

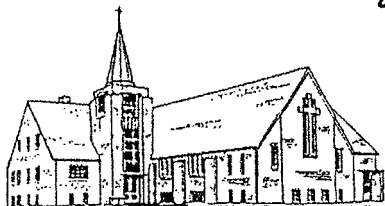
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Pastor Writes



Jacob has played the violin for two years now.

When he first started as a kindergartener, his hands were so small he had a hard time with the fingering...he really had to reach and stretch. His first violin was a ¼ size. At the end of that first year he had grown into a ½ size violin. His growing hand wrapped around the neck with less stretching.

He then took a year off.

This past October, he picked up lessons again. When we got him fitted for his violin, we were surprised to see his arm and hand sizes required a ¾ violin. Just this past Monday, his teacher noticed his posture while playing and informed us that in these few months since getting his ¾ size, he had already outgrown it. She said at his growth rate, he would quickly outgrow a full size violin, and his arms and fingers would soon prevent him from playing the violin altogether. Jacob's face was crestfallen. He loves this instrument.

"However," she said, "I think you are perfect for the viola. You play it just like a violin, but you need to learn a new clef."

Jacob pondered this. They discussed it for an hour. They considered and discarded the bass (whew!) and the cello (rats!). They settled on the viola. I took a picture of the last lesson he would have on his beloved violin. He cried. His teacher cried. Musicians are gorgeously sensitive creatures. This made me cry, too, of course.

And so yesterday we dutifully went to Griggs to exchange the violin for the viola. The staff at Griggs applauded Jacob's graduation to his next instrument. He beamed with pride. When the time came to actually *hand over* the instrument, however, he was less composed.

"I don't want to let go of it," he whispered,

looking down at the floor, shy and sad.

"I know," I said, "but you'll learn to love this new instrument just as much."

The lovely employee who was helping us (a string player herself) whispered into his ear (rather loudly, in order to be heard over Philip on the steel drum and Christian on the acoustic drums), "If you don't let go of it, the next child won't get a chance to love it as much as you have."

He released his grip on his beloved violin case.

He then grasped the viola case.

He opened it. He took the viola out and placed it under his chin. It looked too big for him, like when a kid gets new shoes or a new bike. Too big. Awkward. But then he grasped the bow and played from memory Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," which he played on Christmas Eve at Our Savior's. A bit big, but graceful. It was new and familiar. It was the same melody, of course, just deeper, richer.

He beamed.

"We'll take it!" he said to the lovely lady helping us.

"I knew you would," she winked back.

How often does God call us to release something that we love so much and yet have outgrown? How often does God call us out of our comfort zone, into a brand new place, a new way of thinking, a new way of interpreting the world, ourselves and even God? It is a scary thing to let go of an ideology or a mindset or an opinion and consider—even for a moment—something new.

And yet we believe and confess that God provides for us from the future, as he has in the past. Can we be bold enough to reach for the unknown...to learn a new thing...to consider a new possibility...to ponder a new concept...to

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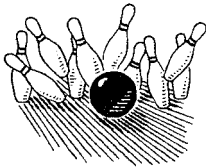
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contemplate a new perspective? It is a scary thing to let go of anything that we have grown to love...can we trust that God will supply us with something new to embrace? Perhaps we will be better for it, if we have outgrown the shoes we are in, the bike that we ride, the instrument that we play. Perhaps the next thing we pick up will surprise us—dare I suggest even delight us? Perhaps we will recognize the familiar shapes and melodies and structures, but they will be somehow deeper, richer, even more beautiful than we had dared hope.

Can we reach and stretch into God's future, trusting in his grace? Perhaps.

~ *Pastor Sarah Kretzmann*

Parish Bowling



When: Sunday, February 23,
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Where: DeWitt Bowling Lanes



Bring a friend and a snack and enjoy competitive bowling at its finest!



Knock All Ten Down!

The Noisy Offering Will Be Received February 16

March 2014 Newsletter Items Due February 20, please. Thanks for your cooperation!

Due to the weather Our Savior's Annual Meeting was postponed and has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2014, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

2014 Council and Committee Retreat Planned

All council members and committee members (including Property Committee), please mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 11. A retreat has been scheduled for you from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at Faith Church. Please make every effort to attend.

Ash Wednesday Worship



March 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
(There is no meal this evening)

"If we had no winter,
the spring would not be so pleasant."
- Anne Bradstreet



At the January Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Worship Committee did not meet and has rescheduled for January 23.
- Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee did not meet but are looking in to scheduling a parish bowling event.
- Education Committee did not meet. Luther League has designed t-shirts available for purchase; bake sales will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month; officers were elected; fundraisers will be held to offset incurred costs; the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Detroit, Michigan.
- The PCC proposal for Pastoral Salary was accepted as printed: the benefits portion of the proposal reflects 100% coverage by the parish; total cost of health insurance may be reduced if the cost is shared between parents on a 50/50 basis; Christensen will seek clarification on the percentage for which the parish is responsible.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were accepted with a designated balance of \$5,419.45 and a working balance of \$16,275.00.
- Christensen will seek clarification about the purpose of the Study Bible accounting item;
- Boiler repair required the installation of one, rather than two tanks.
- Braet will remove snow from the parking lots.
- Correspondence was read from Jeannene Boussetot and the Southeastern Iowa Synod.
- Annual meeting preparations were finalized.
- Property and Management Committee is seeking volunteers for exterior church decoration. Interested person should contact a member of the committee.
- Brian Tulley, representing the Property and Management Committee, explained the 2014 Proposed Budget which was accepted as printed.

