

*Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA*

*Calamus Lutheran Parish*

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*Pastor Writes*



Recently, a friend of mine preached a sermon using the phrase “new normal.”

Since then, this phrase has bounced around in my brain.

A “new normal.”

Hmm.

By the time I write my next newsletter article, Doug and I will be married.

My sons will have a step-father.

We will be mostly moved into our house in North Liberty.

Lots of changes, indeed. A new normal.

It has made me do a lot of reflecting over my life. I have thought back to the home I grew up in, to summer camps I attended, to vacations at my grandparents' house, to family reunions, to baptisms, weddings, funerals, to birthdays as babies grow into children who grow into adults, to holidays gathered around this table and that table, under this Christmas tree or that one...and I have begun to wonder if anything was really ever “the same?”

As a child, I remember “the way we always did things,” but as an adult thinking back, it has recently occurred to me that history was always shifting, that very rarely was something the same from one year to the next, from one holiday to the next. Faces gathered around the Thanksgiving table one year were a different collection of faces from the year before—some had died, some had new girl/boyfriends, some babies had been born. Christmases rotated from this home to that one, depending on life circumstances. Birthday parties were dictated by weather and outbreaks of flu.

And so on.

You get the point.

Is life, finally, constantly morphing into a new normal? Yes, I think it is.

I reflect back on life in this house when we first moved in, in 2001. “We” were a different “we” at that point. No kids yet. Not so much stuff, either. A more organized life, to be sure. Cleaner. Tidier. Quieter.

There were countless services planned here in this very kitchen—Easters and Christmases and funerals and weddings and baptisms. Countless calls taken and made. Countless tears shed and laughter shared around this very table. Countless meals shared with family and friends.

And yes, there was the divorce, that needs to be named, as well. But there were also hundred and perhaps thousands of stampeding little footsteps in the meantime, in the house, out of the house, up the stairs, down the stairs, up the treehouse, down the treehouse, up the ladder, down the slide.

There was sadness in relationships, there was joy in relationships. There was life, and there was death. There were peals of laughter (many), and there were shouts in anger (not as many). Quiet times and thunderously loud times. Times of soft snow and deafening thunder, refrains of “Happy Birthday” and prayers and alphabets and nursery rhymes practiced by little ones. There were midnight bottles and countless diaper changes. There was the rapid succession of birthdays of baby boys growing up and increasing height marked against the wall.

Ever-shifting, ever-changing, ever-transforming...the only constant in life is change, as the saying goes. An unrelenting new normal.

This is true for you, as well. Our parish is not the same parish it was thirteen years ago or thirty or one hundred. There are new faces, and yesterday's new faces are now old. Some die, some move, some fall away, some join, some lead, some  
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rise, some fall. Bold voices grow feeble, strong hands grow weak, young hands and voices grow strong. The bell is tolled by different hands with each passing generation. There is death, there is life. Always a new normal. But there is always God, holding it all together in an odd dimension of reality, where all time collapses in on itself, and there is peace, and there is silence, and there is a joyous newness, new life, new hope for all.

A new kingdom normal.

*- Pastor Sarah Kretzmann*

## Worship in the Park



### Calamus Community Park

**Sunday, July 13  
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 13.

Normal schedule resumes July 20.

## Noisy Offering Collected July 20 and August 17



This year's Noisy Offering goes to the Calamus-Wheatland School District with the request from the councils that the monies be earmarked for the Nutrition and Health of the students.

## Fall Worship Schedule Beginning September 7



**8:00AM Worship  
Our Savior's Church  
2589 – 190th Avenue**

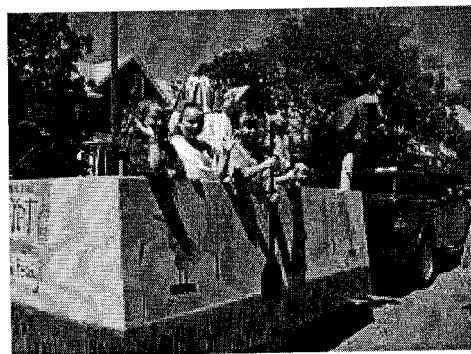


**10:30AM Worship  
Faith Church  
505 Second Street**



**9:25AM Sunday School  
& Adult Class  
Faith Church**

## 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 10 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!



## At the June Council Meetings

### Joint Council:

➤ Worship Committee finalized the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Calamus Park on July 13 with the offering designation selected by the Fun Days Committee.

➤ Service of the Word, Setting #5 from *With One Voice* will be used for summer worship services.

➤ Pastor Robeck will lead worship on July 27 and Council Presidents will lead worship on August 10.

➤ Worship Committee will not meet in July. The Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee provided and served food for the Family Fun Day on June 8; the float for the Calamus Fun Days will be created on Thursday, July 10, 6:00 p.m. at Witte Ready Mix Plant, Calamus; a golf outing is being planned for August and a picnic at Doug Bousset's pond is being planned for September.

