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**Faith and Our Savior's  
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Our Savior's  
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## **Pastor's View**

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, second only to winter. I love the fall because I always felt there was a certain excitement and anticipation to it. People are going back to school, farmers are getting ready to harvest, gardeners are finishing up their canning for the year, county and state fairs are over and people are already looking towards getting ready for what they will show next year. For me, fall has always been a unique mix of getting to appreciate the new that is coming (usually school) and appreciate what has been (farming, gardening, fair, etc.). It is a particularly unique time to both ask for God's blessings and to thank God for what has been brought forth.

We are getting ready at church for newness too! Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Jam, God Squad, and Adult Education are all starting back up from their summer breaks. I am looking forward to getting to be in this exciting season with all of you as we learn from each other. I invite you all to participate in the education opportunities at church as much or as best you can. Part of our life of faith together is learning about and exploring our faith in community. Please come and join, and know that everyone is welcome, just as they are.

One group of people that I have been hearing from recently is our young adults who have expressed interest in doing something young adult focused together. I think this is a fabulous idea, and I welcome and encourage your thoughts and feedback! I have several ideas, but I'd also like to hear from everyone. Throughout the month of September, I am hoping to hear from our young adults about what would be meaningful and impactful to you. Please do not hesitate to call, email, or text me with any ideas!

Looking forward to this exciting time of transition into the new season!

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Leah

## Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days

**Friday, August 26**  
Activities in Wheatland

**Saturday, August 27**  
Activities in Calamus

### Sunday, August 28

9:15 am – Coffee and donuts in the park before worship

10:00 am - Community Worship in the Calamus Park  
*Bring lawn chairs or blankets.*  
*Rain site will be Faith Lutheran Church.*

Noon - Calamus Volunteer Fire Department's  
Beef Dinner at CALCO

The proceeds from the Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days Basket Raffle will go to the CALCO (update heating and air conditioning) and the Calamus Volunteer Fire Department (new rescue vehicle).

The basket raffle was successful because of your donations of items, money, and time. Thank you!

Andrea and Mary



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

## Naomi Circle Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 7  
at Marsha Witte's home in DeWitt



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## Confirmation Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to meet with Pastor Leah at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, at Faith to review class material and the course requirements for confirmation.

## Confirmation Classes

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will meet on Wednesdays (September 14, 21, and 28) at 6:00 p.m. at Faith.

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

## Sunday School Preview

Saturday, September 10  
9:25 a.m. at Faith

This special preview is for all children and their parents.  
Come see the classrooms and meet the teachers.

## 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

## **Water Fun** **Sunday, September 11**

To celebrate the start of Sunday School, the Outreach Committee will serve hotdogs, chips, and drinks at Faith following the 10:30 worship service.

There will be a slip-n-slide, water balloons, and sprinklers.

Bring your swim suit to join in the fun or bring your lawn chair to watch the activities.

## **Bible Jam**

Wednesdays (September 14, 21, and 28)  
7:00 p.m. at Faith.

Come for fun, fellowship, and a meal.  
All junior high and high school youth are welcome!

**Noisy Offering – Sunday, September 18**  
the 2022 recipient is ELCA World Hunger.

## **Feeding the Children**

Please continue your support for this program and shop for these shelf-stable items used to provide food for eight eligible Calamus-Wheatland students to take home on Fridays for weekend meals:

- Packets of rice side dishes, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese
- Packages of cups of pudding, apple sauce, fruits, Jell-O
- Breakfast items - cereal bars, toaster pastry pop-ups, variety packages of cereal (two-serving size)
- Snacks - cracker packages (filled with peanut butter or cheese), packages of fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups
- Boxes or bags of juice - assorted flavors of 100% juice
- Canned goods - vegetables, pork 'n beans, ravioli, tuna, soups, fruit cocktail, Vienna sausages, Beef-a-Roni

Regular-sized cans and packages are acceptable because there is often more than one child in the home eating meals over the weekend. Please bring donations to Faith and place in the grocery cart by the office.

Thank you!

Please submit October newsletter items to the church office by Monday, September 19.  
Thanks for your cooperation!



## **August Council Meetings**

### **~ Joint Council ~**

**Present:** Pastor Leah; Our Savior's Council: Dan Burke, Amy Glover, Neil Holmquist, and Mary Timmerman; Faith Council: Rebecca Hurt, Larry Schau, Hal Shelton, Pat Grau, Ashley Steffens, and Mark Witte.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Has been doing a lot of visits.
- Has a plan for confirmation classes.
- ELCA churchwide assembly is meeting this week and will have model constitution updates that will need to be reviewed by congregations.
- Installation will be Sunday, October 9, at both churches.

