



*Faith  
Lutheran Church  
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## **Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches (ELCA)**

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### **Pastor's View**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

One of the things that science has taught us is that repetition of something changes us. Whether that is listening to the same music over and over again, the repetition of exercise, playing an instrument, reading or listening to a story, a regular get together with friends and family, even doing our homework, the repetition changes our brains and our bodies. Provided the activity is a healthy one, our brains and bodies are changed for the better for engaging in the repeated behaviors.

The same is true of our worship life. By engaging in the repeated act of Christ-centered worship together as a community, we trust that the Holy Spirit shapes us and forms us to be the people and the community that God is calling us to be in this time and this place. By engaging in the repeated practices of worship, we trust that the Holy Spirit imprints the ways of worship in our hearts and lives so that we go out into the world transformed to share God's love with everyone we meet. I find this to be especially true in this time of year in the church calendar. As we close in on the end of the season of Lent, as we move through Holy Week, and then finally to Easter Morning we get to engage in the repeated practice of telling the story of Jesus.

We will tell the story together again of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem one day to shouts of praise from the crowds, but that later that week all would change. We will tell the story together again of how Jesus and his proclamation of God's kingdom for all was a threat to those in power, and in their fear the powers that be have him killed. We will tell the story together again of the cross, and what it means for Jesus to have died for us all, and then to three days later rise from the grave. We tell this story again and again, because each time we hear it, it changes us and changes the way we live our lives.

So come and hear again this story of God's love for the world in Jesus Christ. Come and hear and trust that these promises of God are for you. Come and hear and be changed.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Leah



### Clean-Up Day at Our Savior's

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Rain date is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**All members can be of help!**

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**Lost Nation, IA**

**Spring Quilt Display & Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

Quilt Display, quilts for sale, bake sale, and a cream of turkey or maid-rite lunch for dine in or carry out.

Tickets: \$10.00 Kids 5-12 \$5.00

### **Midweek Lenten Services**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Faith**

**A meal precedes each service at 6:15 pm.**

**7:00 pm Worship**

### **Naomi Circle Bible Study**

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am at Shirley Frank's home



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### ***Maundy Thursday***

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**7:00 pm Worship Service**

**Our Savior's Church**



### ***Good Friday***

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**7:00 pm Worship Service**

**At Faith**

### **Easter Worship -April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Our Savior's**

8:00 am Worship

9:00 am Breakfast

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

### **Faith**

10:30 am Worship at Faith

### **40 Days of Giving**

Jars of peanut butter will be collected for the Carroll Assistance Center during the 40 days of Lent [from Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup> through Easter Sunday on April 20<sup>th</sup>]. The jars of peanut butter can be any brand and any size; smooth or chunky.

### **Youth Schedule for April**

#### **Sunday School**

Sundays at 9:25 AM at Faith

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

There are classes for all ages!

#### **Confirmation**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Faith

Confirmands will assist Pastor Leah with midweek Lenten services.

#### **Bible Jam**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at Faith

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

### **God Squad**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm at Our Savior's

Setting up/decorating the basement.

Each family is asked to donate 1 bag of candy for the Easter egg hunt.

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter**

God Squad Youth are hosting the following activities:

Breakfast at 9:00 am at Our Savior's

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am Our Savior's.

### **Lenten Soup Supper**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Good Friday)

5:00 pm to 6:15 pm

Carry out available

St. Paul's UCC

315 N. Main Street, Wheatland

Serving Maid-rites, Soup (Chili, Grilled Cheese Soup,  
and Broccoli Cheddar), Desserts & Beverage

Free will donation

### ***Stations of the Cross Presentation***

***Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>***

*Stations of the Cross Presentation is at  
Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, south of  
Wheatland from 2:00 – 3:00 pm*

### ***Wednesday Bible School in May***

***“The Woman at the Well”***

**Where: Faith Lutheran Church**

**When: Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 3:30 to 5:00**

**Registration forms are due to the church office  
or school office by May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **~ ~ Noisy Offering ~ ~**

In 2025, the Noisy Offering will be supporting **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the U.S. and around the world.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster; following Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbor in need.

Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care of people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster.
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates. Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community.
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters.
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes.