➤ The Education Committee reported the VBS Family Fun Day at the Calamus Park was a great success with approximately 65 people in attendance – appreciation was expressed for the help from everyone who assisted in VBS and Family Fun Day.

### Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$4,214.63 and a working balance of \$15,826.54.

➤ Keith Gasper shared information regarding the installation of one air conditioning unit serving Pastor's Office, Secretary's Office and Preschool room; each room would have a separate control; Gasper will confirm current cost; Eric Hoffmann will check electrical load capabilities; Gasper will install interior units; exterior unit will be placed above the rear stairwell roof to allow efficient line access to the three rooms.

➤ Transfers of membership of Brian Lindaman to Faith Lutheran, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and of Ben Lindaman to Westwood Lutheran, St. Louis Park, Minnesota were accepted.

➤ Council members will continue to search for an accompanist for combined duties of worship services and choir accompanist.

➤ Approved paying Karen Porth \$100 for accompanying at five choir practices and one choir selection during worship.

### Our Savior's Council:

➤ Not Available

### Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

June 2013

Beginning Balance.....	\$1,542.73
Deposits .....	\$3,681.04
Disbursements.....	\$5,516.97
Ending Balance.....	\$(293.20)

## July Joint Council Meeting Time Change



When: Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Faith Lutheran Church

## July Choir Rehearsal for Calamus Community Worship

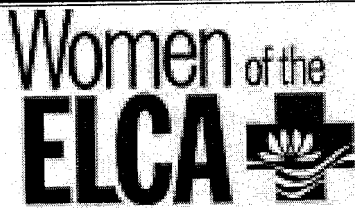


**Faith Church**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 8:00**

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

"How many times have you noticed that it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra-special meaning?"  
- Fred "Mr. Rogers"





## Of Many Generations: Mary, Elizabeth and Lydia

*"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of street to live in." - Isaiah 58:12*



**Friday, July 18 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**"Mary's Song:  
The Magnificat"**

**Hostess: Lois Wessels**  
**Leader: Jeannene Boussetot**

*We will meet at the Central Community  
Historical Society, 628 6th Ave, DeWitt  
Please bring a Sack Lunch*

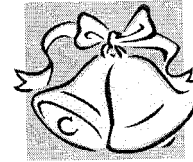


**Friday, August 15 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**"Lydia"**

**Hostess: Shirley Ferguson**  
**209 E. 11th Street Apt 5, DeWitt**  
**Bible Study Leader: Marsha Witte**

*(If you have some refreshments to share for  
brunch, please bring – if not, come anyway)*

## You Are Invited

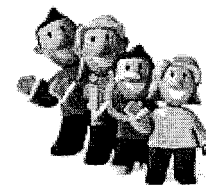


All friends and family are invited to attend the marriage ceremony of Pr. Sarah Kretzmann and Doug Goettsch. The wedding will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, Calamus, on Saturday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m. The reception follows at the CALCO at 6:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us!



(We have had many lovely inquiries as to whether folks can contribute refreshments at the reception; a snack table will be available, should anyone be so kindly inclined as to bring a snack to share during the reception. Contact Carrie Trenkamp 563.847.1232 if you have interest and/or questions. Thanks!)

## News About Our People



A memorial service was held for Dana Jacobsen on Sunday, June 8 at Chapman's Funeral Home, Wheatland. Dana passed away on May 12, 2014.

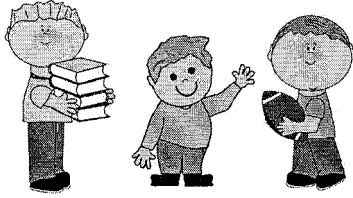


A funeral service was held for Myrtle Koslofsky on June 26 at Schultz Funeral Home in DeWitt with Myrtle's granddaughter, Reverend Stacy Grau, presiding. Myrtle passed away on June 22. Myrtle served as church organist at Faith Church for many years.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are small matters compared  
to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Sunday Morning Child Care for Christian, Jacob & Philip



July 6: Boys with Nate  
July 13: Boys with Nate  
July 20: Julie Gronewold  
July 27: Marcia/Alison Edens, Mark Olson  
August 3: Dirk and Annette Braet

## We Need Your Help!!



**We need your help if we want to keep this year's Basket Raffle the success it has been in past years! Last year we had 85 baskets!!**

The annual Basket Raffle is held in conjunction with Calamus Fun Days – this year it will be Saturday, July 12.

Anybody may donate a complete basket ready to go or to be wrapped – or – donate items to be put into baskets we have at the church. It's really fun to see how creative you can be! Please drop your donated baskets that need wrapping or basket items off at Faith –

**soon and very soon!**

If you need any ideas for putting together a basket, please call me, as I have a list compiled. We would rather wrap a few baskets at a time as we go, than be overwhelmed with this task the week before the raffle.

Andrea Shelton will, again, be my co-chair for this committee. **If you would like to give a monetary donation to the basket raffle, contact Dawn or Andrea Shelton (847-6221).**

Dawn Dosland 563-212-3352  
Basket Raffle Co-Chair

## God Squad Sunday Monthly Meeting



God Squad Welcomes all Junior High and High School Youth!

