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Calamus Lutheran Parish

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Our Savior's
2589 190th Avenue

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Pastor Writes



I know next to nothing about gardening.

I like to grow vegetables, and you have read in past years' articles how that is more left up to fate and the Darwinian theory of the survival of the fittest than to any skills that I might have. Things that I grow must be hardy, trample-proof and must be able to provide cover for pretend snipers engaged in any number of imagined WWII battles which regularly take place in my backyard.

However, today I had a more enlightened conversation with a woman in the gardening department at Theisen's in DeWitt. She must have sensed my confusion like a shark smells blood, as I wandered aimlessly among the 50% off plants.

She did not ask me, "Can I help you?"

Instead she simply stated, "Looks like you need help."

Nice.

She explained to me what this plant was and what that flower was...and quickly I found myself amazed at the depth of her knowledge and how she was able to translate that into words that even I could understand.

I would point to this flower and say, "I want this flower!"

And she would say, "No, you do not want that flower."

How did *she* know what I wanted? I started to dislike this know-it-all gardener.

Until she explained to me, based on the things I had already told her, exactly *why* I did not want that flower. And so she was right, which I begrudgingly admitted to her.

"You're right," I told her... "so why don't you show me the ones you *think* I want?" *Ok, lady, let's see if you know what I might like....* arms crossed, toe tapping...

She walked over to some lilies and explained why she thought I would like them.

"These are hardy," she explained, "and you really have to work hard to kill them. It is a little late in the season for them to bloom if you plant them now, but they will bloom next year. For now," she said, "plant them, water them and just watch them. Enjoy their leaves but don't cut them down when it gets cold, because the stems nourish the roots. Even when they look dead, they're not, so don't cut anything. Just plant them now and wait, and be patient until next year, and they will bloom."

So I drove away with three lily plants in the back of my car, and I thought to myself—*that lady had no idea whatsoever how well she knew me...and not only me, but people in general. She was Confucius wearing a red Theisen's smock*

How hard it is to be patient, to wait to see anything bloom or blossom, isn't it? Whether it is a job or a relationship or an education or a brand new baby, it is difficult and frustrating and heart-breaking and stressful to wait and wait and wait...to know that below the surface, roots are growing and digging deep, even though on the surface it might appear as though not much is going on.

This pertains to faith, as well, of course. When, if ever, do we see our faith blossom? Are we forever watching and waiting for something beautiful to open up in the future, and in the meantime completely fail to appreciate the tender green leaves, the present signs of growth and the promise of hope, as they unfold right before our very eyes? Yes, the future promises beauty, for the lily, for life and for faith. But the present is its own gift, a gift worth savoring, and gorgeous as well.

- Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

Worship in the Park



Calamus Community Park

**Sunday, July 14
10:00 A.M.**

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

There will be no worship services at
Our Savior's Church or
Faith Church
on July 14.
Normal schedule resumes July 21.

**September Newsletter Items
Due August 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

**Noisy Offering Collected
July 21 and August 18**



Offering goes to Messiah Lutheran in
Parlin, New Jersey, devastated by
Hurricane Sandy.

**"The only place success
comes before work
is in the dictionary."**

- Vince Lombardi

Fall Worship Schedule Beginning September 8



**8:00AM Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street**



**10:30AM Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue**



**9:25AM Sunday School
& Adult Class
Our Savior's Church**

**July Choir Rehearsal
for Calamus Community
Worship**



**Faith Church
Sunday, June 30, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10, 8:00**

Order a Photo Directory

A hard copy of the Calamus Lutheran Parish Photo Directory is available upon request at a cost of \$6.00. This fee covers the cost of printing. You may order a hard copy by signing the clipboard located at the back of the church prior to August 31st. The \$6.00 fee will be collected when the directories are distributed.



At the June Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor Sarah reported the prenuptial sessions are going well; Vacation Bible School was a success; Vicar Michelle's last day of internship will be the Sunday of Calamus Fun Days which will serve as her "Sending" ceremony; Martha Harrison will be the next intern at St. John's; Pastor Keith Larson of Lost Nation/Oxford Junction would like to share supervision of future interns with Pastor Sarah on a rotation basis;

➤ When available, a hard copy of the photo directory will be \$6 to cover printing costs – the hard copy will include photos and a parish roster; information will be placed in the church newsletter; requests for hard copies are due July 31;

➤ Calamus Fun Days float construction will be at 6:00 p.m. at Witte's Concrete Plant in Calamus on Thursday, July 11;

➤ July Joint Council Meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. at Faith Church followed by individual council meetings;

➤ The old desktop printer in Jeannene's office will be placed on the table outside the office to be given away on a first come – first serve basis – the printer prints and scans but does not fax – if not taken, Dan Burke will dispose of it.

Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$3,720.68 and working balance of \$9,607.83;

➤ The repair cost of the driveway will be equally shared between the town and the church with Faith's portion being \$3,049.24;

➤ The old basement phone will be placed on the table outside Jeannene's office to be given away on a first come-first serve basis;

➤ No payments will be made for boiler repair until a detailed bill has been received from the Cedar Rapids service provider;

➤ Tracy Gasper has completed the berm landscaping project – most plants and bushes were donated by parishoners;

➤ Approval was given for the transfer of membership of Alexander Harkness from Faith Lutheran Church to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved;

➤ Building of a shed for the cemetery has

begun and funding projects are being researched;

➤ Bids are still being solicited for the parsonage roof;

➤ Transfer of membership for Alexander Harkness to Our Savior's from Faith Church was accepted.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

May 2013

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 17,186.57
Deposits	\$ 7,937.76
Disbursements.....	\$ 6,071.55
Ending Balance	\$19,052.78

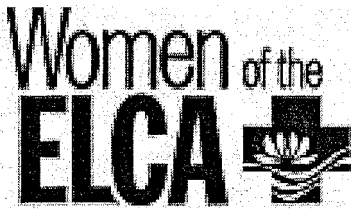
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We're Making a Float!

If you would like to add your creative touch to the Calamus Fun Days float representing the Calamus Lutheran Parish, you are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at Witte's Ready Mix Plant in Calamus. Putting all our minds and hands together will help us to create an amazing float! See you there!

"Food Drive at the Fair"

The Clinton County Fair will be partnering with county food pantries to hold "Food Drive at the Fair" from 3 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the gates. Enter a drawing at the gate to win one of two \$250 gift cards. There is no admission fee to the fair on Wednesday.



Combined Circles
Friday, July 19 – 9:30 a.m.



**All Who Hunger,
Gather Gladly**
“Do We Have Enough?”

“You give them something to eat.”
- Mark 6:37

Hostess: Lois Wessels
Leader: Jeannene Boussetot
*We will meet at the Clinton Community
Historical Society, 628 6th Ave, DeWitt*
Bring a Sack Lunch



Combined Circles
Friday, August 16 – 9:30 a.m.



**All Who Hunger,
Gather Gladly**
“All Ate and Were Filled”

“You give them something to eat.”
- Luke 9:13

Hostess: Shirley Ferguson
209 E. 11th Street Apt 5, DeWitt
Bible Study Leader: Marsha Witte
*(If you have some refreshments to share,
please bring – if not, come anyway)*

*“By the time a man realizes
that his father was right,
he has a son who thinks he's wrong.”*

- Author Unknown



Dr. Jim Slattery of Winthrop and Ms. Peggy Slattery of Calamus announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly, to Tim Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Carla Olson of Grand Mound.

A July 13, 2013 wedding is planned at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m. Friends and family are invited to attend a reception at the Starlite Ballroom (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds) in Davenport, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight.

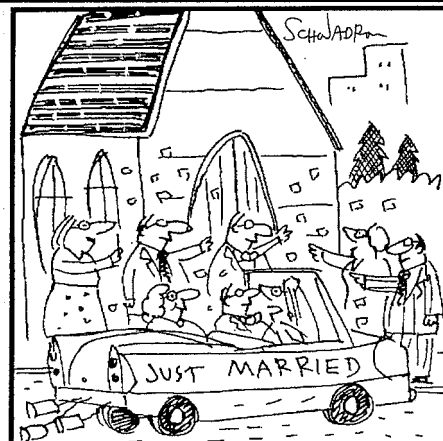


You are invited to the wedding of

April Reiling
and
Brad Carpenter

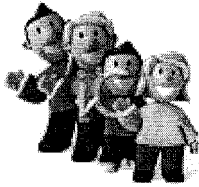
Saturday, July 20th at 3 pm
at Faith Lutheran Church, Calamus

Reception to follow at
Wheatland Community Hall
Dinner at 5 ~ Dancing at 7



*“Mother, when I invited you to join us on
our honeymoon, I meant on Facebook.”*

News About Our People



Pastor Sarah presided at the wedding of non-members Scott Butt and Jessica Schade on June 1 at Grace Lutheran Camp.



