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Lutheran Church
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Pastor's View

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On the first Sunday of November, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. It is a day to give thanks to God and remember all those who have died before us, and we give particular remembrance to those in our community who have died this last year since All Saints' Day 2021. While you have perhaps participated in this day of remembrance for many years, perhaps you are wondering why do we do this?

The history behind it is a little obscure, but to the best of our knowledge it began in the early church as a way to remember all those who had been martyred for their faith, and eventually turned into a day to celebrate and remember all who have died. In the year 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered the regular observance of All Saints' Day and the Church has celebrated it ever since. While there are many reasons to honor All Saints' Day, I find that in our particular day and age All Saints' Day is important for two reasons. (1) We acknowledge that the pain of death is real and it hurts, and we live in a world that wants us to get over our grief quickly, but in All Saints' Day we acknowledge that God in Jesus Christ knows our pain and is present with us in it. (2) On this day we also acknowledge that death does not have the final word on our lives, that we are united in life and in death by our baptisms, and that God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit has accomplished all of this for us simply because God loves us.

As you remember your loved ones who have died, may you feel the peace and love of Christ holding you close until that day when we are all brought together again by Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Leah

Youth Cookie Baking Night

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. at Faith.
Confirmation, Bible Jam, and JH-HS Youth are invited to help make cookies for the November 6 Bake Sale for Angels.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes for all 7th and 8th graders
Wednesdays - November 2, 9, 16 and 23
6:00 p.m. at Faith.

No Confirmation Classes during Advent.

Bible Jam

Wednesdays - November 2, 9, 16 and 23
7:00 p.m. at Faith
(November 30 will be after the Advent service.)
Junior high and high school students are welcome to come for faith, food, fellowship, and fun.

High School Bible Study

11th and 12th grade students

Wednesdays November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
8:30-9:30 p.m. at Faith

Bake Sale for Angels

Sunday, November 6

at Our Savior's and Faith

God Squad will be selling baked goods to help raise money to buy Christmas gifts for the 2022 Angel Tree Program at the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the DeWitt Referral Center.

Thank you for your support!

Set Your Clocks Back!



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6

All Saints' Sunday – November 6

The church remembers those who have died this past year.

Noisy Offering – November 20

the 2022 recipient is ELCA World Hunger.

Naomi Circle Bible Study



Wednesday, November 9

10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home

"Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith"

by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

November/December issue of *Gather* magazine

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 20

Faith Lutheran Church ~ 6:00 p.m.



*There is no monetary offering.
Canned goods will be gathered
for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.*

*Pie and ice cream will be served
in the fellowship hall following worship.*

Mid-Week Advent Worship Schedule



Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas.

The focus is on the long-awaited birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and the second Advent, when Christ will return.

In addition to Sunday worship, there will be mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday, November 30, at Faith

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 7, at Faith

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 14, at Our Savior's

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 21, at Our Savior's

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship



October Council Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

God Squad

- October 22 is a volunteer opportunity in Clinton at the Eagle Ridge Center.
- October 30 is a kickball game between CLP and Christian Free in Wheatland.
- November 6 bake sale will raise money for Angel Tree Christmas gifts.
- Still planning a card game day.

Pastor's Report

- Discussed theological conference outcome.
- Has been attending sports events; looking for schedules for other activities.
- Adult Ed is finishing up vocation topic.
- Installation went well.
- Confirmation is going well.
- Visits are going well.
- Pastor Leah and Pastor Stephen are expecting a baby in April.

Worship Committee

- Reviewed services up to Advent Wednesdays.
- Meals at 6:00 pm and services at 7:00 pm on four Wednesdays of Advent.
- Advent services: November 30 and December 7 at Faith; December 14 and 21 at Our Savior's.

Education Committee

- Went over plans for children's Christmas program. Theme is "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Old Business

- None

New Business

- There is a \$4.00 fee for the extra email info@clparish.org. Decided to discontinue this email.

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business

- Elevator Entrance – Hal reports that the repairs are coming along nicely. Council members present agreed that completing the tile work by matching to the current floor tile is the best option at this time.

New Business

- Tree Issue – Hal is looking into finding an arborist to look at the pin oaks on the south side of the church before having someone trim them. Pin oaks need to be trimmed while dormant.
- Pastor's Insurance Plan – Council approved staying at the current Gold Plus Plan.

~ Our Savior's Council ~

No Business

Next Meetings

- Thursday, November 10, at Faith

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

Please submit December newsletter items
to the church office by Monday, November 21.
Thanks for your cooperation.

Looking ahead

God Squad Christmas Party

DATE: Wednesday, December 14

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

'Tis the season for youth to celebrate Christmas!

Junior high and high school youth are invited
to join in the holiday fun!!!

Committee and organization reports for the congregations' annual reports are due in the church office by Monday, December 19.

These reports include: Pastor, Council Presidents, and all Committees (Education, Outreach, Worship, God Squad, Feeding the Children, Property and Management, Memorial and Gifts, and Our Savior's Cemetery).

Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 16, 2023. Thank You!

Looking back . . .

Take Away Hunger Iowa

Calamus Lutheran Parish and Immanuel Lutheran of Grand Mound joined Grace Lutheran in DeWitt on October 25th to package meals for feeding the hungry around the world during disasters.

Thank you to Dan and Cindy (David, Eva, Rachel, Will), Linda (Ruth, Liz, Cam), Diane, Diane, Donna, Doreen, Judy, Pastor Leah, Terri, Maurita, Mark and Marsha for forming the CLP assembly line.

Nutritious rice and bean meals for 10,000 people were packaged that evening.

MINISTERS for November 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:

Larry Schau
Eric Hoffmann
Grant Hoffmann

Acolyte:

Grant Hoffmann

Altar Ministry:

Diane Christensen
Larry Schau

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

Lectors:

November 6: Andrea Shelton
November 13: Heather Grau
November 20: Brian Tulley
November 27: Hanging of the Greens

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Ryan Olson

Communion Assistant:

David Burke

Lectors:

November 6: Jason Boussetot
November 13: Neil Holmquist
November 20: Brian Boussetot
November 27: Marcia Edens

Cleaner:

Jason Boussetot

November 2022 Calamus Lutheran Parish

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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|----------|
| OS = Our Savior's Church F = Faith Church | | 1 All Saints' Day | 2 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith HS Bible Study 8:30-9:30 pm at Faith | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Bake Sale for Angel Tree Christmas gifts – OS & F | 7 | 8 Election Day | 9 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith HS Bible Study 8:30-9:30 pm at Faith | 10 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith | 11 Veterans Day | 12 |
| 13 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F | 14 | 15 | 16 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith HS Bible Study 8:30-9:30 pm at Faith | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Thanksgiving Service 6:00 pm – Faith Pie and Ice Cream following | 21 December newsletter items are due in the church office | 22 | 23 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith HS Bible Study 8:30-9:30 pm at Faith | 24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed | 25 Office Closed | 26 |
| 27 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F First Sunday of Advent | 28 | 29 | 30 ADVENT 6:00 pm Meal 7:00 pm Worship at Faith Bible Jam after worship at Faith HS Bible Study 8:30-9:30 pm at Faith | | | |