Our Savior's Council:

- Treasurer's report was passed around and discussed.
- There was no cemetery update.
- Auditing and Nominating Committee members update: Shane Glover will be off council and will be on nominating committee. Dan Burke

requested a member of council stay after services and audit with him.

- Budget was approved but still need to ask questions for Pastor Sarah's medical package.
- Jason reported property insurance is \$3,659.00
- Accepted Brandon Boussetot's request to transfer membership from Our Savior's to Immanuel Lutheran in Grand Mound.

February Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday, February 12
7:00 p.m. Faith Church

News About Our People



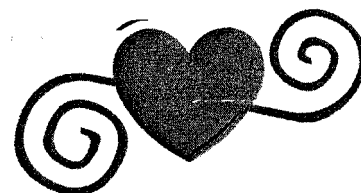
Rachel Catherine, daughter of Dan and Cindy Burke, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on January 5, 2014. Rachel's sponsors were Justin and Amy Zank and Clint and Melissa Miller. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Rachel.



Grant David, son of Ben and Julie Lindaman, was born on January 21, 2014. Congratulations to all!

Sunday Morning Child Care for Christian, Jacob & Philip

February 2: Julie Gronewold
 February 9: Dirk and Annette Braet
 February 16: Ray and Deb Detlefs
 February 23: Boys with Nate



Luther League Is Back!

Luther League is back in 2013. Luther League is made up of 7-12th grade students. In 2013, Heather Grau, Ashley Steffens, and Colette Christensen have volunteered to help coordinate events with the Luther League, but the overall goal is to have the students lead the group. The first monthly meeting was held on Dec. 1, 2013 which included the election of officers and the decision to have monthly meetings on the 1st Sunday of every month during the Sunday School hour. Officers for the upcoming 2014 year are as follows:

- President – Makenna Christensen
- Vice President – Noah Gronewold
- Secretary – Katie Banowetz
- Treasurer – Beth Tulley

Annual events for the Luther League include an all night ski trip in February, Easter breakfast, Trick or Trunk fundraiser in October, and Angel Tree Christmas shopping in December.

Luther League also is involved in and available for service projects such as leaf raking and assisting with decorating or taking down decorations for homes. Fundraising is also an important part of Luther League as the funds assist the members in going to confirmation camp, fellowship activities such as the ski trip, and other events the group is involved in. Fundraising is also used toward the ELCA Youth Gathering with the next gathering held in July 2015.

Luther League Monthly Meeting



**Luther League Welcomes all Junior High
and High School Youth!**

Where: Our Savior's Church, in the Kitchen
When: Sunday, February 2, during Sunday
School Hour – 9:25 a.m.

Luther League All Night Ski/Snowboarding



Sundown Mountain Resort Dubuque



Friday February 21-22

11 pm - 4 am

(Leaving Faith 9:00 pm)

Lift pass only - \$23

Lift pass and rental - \$40

Luther League will cover the cost for Luther League members this year. Friends and family will be asked to cover their own fees. You may ask friends and family to join us, as long as we have enough parent drivers! There is a signup sheet posted at each church. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 11th. Any questions please contact:

Ashley Steffens: 563-210-2540

Luther League Lounge!



Who? All 7-12 graders

What? Weekly Wednesday

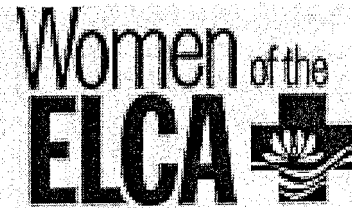
5:30 p.m. fellowship meetings

Where? Faith Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 1: Carla Olson
 Feb 2: Madison Eschbach
 Feb 3: Connor Gasper
 Ann Olson
 Feb 5: Hailey Glover
 Feb 6: Susie Lahann
 Trent Wilhelm
 Feb 8: Kay Olson
 Aubree Kloostra
 Calvin Steines
 Steve Grau
 Feb 9: Rebecca Barnes
 Chad Olson
 Audrianna Schroeder
 Feb 12: Lester Peters Jr.
 Feb 14: Billy Duke
 Feb 15: Christopher Henning
 Feb 16: Kevin Peters
 Hannah Braet
 Pat Grau
 Feb 17: Blaine Henning
 Sabrina Schutt
 Katrina Harkness
 Feb 18: Abigail Grau
 Feb 19: Nate Olson
 Diane Sievers
 Amber Hesse
 Feb 20: Travis Willet
 Feb 21: Mike Easterday
 Louise Easterday
 Feb 22: Kinnick Christensen
 Feb 23: Brad Johnson
 Joel Olson
 Katie Banowetz
 Kaitlyn Dwyer
 Philip Montover
 Feb 25: Robin Costello-Smith
 Melisa Jacobsen
 Carol Christensen
 Feb 26: Allison Cunningham
 Brennen Koch
 Feb 27: Delores Lahann
 Sharyl Banowetz
 Tim Hellyer
 Feb 28: Samantha Wingate
 Brandon Wingate
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 Feb 7: Kendra & Dave Rock