On June 30, Elizabeth Joann, daughter of Peter and Lydia Whitman, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Elizabeth's sponsors were Karen Whitman and Matthew Hayward. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Elizabeth!

Pastor Sarah to Supervise New Intern at St. John



Martha Harrison is a student at Wartburg Seminary. She was born and raised in Central Illinois. After high school, she decided to venture out to Iowa and attend Wartburg College. Martha graduated from Wartburg College with a degree in biology, but she felt that God was calling her to ministry. So, she spent the next several years serving God and the church as a Youth and Family Minister. Along with serving in churches, Martha also worked at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Wisconsin. She also traveled to Taiwan, the Philippines, and most of the U.S. with a ministry organization called Youth Encounter. After being a Youth and Family Minister for almost 20 years, Martha felt that God was calling her to be a pastor. So, she and her family packed up and moved to Wartburg Seminary. Martha is married to Mike, and they have four children, Michael (14), Christopher (12), Jacqueline (10), and Joseph (8). Martha and her family are truly looking forward to being a part of the ministry and community of St. John's.

– Intern Michelle Kanzaki

Hey, Listen Up – It's Basket Time Again!



We need more baskets for the 2013 Faith Church Basket Raffle! Approximately 50 baskets are ready to go – last year we had over 90 baskets by the day of the raffle! Can you help?? The raffle will be Saturday, July 13, in conjunction with Calamus Fun Days. In the vestibule at Faith Church, I have volunteer sign-up sheets for helpers at the raffle that day. All help is greatly appreciated. We need to keep donated baskets coming in that need wrapping. Remember to drop them off at Faith Church basement. If you need basket ideas, please call me at 563-212-3352. If you would rather donate money for the raffle, please give it to Jeannene at the church office now. We will not have time to shop for items the week of the raffle. Thanks for your help. – Dawn Dosland, Basket Raffle Chairwoman

"Any man worth his salt
will stick up for what he believes right,
but it takes a slightly better man
to acknowledge instantly and without reservation
that he is in error."

- Andrew Jackson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1: Ruth Whitman
 Davis Braet
 Rebecca Lara
 July 2: Jeanne Lahann
 Alena Wilhelm
 July 3: Ann Petersen
 Kaiser Sands
 Chesney Olson
 July 4: Stacy Boussetot
 July 5: Judy Olson
 Grant Hoffmann
 July 6: Julie Steines
 Art Boussetot
 Dane Olson
 Paula Webinger
 July 7: Charity Griebel
 Arlene Petersen
 July 8: Dave Boussetot
 Tara Dillon
 Chase Olson
 July 9: Dick Johnson
 July 10: Micullen Sersig
 July 13: Julian Olive-Speer
 July 14 : Kami Meredith
 Diane Waters
 Lisa Rickertsen
 July 15 : Kenzie Dirks
 Brea Jackson
 July 16: Allison Henning
 Drew Braet
 Joyce Sands
 July 17: Tom Olson
 Tyler Gasper
 Zach Shorter
 July 18: Grant Olson
 July 19 : Diane Wilhelm
 July 20: Michael Licht
 Linda Wilhelm
 July 21: Cathy Licht
 Rod Smith
 Benjamin Doerscher
 July 25: Terry Steines
 July 26: Katy Petersen
 Marcia Edens
 Erica Will
 July 28: Tyler Siemen
 Heather Gronewold
 July 29: Jim Gronewold
 Riley Bruns
 July 30: Faith Will
 July 31: Tom McMahon
 Carter Dwyer
 Michaella Sersig
 Pat Shelton

♥

July 3: Ed & Geneva Meadows
 July 5: Brian & Wanda Elias
 July 10: Bret & Dawn Dosland
 July 15: Brian & Deb Tulley
 July 21: Harry & Jean Olson
 July 25: Darin & Skye Doerscher
 Joel & Kay Olson
 July 27: Jim & Julie Gronewold
 July 28: Dan & Cynthia Burke
 Dave & Terri Boussetot
 Mark & Marsha Witte
 July 31: Jamie & Trina Knoche

