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Pastor's View

Dear Siblings in Christ,

May marks several transitions in our life as a parish. We will be celebrating as five of our youth affirm their baptisms, we will wrap up our Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Jam year, and finally Memorial Day weekend will mark the end of our school year worship schedule as we transition into our summer routine the first Sunday in June.

Our commitment to Christian education for all ages in our parish is one of our greatest strengths. Faith is a lifelong journey, and we can never study and learn too much about our faith, and that learning is always done best in community with others. I am grateful to God for all who facilitate and participate in our education opportunities here. I would like to give special thanks to our Sunday School teachers: Shelley Witt-Gentile, Isabella Gentile, Eric Hoffmann, Rebecca Shorter, Dan Burke, and Cindy Burke; to Marsha Witte for our Sunday School music; to our Education Committee: Cindy Burke, Ashley Steffens, Rebecca Shorter, and Eric Hoffmann; to Heather Grau for her leadership of God Squad; and finally to all of the youth and parents and adults who attend Sunday School (at any age), Bible Jam, and Confirmation. Thanks be to God for each of you. None of this is possible without you.

I pray that as we transition into summer, that our curiosity and questions and desire to learn more about God and Jesus Christ never leaves us (no matter our age)! We are blessed with so much wisdom in our community and openness to the call of the Holy Spirit to dig deeper and learn more together. It is my privilege to explore and learn with and from all of you.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Leah



Noisy Offering – Sunday, May 19
The 2024 recipient is Calamus-Wheatland School.

Sunday, May 26
ONE Service only!

Worship at 9:00 am at Faith

Bible School -“Help Good Things Grow”

DATE: Monday, May 6, at Faith

TIME: Children will gather after school 3:15-5:00 pm

WHO: Children of the parish in kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome. They can invite their classmates, friends, and neighbors.

Dinner and a Family Activity Night will follow!

Bible School registration forms are available at both churches. Completed forms must be in the church office for children to attend.

ALL ARE WELCOME for the meal and family activities with or without a registration form!

It is graduation time!

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to the members of Calamus Lutheran Parish who are graduating from high school. *Nora Glover* is graduating from North Scott. *Isabella Gentile, Courtney Knoche, and Isaac Wilhelm* are graduating from Calamus-Wheatland. God goes with you as you begin the next stage of your life!



Spotlight on the Worship Committee

2024 Worship Committee Members:

*denotes council member

Our Savior’s: Jason Boussetot*, Dan Burke, Deb Detlefs*, Linda Whitman

Faith: Terri Boussetot*, Diane Christensen, Brittany Hoffmann*, Andrea Shelton

The Worship Committee of the Calamus Lutheran Parish meets monthly to plan Sunday worship services and festival services held during Advent, Lent, and Holy Week. This process includes collaboration with the Joint, Our Savior’s, and Faith Church Councils. Pastor Leah provides guidance to ensure the content of the services aligns with synod guidelines and liturgical settings.

The committee reviews new materials, observes overall participation by members during services, and responds to feedback provided by parishioners. The committee invites and welcomes church members to share ideas and feedback regarding worship services. This input allows each congregation to meet the needs of their members and provides opportunities for new and fresh ideas to be incorporated into worship.

The committee also creates ministry lists for each congregation - Acolyte, Lector, Altar Minister, Communion Assistant, and Usher. If you are willing to serve in any of these roles, please contact a member of the Worship Committee or inform the parish office, 246-2622. Assistance will be given to anyone interested in learning these ministry tasks.

Youth Schedule for May
Wednesdays - May 1, 8, and 15

Confirmation

6:00 pm at Faith

Bible Jam

7:00 pm at Faith

Junior high and high school students are welcome to come for food, faith, fellowship, and fun!

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8
10:00 am at Marsha Witte’s home



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Confirmation

8:00 am on Sunday, May 19, at Faith

The following will affirm their baptism:
David Burke, Mason Easterday, Carter Henning, Kara Olson, and Faith Will.

A reception in the fellowship hall at Faith will follow worship. All are welcome!

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

“Listen! God is Calling”

Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18

Hyatt Regency - Coralville, Iowa

For more information, check out the

SE IA Synod website (www.seiasynod.org)



April Meetings

~ ~ **Joint Council** ~ ~

Date: Thursday, April 11, at Faith

Present: Pastor Leah Holloway-Nilsen;

Our Savior's: Jason Boussetol, Neil Holmquist, Joe Morehead;

Faith: Terri Boussetol, Mitch Christensen, Brittany Hoffmann, Luke Shelton, Ashley Steffens, Brian Tulley, and Mark Witte.

