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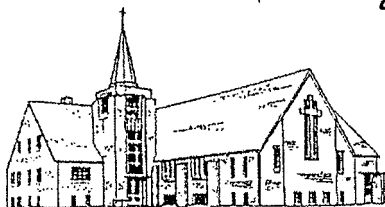
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Pastor Writes



Last spring I took the boys to the Quad Cities Symphony to see Midori, a Japanese American violinist who was on tour from the New York Philharmonic. She was traveling the United States, going to schools and doing performances in order to encourage young people to play classical instruments. The Quad Cities Symphony hosted the free event called "Hot Dog, We're Going to the Symphony!" This is the event we attended, which included hot dogs and chips for the kids before watching Midori practice with the QC symphony. They were overwhelmed by the community's response, and ended up feeding and hosting over 400 young people.

I thought I saw fear in the symphony's eyes when they looked out and saw over 400 children attending their rehearsal.

I remember thinking, "Well, we'll be leaving this rehearsal in about five minutes." I tried to prepare myself for the embarrassment of actually getting kicked out of a classical event. The boys were so excited, they were squirming around in their seats. The parents of 400 children met each other in the eye, all wondering the same thing, "What in God's name were we *thinking*?"

They didn't calm down when the rehearsal began. In fact, they got more and more excited. They even pulled out little notebooks and pencils and started taking notes on what they observed and what they heard. One neighborhood boy who was with us actually sketched what he saw. The rehearsal didn't stop or even slow down, despite the barely-contained, pulsating enthusiasm of 400 kids plus adults.

The symphony was wearing jeans. They had bottles of water by their feet that they would swig from when they had a break between measures. A few even had ballcaps on. When a mistake was

made, you could even hear laughter...but the music never stopped. It kept going, despite giggles from the occasional blunder, despite crying babies in the audience, despite the excited shuffling of feet from observing children. The music went on, not stopping for any interruption. It was a carnival atmosphere.

Then came the most surprising moment, and for me, the most fun.

There was a man sitting in front of us, with his arm resting comfortably around his wife's shoulders. From time to time, he would nibble on her fingers. She tapped her feet in time to the music, his eyes were closed, listening, content. They were a sweet couple to watch. Their affection disgusted the boys. Whatever.

Suddenly, the man stood up and made his way slowly to the stage. "Great," I thought, "we have a wondering crazy person now." He climbed the steps to the stage, made his way to the very back of the symphony, waited, waited, waited, and suddenly beat on the big bass drum for about six measures. Then he returned his fuzzy felt drum sticks to their stand, and climbed down the stairs, resumed his place next to his wife, draped his arm around her shoulder and closed his eyes again.

What in the world? I thought.

What sort of crazy rehearsal was this, with ballcaps on cellists and Evian bottles on the conductor's stand and wandering percussionists who nibble their wives fingers, to the utter disgust of my sons? After the rehearsal, I chatted with this guy. Here's what he said:

This rehearsal was the best night of my life.

He described the random applause that would break out from the kids in the audience, the loud whispering that echoed throughout the hall, the
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shadows of moms standing in the aisles, swaying their babies to sleep, the occasional shouts of, "I have to go potty!" He said it was the most genuine audience, the most real performance, played not to ignorant children, but to kids who hadn't yet learned to hide their joy and appreciation. What a fascinating insight.

It is highly likely that life is not the polished performance we expect it to be. The Bible reveals a pretty messy human performance, in fact. Can there be joy in the unrefined, unsophisticated times, when we play for God or when God plays for us, and it doesn't go as planned or as expected, but quite possibly, much better and much more genuine than we ever could have dreamt? Maybe life is not a performance for God, but a series of rehearsals which are in and of themselves, stunning and gorgeous.

- *Pastor Sarah Kretzmann*

2014 Noisy Offering Designated

Once a month, the youngsters who take part in the Sunday morning children's sermons pass little tin buckets amongst the congregation, hoping to make a lot of noise collecting coins. This money is then sent to a place or people that the church councils have selected for the year. Last year, in addition to several Busy Bags for little ones in church, \$1,389.29 was sent to Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin, New Jersey. The Messiah Lutheran church building was severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy, as well as many of their member's homes..