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Aug 1: Julie Gronewold
 Leanna Boussetot
 Aug 3: Robert Eric Olson
 Aug 5: Bret Dosland
 Aug 7: Michael Olson
 Ashlee Trafford
 Aug 8: Brian Elias
 Aug 10: Lenora Olson
 Aug 11: Luke Shelton
 Aug 14: Judy McMahon
 Leonard Elsner
 Aug 15: Carole Hesse
 Aug 16: Alice Schroeder
 Aug 18: Ole Olson
 Aug 21: Lucas Webinger
 Aug 23: Marlon Olson
 Joshua Birdwell
 Ray Detlefs
 Aug 24: Diane Christensen
 Deb Tulley
 Aug 25: Uvonne Youngers
 Kalloway Whitman
 Aug 27: David Lindaman
 Eva Burke
 Aug 28: Myrtle Koslofsky
 Brad Carpenter
 Aug 30: Marissa Olson
 Aug 31: Pastor Jim Higgins
 Denise Olson

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Aug 2: Jim & Jeanne Lahann
 Aug 11: Mike & Nicole Easterday
 Aug 12: Lans & Carla Carstensen
 Aug 13: Gerry & Michelle Wulf
 Aug 15: Tom & Dallas McMahon
 Aug 16: Pr. Jim & Judy Higgins
 Aug 17: Ray & Deb Detlefs
 Aug 20: Doug & Diana Samuel
 Aug 24: Trent & Lois Wilhelm
 Aug 25: Brian & Cathy Licht

MINISTERS FOR JULY 2013

FAITH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning/Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Serina Carpenter
Ellie Carpenter

Altar Ministry:

Hal and Andrea Shelton

Communion Assistant:

Gary Braet

Greeter:

July 7: Hal Shelton
July 14: Community Worship in Park
July 21: Geri Schutt
July 28: Vera St. John

Lector:

July 7: Terri Boussetot
July 14: Community Worship in Park
July 21: Shirley Ferguson
July 28: Laurie Storjohann

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Terry Steines
Tom Olson
David Olson
Dave Whitman

Acolyte:

Maia Glover

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:

July 7: Jason Boussetot
July 14: Community Worship in Park
July 21: Deb Detlefs
July 28: Lydia Whitman

Cleaners

Brian Boussetot
Dylan Boussetot

Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

July 7: Boys with Nate
July 14: Marcia & Alison Edens/Mark Olson
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 Worship OS 9:30 Worship F	8	9 No Committee Night Meetings 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:30 Joint Council - F	10 8:00 Choir Rehearsal - F	11 6:00 Fun Days Float Assembly at Witte's Concrete Plant in Calamus	12	13 4:00 Wedding of Tim Olson/Molly Slattery - OS
14 10:00 Calamus Community Worship in Calamus Park Bring chairs/blanket Rain Site: CALCO	15	16	17	18	19 9:30 Combined Circles at Clinton Historical Society in DeWitt H- Lois Wessels L-Jeannene B	20 3:00 Wedding of Brad Carpenter /April Reiling - F
21 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship OS 9:30 Worship F	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:00 Worship OS 9:30 Worship F	29	30	31			

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 2013

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Ushers:

David Boussetot
Terri Boussetot
Hannah Perrone
Garrette Perrone

Acolytes:

Brienna Williams
Garrett Condon

Altar Ministry:

Mark & Marsha Witte

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

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August 25: Barb Johnson

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			1	2	3 SEIA Women of the ELCA Gathering – Best Western Marshalltown August 4	4 SEIA Women of the ELCA Gathering – Best Western Marshalltown ? Pewe/? Wedding - OS
5 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	13	14 7:00 Committee Night - F	15	16 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:30 Joint Council - F	17 Combined Circles H-Rusty Porth in her home L-Marsha Witte	18
19 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	20 September Newsletter Items Due	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	27	28	29	30	31 If you haven't already done so, please order a hard copy of the parish photo directory by today - \$6.00 per copy	

Summer Time Flowers

C W Z R A S O M I M S A S L N C
L N J Z E J H P Y I X C A I O A
T U L I P W W N L Q Q O F D G L
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AMARYLLIS
CONEFLOWER
LARKSPUR
LILY
PEONY
SUGARBUSH
THISTLE
YARROW

CARNATION
CORNFLOWER
LAVENDER
MARIGOLD
SAFFLOWER
SUNFLOWER
TULIP

COLUMBINE
DAFFODIL
LILAC
MIMOSA
SNAPDRAGON
TAZETTA
WAXFLOWER

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Calamus Lutheran Parish Summer Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 A.M. Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



Sunday School/Adult Class
Resumes September 8

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