers, substitutes, or volunteers of any kind.

Please contact Cindy Burke (563-468-8149) or Ashley Steffens (563-210-2540) if you would be willing to help.



June Council Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

Pastor's Report:

- Getting in all her visits.

Worship Committee:

- One service only on July 3 (9:00 am at Faith) and September 4 (9:00 am at Our Savior's)
- Worship in the park for Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days will be at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 28.

Education Committee:

- After evaluating Bible School held after school on four Mondays in May, it may be time to think about a different format.
- Sunday school in the fall will be at Faith; will continue using current material; will contact last session's teachers and ask for additional helpers. Considering doing something special on the first Sunday of the fall session.

Feeding the Children:

- Current balance is \$161.
- Rebecca requested \$500 from each church to be used for food in the weekend meal packs sent home with selected Cal-Wheat students on Fridays during the school year.

Old Business:

- Performance review was done with secretary Rebecca; will review again in December.

New Business:

- Parish will organize worship in the park for Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days.
- Parish will again conduct a Basket Raffle fundraiser; need donations and volunteers.
- Thrivent – *Take Away Hunger Iowa* (based in Mt. Vernon) is looking for assistance to package meals at the community center in DeWitt. A date is to be determined. They are asking for a team of 13 volunteers from each church and monetary donations. Ashley suggested that discussion take place at separate councils.

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business:

- Fire extinguisher – Larry contacted the fire chief and he said the fire extinguisher Faith has in the kitchen will put out same fire as the K-class. K-class is less clean-up. The fire chief will check the price.
- Boiler update – still has not been drained; need to get back in touch with the company in Quad Cities to see what next steps are for getting it checked out.

New Business:

- Parsonage clean-up – will get professional carpet cleaners and ask Sara Michelson about helping to clean the parsonage in preparation for the new pastor.
- \$2,000 approved for the purchase of a washer and dryer for the parsonage.
- \$500 was approved for the Feeding the Children program.
- \$200 was approved for the Thrivent meal packaging project.
- Ashley reported that it was recommended at SE IA Synod Assembly that congregations review their constitutions and bylaws sometime in the next year. The synod office will provide guidance.

Faith Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 19

- Motion to extend a call as full-time pastor to Leah Holloway-Nilsen was approved 25 votes for and 0 against.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

Old Business:

- Carpet bid – \$15,000 total for carpet and labor. Will present bid and samples to the congregation on Sunday, June 19.
- Cemetery spraying – there has been no response; looking for new source.

New Business:

- \$500 was approved for the Feeding the Children program.
- \$200 was approved for the Thrivent meal packaging project.

Our Savior's Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 19

- Motion to extend a call as full-time pastor to Leah Holloway-Nilsen was approved 20 votes for and 2 against.
- Deb Detlefs presented the results of bids for carpet – \$15,000 total; carpet is about \$9,400; \$5,000 is for labor to remove old carpet and install new; but pews need to be removed. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meetings: Thursday, July 14, at Faith

August Newsletter

Please submit items to the church office
by Monday, July 18.

Thanks for your cooperation!

MINISTERS for July 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:

Ashley Steffens

Tysen Steffens

Acolyte:

Tysen Steffens

Altar Ministry:

Andrea and Hal Shelton

Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

Lectors:

July 3: Yale Christensen

July 10: Alan Lee

July 17: Ashley Steffens

July 24: Shelley Gentile

July 31: Heather Grau

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Neil Holmquist

Acolyte:

Eva Burke

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

July 10: Joyce McCutcheon

July 17: Dan Burke

July 24: Cindy Burke

July 31: Brian Boussetot

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

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Calamus Lutheran Parish

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at www.clp parish.org

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 Office is closed.	2
3 One Service Only 9:00 Worship outdoors at Faith. Please bring a lawn chair.	4 Independence Day Office is closed.	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS .	11	12	13 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Boussetot's Pond Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith	14 Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	15	16
17 Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS	18 August newsletter items are due in church office.	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 8:00 Worship – F outdoors 9:30 Worship – OS						