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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Worship Schedule**



**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus**

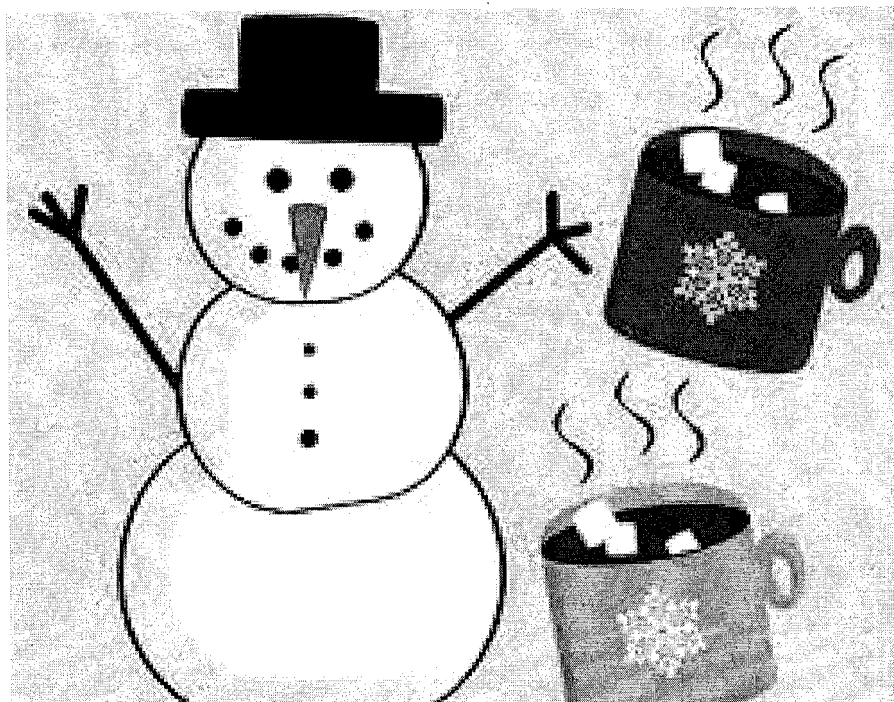


**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
Faith Lutheran Church
505 Second Street, town of Calamus**

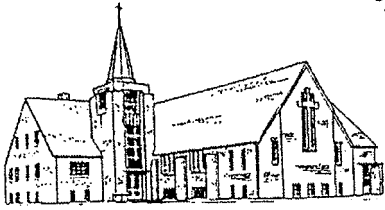
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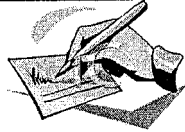


Our Savior's
2589 190th Avenue

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It is certainly one of the most difficult things that I have ever had to do. As the occasion would come closer it became increasingly difficult. No matter how many times I have had to do it, it never became easier. Saying good-bye to a congregation that I have served was very difficult, even heart-wrenching. In my approximately forty years or so of ministry I have had to leave many times. It began with my internship congregation in Regina, Saskatchewan, then my first congregations in Chariton and Corydon, Iowa, then on to the congregation I started in Davenport, then to Stanton and Villisca, Iowa, then down to Lawrence, Kansas, and finally to my congregation in Iowa City. I probably shouldn't say finally. I have since served and am serving four other congregations as an interim pastor after retirement. I should have a lot of practice saying good-bye. It never became easier. Yet unless I was able to say good-bye to one congregation I could not really say hello to the new congregation. In fact, the ELCA synod constitution says essentially that when you are leave you leave. And what is true for me is also true for the congregations to whom I have said good-bye. If they have not said good-bye to me they cannot say hello to the new pastor who is coming to serve them.

You are now in the position of saying both good-bye and hello. I know how difficult it is to say good-bye to someone who served you for as many years as did Pastor Sarah. Yet it is something that must be done. She has moved on to a new call at the University of Iowa. The synod constitution prevents her from coming back for any pastor duty of any kind except by the express invitation of the present pastor of the congregation. (Now, this is me and in the near future it will be your new pastor.)

This, of course, does not mean that she loves you any less, it just means the circumstances and situations have changed. I am sure that she maintains great love and feelings for you. And I am sure that you will want to maintain the friendships that you have with her, it is just that she can no longer serve you in a pastoral way.

There is something that you can do, something very important. I am sure that she would like you to pray for her. As I said she is beginning a new call with new responsibilities and I am sure she would very much appreciate your prayers for her, her family, and her new responsibilities. Remember her in your prayers each day. Give God thanks for her service here among you.

