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Pastor's View

While I know this newsletter article will reach all of you several weeks after I have written it, therefore this may feel a bit of old news, but I would be remiss to not give each of you a deep thanks for your welcome in these early days of life, mission, and ministry together. What a blessing it has been for Stephen, Chauncey (our dog), and me to be welcomed by all of you to the Calamus community. You all have truly gone out of your way to reach out to us and ensure that we have everything that we need. It has been such a gift to be called to this community.

In case you missed the brief biography of me that has gone around, here it is again!

Pastor Leah grew up on her family's farm in the Town of Paris in Southeastern Wisconsin with her parents, two younger brothers, and "just across the pasture" from her paternal grandparents. In May of 2018 she received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Community and Nonprofit Leadership. In September of 2018 Pastor Leah moved to Dubuque, Iowa to attend Wartburg Theological Seminary, and she graduated with her Master of Divinity in May of 2022. While at Wartburg she met her husband, Stephen, who is also a pastor. Together they have their wonderful dog, Chauncey. In her free time she enjoys photography, being outdoors, playing cribbage, trying new things, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

To change the subject a bit, I want to acknowledge that together we are all in a time of transition. You all are transitioning from having Pastor Roberta, whom you love, as your interim to having me as your full-time pastor. There is grief and joy in this transition, and I welcome all of it. I am transitioning from life amongst my community and classmates at Wartburg seminary to life and community amongst you all here. Again, there is grief and joy in this transition. Having mixed feelings during times of transition, as I am sure many of you know, is normal. One day at a time together, we will discern where the Holy Spirit is calling this community of faith.

The future can feel exciting and hopeful, and also nerve-wracking and scary. There are many real things to worry about when it comes to the future and equally as many reasons to be hopeful. Our cornerstone through it all, however, is Jesus Christ and what he has done for the world in his living, dying, and rising. We can navigate the things that are hard, scary, and just plain 'new' because Jesus has already accomplished all things for us on the cross. When we keep the crucified and risen Christ as our center, we can rest in the confidence that the future is not about us or what we do, but it is about what God is doing for the world that God loves so very much, and we are invited to partner with God and each other on this journey.

What a gift it is to begin to share in this mission and ministry together! I continue to look forward to getting to know all of you and to have you get to know me.

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Leah



Noisy Offering – Sunday, August 21
The 2022 recipient is ELCA World Hunger.

Faith Summer Worship

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

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

Fun Days Basket Raffle

Baskets are being prepared for the fundraiser held in conjunction with Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days. Baskets, containers, and items to go in the baskets are needed. Put your donations on the designated tables downstairs at Faith. Check out notes for items needed to complete baskets. Monetary donations for supplies are also welcome. Please contact Mary Timmerman (563-940-0423) or Andrea Shelton (563-219-0047) with any questions and to offer help at the event. Thank you!

Ordinations

Stephen Nilsen

was ordained on Saturday, July 23,
at St. Andrew Lutheran Church
in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Stephen is the new pastor at Trinity Lutheran,
Pleasant Valley, Iowa.

Leah Holloway-Nilsen

is the new pastor at Faith and Our Savior's
Lutheran Churches, Calamus, Iowa.

Leah will be ordained on Friday, August 5.

The service is at 1:00 pm
at Luther Memorial Church,

1021 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

Members of Calamus Lutheran Parish
are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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, Lincolnway 5K,
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.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 10
at Diane Christensen's home in Calamus



July/August issue of *Gather* magazine; pages 36-41
Session 3 of a 3-month summer study that uses
the concept of quilting to explore themes
of community and sabbath.



July Council Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

Worship Committee:

- Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days
Worship: re-confirmed 10:00 am for
outdoor service Sunday, August 28, in the
Calamus Park.

Old Business:

- Thrivent's *Take Away Hunger Iowa* event:
no date has been set for packaging meals
at the Community Center in DeWitt;
expecting it to be in September.

New Business:

- Church directory: last directory was 2013;
will need to update contact information
for all members.

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business:

- Parsonage: preparations are in the works
for move-in day on Friday, July 15.

New Business:

- Items from Immanuel in Clinton: some
moved on Sunday, July 31, and remainder
after their closing service on Sunday,
September 11.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

Old Business:

- Parsonage renters: received 3 months
of back rent right before the meeting.
- New carpet: will have a volunteer
sign-up sheet for removing pews.

New Business: None

August meetings:

- **Education:** Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 pm
- **Outreach:** Thursday, August 11, 6:00 pm
- **Worship:** Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm
- **Joint Council:** Thursday, August 11, 7:00 pm
- All meetings are at Our Savior's in August.
- It is important that all members of
committees meet in August. Note times!

Please submit September newsletter items
to the church office by Monday, August 15.
Thanks for your cooperation!

To contact Pastor Leah,
please use her cell phone number:
(262) 914-9392

Planning for September . . .

Calamus Lutheran Parish
will have
One Worship Service Only
on
Sunday, September 4
at
9:00 a.m.
at
Our Savior's

Fall Schedule
Beginning September 11
✝
8:00 a.m. Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Calamus
✝
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
(classes for ages 3 through 93)
Faith Church
505 Second Street, Calamus
✝
10:30 a.m. Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street, Calamus

Sunday School

Sunday school will return September 11.
Classes will be at Faith.
The education committee is looking
for volunteers to help with Sunday school:
teachers, helpers, and substitutes.
Please contact Cindy Burke (563-468-8149)
or Ashley Steffens (563-210-2540)
if you would be willing to help.

MINISTERS for August 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:

Hal Shelton
Andrea Shelton

Acolyte:

Kellen Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Ashley Steffens
Doreen Henning

Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

Lectors:

August 7: Andrea Shelton
August 14: Heather Whitman
August 21: Brian Tulley
August 28: in the park

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Dan Burke

Acolyte:

Ryan Olson

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lectors:

August 7: Neil Holmquist
August 14: Jason Boussetot
August 21: Marcia Edens
August 28: in the park

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens
Mark Olson

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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	2	3	4	5 1:00 pm Pastor Leah Holloway-Nilsen ordained in Madison, Wisconsin	6
7 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	8	9	10 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home Education Committee 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	11 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at OS Worship Committee 6:30 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	12	13
14 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	15 September newsletter items are due in the church office.	16	17	18	19	20
21 Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	22	23	24	25	26 Calamus Community Activities in Wheatland	27 Wheatland Fun Days Activities in Calamus
28 10:00 am Community Worship in the Calamus Park Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days	29	30	31			

One Joint Worship Service – Sunday, September 4 – 9:00 am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Fall Schedule begins September 11 – 8:00 Worship at Our Savior's, 9:25 Sunday School at Faith, 10:30 Worship at Faith