This year the councils selected the Calamus/Wheatland School District as the recipient of the Noisy Offering and other special service donations with the request from the councils that the monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students. It will be a fun challenge to see how much "noisy money" we can collect for the school. (We also accept soft, quiet currency, as well!)

The Noisy Offering Will Be Received March 23

Ash Wednesday Worship



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

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



Mid-week Lenten Worship
March 12 & 19
Faith Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.



March 26, April 2 and 9
Our Savior's Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

"Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another . - Jean P.F. Richter



At the February Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Worship Committee has finalized the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services – no Seder Meal will be held this year.
- Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee has planned a parish bowling event at DeWitt Lanes from 1—3 p.m. on February 23; Barb Flynn is researching a special event for children.
- Education Committee has set goal to include providing intergenerational activities, increasing the incorporation of Lutheran publications into lessons and worship and selecting VBS dates when the final day of school is known.
- Dan Burke will contact Heather Grau regarding the progress of a parish Facebook page;
- In 2014 the Noisy Offering and special service donations will be given to the Calamus-Wheatland School District with the request monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students. Pastor Sarah will inform the district.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were accepted with a designated balance of \$4,366.28 and a working balance of \$14,616.21.
- The \$206.25 balance accounting item for Study Bibles has been redirected to the Confirmation Camp Fund.
- The \$132 monthly ChemSearch bill for boiler repair was explained by Dirk Braet to include two service calls and related chemicals. The eight month contract expires July 2014. The boiler is functioning efficiently and all internal tanks, pipes and traps are clean, Braet will request the itemized invoice for the recent installation of one boiler tank, related parts and labor which cost \$5,100.
- Despite frequent reminders, Josh and Zach Poell have submitted no itemized bills for snow removal since January 16.
- The elevator has passed annual inspection.
- Committee duties for 2014 were confirmed.
- The EPIC account contains \$938.74 and may be directed to college students attending specific colleges – Mark Witte may be contacted for more information.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports were reviewed. \$8,000 will

be transferred from the Edward Jones Account to the General Account to cover cost of the parsonage roof.

- New funeral guidelines were adopted stating families may use the facilities but meal preparation and clean-up will be the responsibility of the families.
- Parish Coordinating Committee guidelines were reviewed.
- A review of the membership list will be done at a future date.

Congregations to Help at the CALCO

Sunday, March 16, is the Sunday designated for our councils and congregation members to help serve the CALCO breakfast. Our Savior's will take the early shift, 7:30—10:00 a.m. and Faith will take the late shift, 10:00 a.m. until closing and clean-up. Thanks for your community support!

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

♪ March
Choir Rehearsals ♪
Each Wednesday, following the
Midweek Lenten Service

Sunday Morning Child Care for Christian, Jacob & Philip

March 2: Mark & Marsha Witte
 March 9: Sharyl Banowetz/Jeannene Boussetlot
 March 16: Rod & Robin Costello-Smith
 March 23: Boys with Nate
 March 30: Ruth Braet

Faith Congregation Annual Meeting Notes



- ▶ On January 26, 2014, President Colette Christensen called the Faith Annual Meeting to order with 37 members present.
- ▶ Pastor Sarah led devotions.
- ▶ 2013 Annual Meeting minutes were read.
- ▶ Pastor's report, congregation and committee reports were reviewed and approved.
- ▶ Financial Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and Audit Committee's reports were presented and approved. Doreen Henning explained the variance in total in-flows in the treasurer's report compared to the financial secretary's report. Doreen also mentioned the reason the budget was over-spent in 2013 was due to spending over \$15,000 on the building.
- ▶ The 2014 Proposed Budget was presented by Brian Tulley.
- ▶ Mike Tendall presented, on behalf of Jason Boussetot, a request to renegotiate his wages. In December, Jason had asked to be paid \$115 per service in 2014, a 92% increase. Mike made a motion that Jason be paid \$100 per service for the 2014 calendar year, which would include two paid Sundays off. Annette Braet seconded the motion. Considerable discussion took place. Voting was by ballot and the motion failed.
- ▶ The 2014 Proposed Budget was approved.
- ▶ Taxation on wages was discussed. A 1099 will be prepared for all paid positions.
- ▶ Mark Witte and Brian Tulley were placed in nomination for the two open council positions and were elected.
- ▶ Colette Christensen and Larry Schau were thanked for their years of service on the council.
- ▶ Larry Schau, Colette Christensen, Doreen Henning and Annette Braet will serve as the 2014 Nominating Committee.
- ▶ Mike and Tina Tendall will serve as delegates to the 2014 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly held in Coralville on May 30—June 1.
- ▶ Meeting was concluded with Colette Christensen leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Our Savior's Congregation Annual Meeting Notes