But your prayers should not end with praying for Pastor Sarah. You need to be in prayer for an unnamed pastor. You are at a very important moment in the life of your congregation. Your Call Committee is busy at work and they need your prayers for their work. I am sure that you have noticed that we remember the Call Committee in our prayers each Sunday morning. Pray for the unnamed pastor who will eventually accept the call to be your pastor. I am sure that person will be empowered to serve you if he/she knows that even before he/she received your call that you were holding him/her in prayer. It is how you prepare to receive and say hello to your new pastor.

As I said, if you do not say good-bye to your past pastor you cannot really say hello to your new pastor. It really does make the difference. Keep praying. One of the congregations I served as the interim pastor had a very difficult three years
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involving two pastors and three interim pastors. When I arrived I strongly and repeatedly encouraged them to pray for each other and their future. They are now doing very, very well with their new pastor. I recently asked a member what made the difference. She stated that previously they had not prayed enough. I agree with them. Again, let me state that you cannot say hello to a new pastor until you have said good-bye to a former pastor. I will pray that you welcome your new pastor with prayers and open arms.

In Christ's Name,
Pastor David A. Aanonson, Interim Pastor

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



Mid-week Lenten Worship
February 25 & March 4
Our Savior's Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.



March 11, 18 and 25
Faith Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

**The Noisy Offering Will Be
Received February 15**

**March 2015 Newsletter Items Due
February 20, please.**
Thanks for your cooperation!

Ash Wednesday Worship



February 18 – 7:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
(There is no meal this evening)

2015 Ministry Lists to be Compiled

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♪ February Choir Rehearsal ♪



Wednesday, February 11
7:00 p.m. ♪ Faith Church





At the January Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor reported he had visited members in the hospital; he will depart after services on March 1 to attend a Pastoral Conference through March 6 and will be unavailable during that time; the March 4 Lenten Service will be led by a parishioner; Pastor suggested the congregations assess the conditions of the parsonages prior to candidates visits.

➤ Worship Committee: the Vespers Service from the green hymnal will be used for Mid-week Lenten worship; Confirmation will be held on Pentecost, May 24 during the worship service at Faith – two youth will be confirmed; input from Joint Council will be sought to select the benefactor of the 2015 Noisy Offering.

➤ The Call Committee has contacted two candidates seeking more information about the vacancy.

➤ Annual Meeting reports have been submitted to Jeannene.

➤ The ELCA Walk for Water has been selected as the Noisy Offering beneficiary.

➤ Each group hosting the Lenten suppers may choose a designated beneficiary.

➤ The 2015 Proposed Pastoral Package and 2015 Proposed Secretary Salary Package was determined and will be presented to members of the congregations at their respective annual meetings on January 25.

Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$282.38 and a working balance of \$28,829.84.

➤ There have been no responses to the snow removal proposal.

➤ Annual meeting preparations are in the final stages.

➤ Hoffmann has installed the on-demand water heating system in the kitchen and connected two of the three stoves – one outlet remaining to be installed and all outlet covers are in place.

➤ Braet will explore the source and repair options for a water leak near a pipe by the elevator in the basement.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$537.25.

➤ Cindy Burke has volunteered to replace

Amy Glover on the Education Committee.

➤ A replacement for Yale Christensen for lawn care is needed.

➤ The proposed annual budget was reviewed.

➤ There is a possible replacement for Shane Glover on council.

➤ Approval was given for Lynn Olson's request to transfer his membership to Our Savior's.

➤ Approval was given to repair the roll for the church organ.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

December 2014

Beginning Balance.....	\$ (710.42)
Deposits	\$ 7,518.99
Disbursements.....	\$(6,271.32)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 537.25

Snow Removal Provider Needed at Faith Church

If you are interested in providing snow removal:

◆ Bills for monthly snow removal must be submitted for payment by the 5th of the following month.

◆ Bills must include the specific date for each snow removal.

◆ Bills must include the specific number of hours worked on each date.

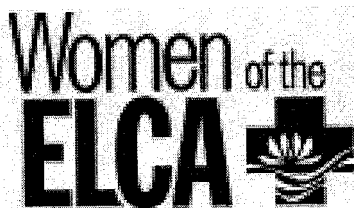
◆ Failure to provide accurate bill records may result in non-payment.

◆ \$25 per hour is the approved rate.