Pastor's Report

- Confirmation will be May 19 at Faith.
- “Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner is going well.
- Leads one worship service per month at Wheatland Manor.
- Volunteers twice a month at C-W Elementary School.

God Squad

- Served breakfast to over 80 people following Easter worship at Faith and conducted an egg hunt.
- Youth-led worship service will be April 21, at Our Savior’s. The loose offering is designated for the Clinton County Humane Society.
- Collecting items for the Clinton County Humane Society during April.
- Conducting a can drive during May and June as a fund raiser. The bin will be located at Faith church.

Education

- Bible School will be a one-day event on Monday, May 6, with children after school and a family meal and activities following. The theme is “Help Good Things Grow” (The Parable of the Sower).
- The final day of Sunday School for this session will be May 19.
- Sunday School will continue using Sparkhouse “Holy Moly” in the fall.

Worship

- May 19 - Confirmation; 8:00 am at Faith with a light reception following the service.
- May 26 – One service only; 9:00 am at Faith.
- June 2 – Summer worship schedule begins; 8:00 am at Faith and 9:30 am at Our Savior’s.
- Reviewed Holy Week services.

Outreach

- Will serve a family meal following May 6 Bible School at Faith.
- Will secure a date to work the lunch stand this summer for a C-W ballgame. 6-8 people may be needed.
- The “Feeding the Children” program has enough money and food for the rest of this school year.
- 92 jars of peanut butter were donated during Lent for the Carroll Assistance Center.

Old Business

- Parish Directory Committee – Members are Neil Holmquist, John Bauer, Julie Steines, and Terri Boussetol.

New Business

- ELCA Youth Gathering – Motion was made to pay registration and transportation costs for Pastor Leah and Heather Grau. Seconded and approved.

~ ~ **Our Savior's Council** ~ ~

New Business

- Donation to God Squad for ELCA Youth Gathering was approved.

~ ~ **Faith Council** ~ ~

Old Business

- Exterior Sign – Bid from Stewart Company is \$16,000 for 3 x 4 sign, double-sided, electrical lines bored, and installation.
- Elevator – Still awaiting repair visit from service company. Issues do not affect the safety. Flooring needs to be finished on the landing.
- Boiler Return Pipes – Eric Sands has been contacted for recommendations for repair of the boiler return lines.
- Parsonage Steps – A slab will be poured on Saturday, May 4.

New Business

- Spring Cleaning/Work Day – Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 am. Help from all members appreciated.
- C-W After Prom Committee – Terri moved to donate \$50. Luke seconded. Motion carried.
- Support for youth attending ELCA Youth Gathering – Luke moved to donate \$150. Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

- 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 16, at Our Savior’s

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

Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, June 2

8:00 am Worship at Faith
9:30 am Worship at Our Savior’s

MINSTERS for May 2024

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.

FEEDING THE CHILDREN: Hal and Andrea Shelton

Preparing and delivering eight bags of food to Cal-Wheat Elementary on Friday mornings.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Paul Olson
Mark Witte

Acolyte:

Carter Henning

Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

Lectors:

May 5: Andrea Shelton
May 12: Tysen Steffens
May 19: Doreen Henning
May 26: Laurie Storjohann

Altar Ministry:

Mark and Marsha Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Ushers:

Eva Burke
Rachel Burke

Acolyte:

David Burke

Communion Assistant:

Neil Holmquist

Lectors:

May 5: Jason Boussetot
May 12: Eva Burke
May 19: Joe Morehead

Cleaner:

Jason Boussetot

May 2024 Calamus Lutheran Parish

NOTE: Check the website www.clp parish.org for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church			1 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	2	3	4 Clean-up Day 8:00 am at Faith
5 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 Sunday School - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	6 Bible School 3:15-5:00 pm at Faith Meal and Activities for families and friends at 5:00	7	8 Naomi Circle 10:00 am Marsha Witte's home Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 Sunday School - OS 10:30 Worship - OS Mother's Day	13	14 "Meet and Eat" Noon at Buck's Corner in Calamus	15 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith	16 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	17 Southeastern Iowa Coralville,	18 Synod Assembly Iowa
19 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship and Confirmation at Faith 9:25 Sunday School - OS 10:30 Worship - OS Pentecost	20 June newsletter items are due.	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship at Faith	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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