Where: Faith Church, in the Kitchen  
When: July 6 and August 3, 9:00 a.m.

## God Squad Lounge!



Who? All 7-12 graders  
When? 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays –  
July 2, 16 and 30  
August 13 and 27  
Where? Faith Church

## Women's Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study



Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Faith Church  
July 2, 16 and 30  
August 13 and 27

◆  
(Questions? Call Ashley Steffens 659-3133)

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness,  
nothing so gentle as real strength."  
- Francis deSales

## 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 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 16: Allison Henning  
Drew Braet  
Joyce Sands

July 17: Tom Olson  
Tyler Gasper  
Zach Shorter

July 18: Grant Olson

July 19 : Diane Wilhelm

July 21: Rod Smith  
Benjamin Doerscher

July 25: Terry Steines

July 26: Katy Petersen  
Marcia Edens  
Erica Will

July 28: Heather Gronewold

July 29: Jim Gronewold  
Riley Bruns

July 30: Faith Will

July 31: Tom McMahon  
Carter Dwyer  
Michaela Sersig  
Pat Shelton



July 3: Ed & Geneva Meadows

July 5: Brian & Wanda Elias

July 6: Thomas & Rebecca Braet

July 10: Bret & Dawn Dosland

July 13: Tim & Molly Olson

July 14: 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



Aug 1: Julie Gronewold

Aug 3: Robert Eric Olson  
Josh Jacobi

Aug 5: Bret Dosland

Aug 7: Ashlee Trafford

Aug 8: Brian Elias

Aug 10: Lenora Olson

Aug 11: Luke Shelton

Aug 12: Lucas Shorter

Aug 14: Judy McMahon  
Leonard Elsner

Aug 16: Alice Schroeder

Aug 18: Ole Olson

Aug 21: Lucas Webinger  
Brynlee Berger

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 31: Pastor Jim Higgins  
Denise Olson



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

If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office (246-2622) or clparish@fbcom.net.

## MINISTERS FOR JULY 2014

### FAITH

#### Ushers:

Yale Christensen  
Mike Tendall  
Adam Wilhelm  
Colette Christensen

#### Acolytes:

Serina Carpenter  
Ellie Carpenter

#### Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels, Laurie Storjohann

#### Communion Assistant:

Colette Christensen

#### Greeter:

July 6: Laurie Storjohann  
July 13: Community Worship in Park  
July 20: Jeannene Boussetot  
July 27: Colette Christensen

#### Lectors:

July 6: Colette Christensen  
July 13: Community Worship in Park  
July 20: Yale Christensen  
July 27: Heather Whitman

### OUR SAVIOR'S

#### Ushers:

Brian Boussetot  
Deb Detlefs

#### Acolyte:

Drake Olson

#### Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

#### Lector:

July 6: Grant Harkness  
July 13: Community Worship in Park  
July 20: Mark Olson  
July 27: Joe Morehead

#### Cleaners:

Shane and Amy Glover

#### Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

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		1	2 6:30 God Squad – F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F	3	4  Independence Day	5
6 8:00 Worship – F 9:00 God Squad – F 9:30 Worship - OS	7	8 7:00 Joint Council – F (No Education Meeting)	9 8:00 Choir Rehearsal for Community Worship - F	10 6:00 Float Assembly at Witte Ready Mix Plant in Calamus	11	12
13 Calamus Fun Days 10:00 Worship in the Park – Bring lawn chair Rain Site: CALCO	14	15	16 6:30 God Squad – F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F	17	18 9:00 Circles at Central Community Historical Society H-Lois Wessels L-Jeannene B. (Bring a sack lunch)	19
20 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	21	22	23	24	25	26 4:00 Pastor Sarah Kretzmann/Doug Goettisch Wedding – F 6:00 Reception – CALCO
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## MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 2014

### FAITH

#### Ushers:

Daryl Henning  
Doreen Henning  
Blaine Henning  
Kayla Henning/Ashley Steffens

#### Acolytes:

Austin Henning  
Andrew Grau

#### Altar Ministry:

Doreen Henning, Ashley Steffens

#### Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

#### Greeter:

August 3: Ashley Steffens  
August 10: Lois Wessels  
August 17: Doreen Henning  
August 24: Brian Tulley  
August 31: Lucy Lee-Petersen

#### Lectors:

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August 10: Shirley Ferguson  
August 17: Ashley Steffens  
August 24: Robin Costello-Smith  
August 31: Gary Braet

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Dan Burke  
Mark Olson

#### Acolyte:

Maia Glover

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**9:25AM Sunday School & Adult Class  
Faith Church**



**10:30AM Worship – Faith Church**

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## Calamus Lutheran Parish Summer Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 A.M. Worship

Faith Church

505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship

Our Savior's Church

2589 – 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rural Calamus



Sunday School/Adult Class

Resumes September 7

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