#### **Worship Committee:**

- Finalized details for worship in the park on Sunday, August 28. Rain site will be Faith church.
- Will start using ELW Setting 3 for worship on Sunday, September 11.

#### **Outreach Committee:**

- Will serve coffee and donuts before the service in the park on Sunday, August 28.
- Will serve lunch and have water activities for the children following the Faith worship service on Sunday, September 11.
- Pastor suggested a cookie baking day in December for older children and then younger ones come later and decorate the cookies.

#### **Education Committee:**

- Discussed Sunday School preparations.
- Will send postcards announcing Sunday School.
- Going to have a preview time on Saturday, September 10.

#### **Feeding the Children:**

- Getting ready to purchase food.
- Begins first Friday after school starts.
- Approached about doing a summer program.

#### **Old Business:**

- The Faith and Our Savior's membership lists pulled from Church Windows need to be updated.

**New Business:** None

## ~ Faith Council ~

### Old Business:

- Boiler Update - Company came but couldn't get boiler to cycle due to the heat. Will return when it is cooler.
- Elevator Entrance - Hal will follow-up with Joe Morrissey about repairing the floor.
- Parsonage - Per pastor, the parsonage condition is satisfactory. Issue with air conditioner has been fixed. Brian reported the painter for cupboards has a full schedule until spring of 2023. Pastor is okay waiting.
- Secretary's Office/Children's Chapel - Mark and Marsha plan on painting both rooms.
- Bat Control - Possible entry is taped over and have not seen or heard of any issues since. Will have someone look at it for a more permanent solution.

**New Business:** None

## ~ Our Savior's Council ~

### Old Business:

- Carpet - It is in, just waiting on the glue. Will again announce need for volunteers. It may take several nights to move pews and furniture around.
- Bathrooms - Still waiting on estimates.
- Old Church - Received two estimates for siding. One was \$18,550 for siding and windows (\$13,350 for siding only) and the other was \$12,800 for just siding. Motion was made to accept the \$18,550 bid from Esbaum Construction. Approved.

### New Business:

- Parsonage - Mary had a list of things to review. There is a lot of cleaning and repairs to be done.
  - The sewer line is possibly collapsed.
  - Central air needs servicing.
  - Get bids on property clean-up, including abandoned property removal.
  - Secure a dumpster so old items from the church can be thrown away.
  - Contact the group doing the carpet of the church for bids on the parsonage flooring.
  - Get bids on painting the parsonage.
  - Consider changing from indefinite rental agreement to year-by-year lease.
- Motion was made to raise rent to \$850 per month and secure a case-by-case pet deposit. First month or damage to be covered by renter's insurance. Approved.

## September meetings:

- **Education:** Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 pm
- **Outreach:** Thursday, September 15, 6:00 pm
- **Worship:** Thursday, September 15, 6:30 pm
- **Joint Council:** Thursday, September 15, 7:00 pm
- **All meetings are at Faith in September.**

## Coming up in October:

- October 9 – Pastor Leah's installation with luncheon to follow
- October 30 - Reformation Sunday

## MINISTERS for September 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:**

Yale Christensen  
Mitch Christensen

**Acolyte:**

Kinnick Christensen

**Altar Ministry:**

Brian and Deb Tulley

**Communion Assistant:**

Yale Christensen

**Lectors:**

September 11: Dirk Braet  
September 18: Annette Braet  
September 25: Rachel Boussetot

### OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

**Usher:**

Brian Boussetot

**Acolyte:**

David Burke

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lectors:**

September 4: Mark Olson  
September 11: David Burke  
September 18: Amy Glover  
September 25: Eva and Rachel Burke

**Cleaners:**

Shane and Amy Glover

# September 2022 Calamus Lutheran Parish

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at [www.clp parish.org](http://www.clp parish.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church				1	2	3
4 <b>One Worship Service</b> 9:00 am at Our Savior's	5 Church Office Closed  <b>Labor Day</b>	6	7 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home <b>Confirmands and Parents Meeting</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	8	9	10 <b>Sunday School Preview</b> for all children and their parents 9:25 am at Faith
11 <b>Fall Schedule Begins</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>Lunch and Water Fun after worship at Faith</b>	12	13	14 <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith  <b>Education Committee</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	15 <b>Outreach Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:30 pm at Faith  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	16	17
18 <b>Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	19 October newsletter items are due in the church office	20	21 <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	22	23	24
25 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	26	27	28 <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	29	30	