- ▶ Due to blizzard conditions, the scheduled January 26, 2014 meeting was postponed until February 2, 2014. President Dan Burke called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m..
- ▶ Devotions were from 2 Corinthians.
- ▶ Minutes of 2013 meeting were read and accepted.
- ▶ The 2014 Proposed Budget was reviewed.
- ▶ Julie Steines asked when money was put in the Memorial Account. Jason stated if it was given in the name of a person it went in the Memorial Account and if it was undesignated, it went in the General Account.
- ▶ The 2013 committee reports were accepted.
- ▶ The 2014 Proposed Budget remains the same as the 2013 Budget except for Pastor's salary.
- ▶ Lots of people were eliminated from *The Lutheran* magazine due to being inactive members.
- ▶ Giving is not currently meeting monthly expenses. The budget may need to be discussed at council meetings to decide priority of bill payments in the future.
- ▶ Changing the sharing of bills between congregations will need to be voted on by congregations.
- ▶ The 2014 Proposed Budget was approved temporarily so bills can continue to be paid.
- ▶ Marcia Edens has served 6 years on council and is now off. We currently have no name for filling in the vacancy.
- ▶ Dan Burke has served three years on council and volunteered to serve another three.
- ▶ Deb Detlefs was nominated to serve on council and was elected.
- ▶ Mark Olson and Marcia Edens will serve as delegates to the 2014 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in Coralville the weekend of May 30.
- ▶ There are basically four people most of the time to serve funeral meals and clean up afterwards. At the next council meeting, a discussion will be held and new funeral policies established.
- ▶ Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Luther League Monthly Meeting



Luther League Welcomes all Junior High
and High School Youth!

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

Wednesday Night Luther League Lounge

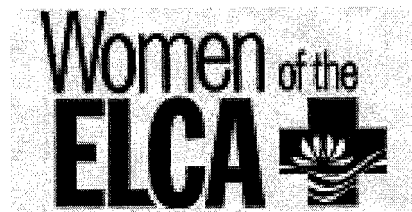


Cancelled During Lent



It's never too late to say thanks? Lauren turns 3 years old this month and as we celebrate, we wish to send our overdue thanks and gratitude. Thank you for all of the prayers that got us through Lauren's first few months – when her growth was measured in grams. And thank you for filling our freezer with so many wonderful meals.

Webinger family



In Good Company – Stories of Biblical Women

"Daughter, An Honest Virgin"

"And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, 'If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, then whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the Lord's, to be offered up by me as a burnt-offering.'" – Judges 11:30–31

Lydia Circle

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

Hostess:

Leader:



Naomi Circle

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

Hostess:

Leader: Shirley Ferguson

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study Schedule Change

There will be no Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study during Lent. Look for booklets with the spring/summer schedule in the back of the churches by end of March.