◆ If interested, contact someone on the Property and Management Committee: Hal Shelton, Keith Gasper, Brian Tulley, Eric Sands, Larry Schau or Daryl Henning.

Looking for Lawn Mowers at Our Savior's

Our Savior's is looking for someone to care for the lawns at Our Savior's Church and Our Savior's Kvindherred Cemetery. If you are interested, please contact Brian Boussetot (24-2776) or Dan Burke 563-823-8483.



Transforming Life and Faith

(Theme for 2014-2015)



"Making Conversion Last"

"He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing."

- Acts 8:38-39



Friday, February 20 – 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Lois Wessels

Leader: Diane Christensen

You Can Help Support Your Local FFA Chapters

The DeWitt Operahouse is hosting a unique performance of the play, *Map of My Kingdom*, on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. The one-hour show presents snapshots of farm families struggling with land transition. Faith and its relationship to the land is a theme present in the play. There will be a Panel Question and Answer session facilitated by Mary Swander after the performance. No admission is required but a \$5 donation is encouraged. All proceeds will be going to the FFA chapters at Calamus/Wheatland and Central of DeWitt High Schools. Call sponsor First Central Bank for questions at 563-659-3141.

News About Our People



A funeral service for **Dolores Johnson**, wife of Dick Johnson, was held on January 8 at Faith Lutheran Church. Dolores passed away on January 4.



On January 10 a funeral service was held at Faith Lutheran Church for **Evelyn Stueland**, wife of Vic Stueland, (deceased). Evelyn passed away on December 27, 2014.



Brent Matthew, son of Luke and Jessica Shelton, by means of Holy Baptism was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on January 11. Matthew and Jennifer Heitland were Brent's sponsors. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Brent.



Lynn Olson by Affirmation of Faith was received as a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on January 15. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Lynn.



Mary Timmerman, by means of Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on January 25. Mary's sponsor was Brian Bousset. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Mary.

Luther College Nordic Choir

Allen Hightower, Conductor



Tuesday, February 3 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

2136 Brady Street

Davenport Iowa

\$15 Adults, \$10 Students

Tickets available by calling 800-4-Luther or at tickets.luther.edu - Group discounts available



Luther League All Night Ski/Snowboarding at Sundown Mountain Resort Dubuque



Friday February 20-21
11 pm - 4 am
(Leaving Faith 9:00 pm)

Lift pass only - \$25
Lift pass/Lesson/Rental - \$42
(9 yrs and older)

Active God Squad members' fees are covered
by God Squad.

Any questions please contact:
Ashley Steffens: 563-210-2540



**Home Ownership
Informational Meetings**
Has Home Ownership Always
Seemed Like an Impossible Dream?
Come and learn how you can partner
with Habitat for Humanity to own
your own home.



Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.
Central Community High School,
DeWitt - (North Atrium Doors)



Saturday, February 7, 2:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
439 3rd Ave. South, Clinton
(Gathering Place)



By the grace of God and the call of the church

Michelle Kristine Kanzaki

will be ordained

to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church
on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

2136 Brady Street, Davenport.

The Reverend Brian Mass, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Reception to follow.

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**"Words which do not give the light of Christ
increase the darkness."**

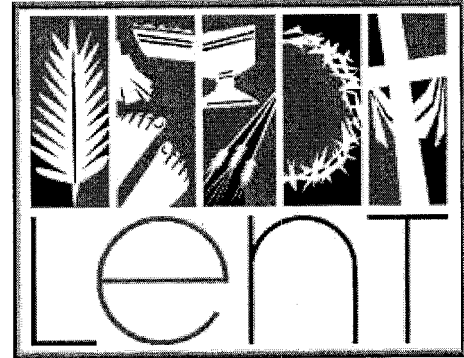
- Mother Theresa

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

February 17: Sherry & Delores Lahann
 February 18: Lynn & Katie Olson
 February 20: Heather & Mike Whitman

If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office.



Lent is a time of returning to God. It is a time to confess how we keep looking for joy, peace, and satisfaction in the many people and things surrounding us without really finding what we desire. Only God can give us what we want. So we must be reconciled with God.

- *Henri Nouwen*

There is no justification without sanctification, no forgiveness without renewal of life, no real faith from which the fruits of new obedience do not grow.

- *Martin Luther*

Lord Jesus,
 You are my righteousness,
 I am your sin.

You took on you what was mine;
 yet set on me what was yours.

You became what you were not,
 that I might become what I was not.