Parish secretary, Nicole Easterday, plans to be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you have additions to the prayer list, notices for the bulletin, or items for the newsletter, please send them to [clparish@fbcom.net](mailto:clparish@fbcom.net) or call the office at 563-246-2622.

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

### ***Youth, I want your help with the monthly newsletters!***

Beginning in April, I would like our church youth to enjoy a fun way of participating in the monthly newsletters by showing their creativity. The artist's drawing would be featured on the cover page of the monthly newsletter! The drawings will be due in the office at the same time as the newsletter items are due in the church office. The paper for the drawings will be at the back of each church, marked with the month and the year. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Easterday in the church office.

### **Young Adult/Parents of Young-Youngish Children Gathering**

At the All Council and Committee Gathering in February, the need for space and time to gather as folks in this age/stage of life range was brought up. We are hoping to have an initial get together on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Wapsi Oaks Country Club. We will meet for dinner, conversation and time together. We are hoping to be able to gather together to do events like this several times a year. If this type of gathering and time together is something you have a passion or energy to help with coordinating, please reach out to Pastor Leah. We are excited for this opportunity to be together! Please reach out to Pastor Leah with any questions.



# March Meetings

## ~~ Our Savior's Council ~~

**Date:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Amy, Deb, Jason, and Dan.

### Old Business

- Spring Clean-Up – Scheduled for Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Will have mulch to distribute. Rain date is April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Insurance paperwork was sent to Church Mutual, still waiting for confirmation.

### New Business

- Piano was tuned on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## ~~ Joint Council ~~

**Date:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Deb, Dan, Amy, Jason, Mark, John, Brian, Mitch, Luke, Brittany, and Pastor Leah.

### Pastor's Report

- Pastor made several trips to Iowa City in February for visits.
- Worked with confirmation students with midweek service planning.
- Continues to visit members in assisted living and homebound.
- Attended Synod Lenten event/retreat for clergy.
- On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Pastor went to Lutheran Day on the Hill. Worshiped and spoke with lawmakers.

### Old Business:

- All Council Photos have been taken.

**New Business:** none

### Worship Committee

- Did not meet

### Christian Outreach Committee

- Did not meet

### God Squad

- Lock in was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hosting Easter Breakfast at Our Savior's at 9:00 am, along with an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am at Our Savior's.

### Education Committee

- Last year Bible School had 14 kids in attendance.
- Bible School is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 5:00 with a theme of "Woman at the Well".
- Planning for one large group.
- A water jar craft is planned with possible Jello cups for snacks.
- Bible School registration forms need to be returned by May 13<sup>th</sup> to the church office or to the elementary office.
- Volunteers: Marsha W. will help with music, Rebecca, John, Pastor Leah, possibly Ashley S. and Cindy.

**\*\*Next Education Committee Meeting: April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*Next Joint Council Meeting\*\*  
April 10<sup>th</sup> at Faith**



## March Meetings

### ~~ Faith Council Special Meeting ~~

**Date: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present: John B, Mitch C, Luke S, Brian T, Mark W, and Terri B.**

- Pam Goldsmith painted more hours than estimated on her original bid of \$1546. Consensus is to pay \$1800 to Goldsmith.
- Painting the pipes was difficult due to heat and moisture.
- 3-4 gallons of paint remain from the project. The paint may be used to paint the lower-level bathrooms in the future.
- White Roofing repaired the roof around the bell tower. After it rains, if the ceiling does not leak, the interior walls will be repainted/repaired.
- Northeast Iowa Bat Control inspected the church to find places where bats may enter. A bid of \$2,500 would address those locations and include a one-year warranty. Tulley suggested a 10% contingency to be added to the cost.
- Yale was contacted by Sara M. regarding severe heat and humidity in the basement on one occasion. Tulley stated Ryan and Associates will be inspecting the system soon. He will contact them of the issue.