Feb 15: Kathy & Jim Willet
 Feb 17: Sherry & Delores Lahann
 Feb 20: Heather & Mike Whitman



In Good Company – Stories of Biblical Women

"Woman of Endor, A Seer and Communicator"

"Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'" – 1 Samuel 28:7

Lydia Circle

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Kay Olson

Leader: Sharon Boussetot



Naomi Circle

Friday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Lois Wessels

Leader: Diane Christensen

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:30 p.m. ~ Faith Church

Thank You

We wish to thank you for your donations to help those who receive food baskets during the holiday season. They enjoy receiving the non-perishable items as they can't buy them with food stamps. May God bless you all in the new year. –
Carroll Assistance Center

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans WEST CLINTON COUNTY CHAPTER

December 13, 2013

Thank you for your generous contributions to "Treat the Pantries." Eleven Lutheran congregations took part in the special collection sponsored by the West Clinton County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Four Clinton County food pantries received the funds. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Witte, the Community Service Team Leader for this Care Abounds in Communities project. Marsha can be reached at 563-659-5520 or mkwitte@iowatelecom.net.

Income:

11/22 Grace, DeWitt	\$ 175.00
11/29 Bethlehem, Lost Nation	165.00
11/29 Immanuel, Charlotte	70.00
11/30 Emmaus Road, DeWitt	130.00
12/3 Ascension, Goose Lake	125.00
12/4 Our Savior's, Calamus	298.50
12/7 St. John's, Bliedorn	703.50
12/7 Immanuel, Grand Mound	193.00
12/7 Christian Free, Wheatland	50.00
12/10 Faith, Calamus	842.00
12/12 Zion, Elvira	650.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,402.00
Thrivent	1,600.00
For the pantries	\$ 5,002.00

Disbursement:

The Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland	\$1,250.50
The Food Center, Lost Nation	\$1,250.50
The Food Pantry, Elvira	\$1,250.50
The Referral & Services Center, DeWitt	<u>\$1,250.50</u>
	\$5,002.00

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2014

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm

Acolytes:

Josh Gronewold
Noah Mullin

Altar Ministry:

Lonny & Diane Sievers

Communion Assistant:

Brian Tulley

Greeter:

February 2: Clara Wilhelm
February 9: Judy McMahon
February 16: Rita Seastrand
February 23: Shirley Ferguson

Lectors:

February 2: Diane Christensen
February 9: Terri Boussetot
February 16: Shirley Ferguson
February 23: Robin Costello-Smith

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Mark Olson
Dave Whitman
David Olson

Acolyte:

Riley Bruns

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

February 2: Jason Boussetot
February 9: Cindy Burke
February 16: Dave Whitman
February 23: Brian Boussetot

Cleaners:

Tom and Judy Olson
Ray and Deb Detlefs

Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

February 2: Julie Gronewold
February 9: Dirk & Annette Braet
February 16: Ray & Deb Detlefs
February 23: Boys with Nate

If You Cannot Do Your Assigned Task On That Particular Day, It Is Your Responsibility To Trade With Someone Or To Find Your Own Substitute And Notify The Church Office Of The Change.

**JOINT COUNCIL
& COMMITTEE RETREAT**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014
7 – 9 p.m. ~ Faith Church**

**All members of both congregations serving on joint council
or on a committee are expected to attend**

See you there!

FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	10	11 7-9 pm Joint Council and Committees Retreat at Faith	12 5:30 LL Lounge - F 6:30 Confirmation - F 7:00 Choir - F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F	13 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:30 Joint Council - OS	14	15
16 NOISY OFFERING LL Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	17	18	19 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Kay L-Sharon 5:30 LL Lounge - F 6:30 Confirmation - F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F 26 5:30 LL Lounge - F 7:00 Confirmation - F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F	20	21 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Lois Wessels L-Diane Christensen All Night Skiing	22 Return from All Night Skiing
23 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS 1-3:30 Parish Bowling at DeWitt Lanes	24	25		27		

Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

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 R D R O T I U S D N O I T O V E D

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ADORE	CRUSH	FONDNESS	PARTNER
AFFECTION	CUPID	FOREVER	PROPOSAL
ATTRACTION	DARLING	FRIENDSHIP	RELATIONSHIP
BEAU	DATE	GIFT	RESTAURANT
BELOVED	DEAR	GIRLFRIEND	ROMANCE
BOYFRIEND	DEVOTION	HEARTS	ROSES
CANDLES	FANCY	JEWELRY	SENTIMENT
CANDY	FEBRUARY	LIKE	SUITOR
CHOCOLATES	FLAME	LOVEBIRDS	SWEETHEART

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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Worship Schedule**



**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Faith Lutheran Church**

505 Second Street, town of Calamus



**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus

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