"Not everything that can be counted counts,
and not everything that counts
can be counted."- Albert Einstein

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 1: Ruth Braet
Linda Whitman
Kate Lindaman

March 3: Rory Petersen
Neil Mason

March 4: Lauren Webinger

March 6: Elizabeth Goddard

March 7: Makayla Allen

March 8: Austin Seastrand
Brenna Henning
Brendan Williams

March 9: Oscar Shelton
Tom McMahon Sr.
Steven Berger

March 11: Sherwood Lahann
Jessica Seastrand

March 12: Laurie Storjohann
Mason Easterday

March 14: Alecia Garrett

March 15: Heather Whitman
Grant Harkness

March 16: Luanne Malmanger
Jamie Knoche
Olevia Olson

March 17: Marsha Witte
Jessica Steines
Kelly Olson

March 18: Andrea Shelton
Kellen Whitman

March 19: Miranda Mayerhofer
Mikaela Crossen

March 21: Angela Rickels
Keith Gasper

March 22: Ellie Carpenter
Hannah Perrone

March 23: Diana Samuel

March 27: Daniel Braet
Alan Olson
Britney McMahon
Olivia Hoffmann

March 29: Kayla Henning
Valerie Olson

March 30: Joe Morehead
Jessica Elsner
Joette Thomas

March 31: Kaitlynn Tripp

March 14: Shelly & Drake Mayerhofer

March 17: Robert & Denise Olson
Donnie & Janelle Boussetot

March 24: Daryl & Doreen Henning

March 26: Hal & Andrea Shelton
Tom & Judy McMahon

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Monday, March 10, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



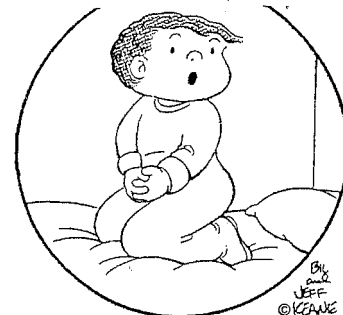
Your voice matters. Join Lutheran Services in Iowa at Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on Monday, March 10. This annual day is essential in giving voice to those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for providing opportunities to exercise your right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process.

Together we'll learn more about why advocacy matters, hear from special guest speakers and have opportunities to talk with legislators at the Capitol about making sure critical human services are available to children, families and adults.

A lunch, transportation options and T-shirt are provided. There is no cost to attend this event. Join us in giving voice to Iowa's most vulnerable populations.

Get more details and register online at www.LSIowa.org/LDH or call 1.866.584.5293. This event is made possible in part by and ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant and is planned in partnership with the three Iowa synods of the ELCA.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bill Keane



"I'm glad God hasn't decided to retire yet."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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MARCH 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 7:00 Committee Night - F	12 6:00 Lenten Supper - F 7:00 Lenten Worship - F 7:45 - Choir - F	13 6:00 Worship Committee - F 7:30 Joint Council - F	14	15
16 LL Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC/LL-OS 10:30 Worship - OS	17	18	19 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Arlene Green L-Kay Olson 6:00 Supper - F 7:00 Worship - F 7:45 - Choir - F	20 Newsletter Items Due	21 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Shirley Ferguson L- Shirley Ferguson	22
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MINISTERS FOR MARCH 2014

FAITH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Mike Tendall
Adam Wilhelm
Colette Christensen

Acolytes:

Ethan Wilhelm
Brianna Williams

Altar Ministry:

Lonny & Diane Sievers

Communion Assistant:

Yale Christensen

Greeter:

March 2: Yale Christensen
March 9: Mike Tendall
March 16: Geri Schutt
March 23: Colette Christensen
March 30: Lucy Lee-Petersen

Lectors:

March 2: Mike Tendall
March 9: Yale Christensen
March 16: Doreen Henning
March 23: Colette Christensen
March 30: Lucy Lee-Petersen

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Ray Detlefs
Shane Glover
Art Boussetot

Acolyte:

Drake Olson

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:

March 2: Skye Doerscher
March 9: Kay Olson
March 16: Cindy Burke
March 23: Mark Olson
March 30: Lydia Whitman

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

March 2: Mark & Marsha Witte
March 9: Sharyl Banowetz/Jeannene B
March 16: Rob & Robin Costello-Smith
March 23: Boys with Nate
March 30: Ruth Braet

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.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

March 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

There is no meal served on Ash Wednesday

**2014 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Worship Schedule**



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