### ~~ Faith Council ~~

**Date: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present: John B, Mitch C, Brian T, Luke S, Brittany H, and Mark W.**

#### Old Business

- New Sign – Demolition of the current sign will be starting soon, as weather gets nicer. Attempting to save some of the stone from the current sign. Currently, no member is interested in keeping the old sign.
- Upstairs Ceiling Repair – White Roofing came and made more adjustments. Will have to wait for rain to determine if anymore work needs to be completed.
- Water Temp Monitor – Tulley stated the monitor has been installed and is working properly.
- Kitchen Sink – Will need to contact the plumber.
- Bats – NE Iowa Bat Control looked at possible areas of entrance. Bat Control will start repairs of the areas and add screening. The company stated this would be finished by next week. The warranty is good for one year following the installation.

- Basement Painting – Painting was completed by Pam Goldsmith. Discussed needing new baseboards for the basement. Extra paint will be used for painting the bathrooms downstairs when time allows.
- Parsonage steps – tabled until spring.
- Faith's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – CDs were found in the church office. Baur will look through the CDs to determine if there is anything that could be used for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

#### New Business

- Lenten Meal – Faith council will be responsible for providing the meal at the service on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **MINSTERS for April 2025**

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:** Doreen Henning, and Diane Wilhelm

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

### **FAITH CHURCH**

#### **Ushers:**

Alan Lee  
Brian Tulley

#### **Acolyte:**

Olivia Hoffmann

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Dirk Braet

#### **Lectors:**

April 6: Shelly Witt-Gentile  
April 13: Heather Grau  
April 20: Tysen Steffens  
April 27: Sarah Tulley

#### **Altar Ministry:**

Deb & Brian Tulley

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH**

#### **Usher:**

David Burke

#### **Acolyte:**

Wyatt Easterday

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

#### **Lectors:**

April 6: Marcia Edens  
April 13: Deb Detlefs  
April 20: Neil Holmquist  
April 27: Cindy Burke

#### **Cleaners:**

Deb & Ray Detlefs

# April 2025 Calamus Lutheran Parish

**NOTE: Check the website [www.clp parish.org](http://www.clp parish.org) for more information.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church		1	2 <b>Meal</b> 6:15 pm at Faith <b>Worship</b> 7:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:30 pm at Faith	3	4	5 <b>Clean-up Day</b> at Our Savior's <b>9:00 am</b> All members can be of help!
6 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 Sunday School - F 10:30 Worship - F	7	8 <b>"Meet and Eat"</b> Noon at Buck's Corner in Calamus	9 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am Shirley Frank's home <b>Meal</b> 6:15 pm at Faith <b>Worship</b> 7:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:30 pm at Faith <b>Education Committee</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	10 <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	11	12 <b>Rain date</b> for clean-up at 9:00 am at Our Savior's
13 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 Sunday School - F 10:30 Worship - F	14 <b>May newsletter items</b> are due.	15	16 <b>God Squad</b> 6:00 pm at Faith Prep Night for Easter	17 <b>Maundy</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	18 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00 pm at Faith  Stations of the Cross The presentation is 2:00-3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, south of Wheatland.	19
20 <b>Noisy Offering</b> <b>Easter</b> 8:00 Worship - OS 9:00 Breakfast - OS 9:45 Easter Egg Hunt - OS 10:30 Worship - F	21	22 <b>Pastor Leah</b> out of the office.	23 <b>Pastor Leah</b> out of the office. <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	24 <b>Pastor Leah</b> out of the office.	25	26
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**Wednesday Bible School** for children in Kindergarten -5<sup>th</sup> grade is Wednesday, May 21st, at Faith from 3:30-5:00.  
The lesson is "The Woman at the Well." All children of the community are welcome!

**Wednesday Bible School – “The Woman at the Well”**  
**Faith Lutheran Church, 505 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Calamus (563) 246-2622**  
**3:30 to 5:00 on May 21, 2025**  
**For children in Kindergarten through Grade 5**

You may make arrangements with the school to have children ride the bus to the church.

In order to make plans for snacks and supplies, this registration must be turned in to the church office or school office by **May 13, 2025**. You may use one form for a family.

\* It is important to have permission and emergency contact information.

**The registration form must be on file for all the children attending Bible School.**

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**2025 Bible School Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ School grade just completing \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies** or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ School grade just completing \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies** or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ School grade just completing \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies** or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Permission**

**Parent(s) name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Information**

**In case of emergency**, there should be someone to contact from 3:30 to 5:00 who can respond immediately.

\*Contact \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_