- *Martin Luther*

MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm

Acolytes:

Kale Whitman
Karragan Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Communion Assistant:

Ruth Braet

Greeter:

February 1: Clara Wilhelm
February 8: Judy McMahon
February 15: Shirley Ferguson
February 22: Diane Wilhelm

Lectors:

February 1: Jeannene Boussetot
February 8: Terri Boussetot
February 15: Shirley Ferguson
February 22: Robin Costello-Smith

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Brian Boussetot
Deb Detlefs

Acolyte:

Drake Olson

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lector:

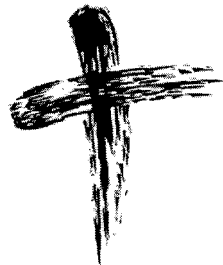
February 1: Jason Boussetot
February 8: Cindy Burke
February 15: Brian Boussetot
February 22: Katrina Harkness

Cleaners:

Jason and Chad Boussetot

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

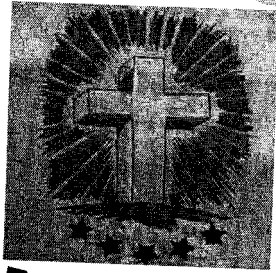


February 18 – 7:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 GOD SQUAD BAKE SALE 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	2	3	4 6:00 Confirmation Class – F	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	9	10 7:00 Committee Night – OS	11 6:00 Confirmation Class – F 7:00 Choir Rehearsal – F	12 6:00 Worship Committee – OS 7:00 Joint Council – OS	13	14
15 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	16	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Worship – OS	19	20 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Lois Wessels L-Diane Christensen	21
22 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	23	24	25 6:00 Lenten Supper – OS 7:00 Midweek Lenten Worship – OS	26	27	28

GLP God Squad



NEWS

~ FEBRUARY 2015 ~

As I write 2015 for the first time, I still can't believe another year has passed and a new one is beginning. We had such a great 2014, I am excited to see what 2015 has in store for us! Please join us for our new Sunday School Class, Sundays at 9:25am; we follow ELCA Faith Lens Online Devotions, which have proven to be interesting and inspirational for both the youth and adults.

Angel Tree Project 2014 Report: we raised enough money to sponsor 20 Local Angel's this year. We are thankful for all the generous support from our congregation that makes this possible every year - Thank You!

2015 Overnight Ski Trip is FEBRUARY 20th 11pm to 4pm. Friends and Family are welcome to join in the fun, cost and additional details are listed to the left. Please sign up or contact Ashley, Colette or Heather.

NEW IN 2015!!!

2015 Spare Change Program: 7th-12th Grade Sunday School has selected a spare change program to raise money for the purchasing of livestock for communities in need and items for the CALCO; Please plan on to bring spare change to Sunday School each Sunday.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!! We are looking for other activity ideas, please join us and share your ideas

February Fund Raising

Bake Sale: 02/01/2015

Our Saviors, meet at 8:45am
Faith, meet at 9:15am and 10:15am
Food donation can be left at either church in kitchen prior to service or night before.

T-Shirt Sale: 02/01/2015

Join in the fun and buy your **Calamus Lutheran Parish T-Shirt** today! We have sizes Youth-Med, Adult Small, Adult Med, Adult Large, and Adult XL available immediately upon request, Cost is \$15.

February Service

Helping Hands Crew:

We are still looking for youth members interested in earning some community service/volunteer hours. Activities could include helping decorate or take down holiday decorations, yard work, shoveling sidewalks/driveways, community events that need extra help, etc. Contact Heather Grau to be added to the list today, and lets start giving our church member and community a helping hand!

February Fellowship

Overnight Ski Trip: 02/20/2015

Time for our Annual Overnight Ski Trip; all God Squad Members, Friends and Family. Skiing is from 11pm Feb 20th until 4am Feb 21st. Meeting/departure time to be announced next Month. **Cost is \$25 for Lift Pass Only and \$42 for Lift Pass-Lesson-Rental (9yrs and older) - Active God Squad Members fees are covered by God Squad. Sign-Up is due Feb 1st!!!**

February Happenings!

- † Feb 1st - God Squad Monthly Meeting
- † Feb 1st - Bake Sale at both Services
- † Feb 1st - Ski Trip Sign-Up due
- † Feb 20th - Overnight Ski Trip

CONFIRMATION CORNER:

"Free to Be" Confirmation students;
Please remember to attend:

**Class Time - Wednesdays at 6pm, Faith
Sunday School - Sundays at 9:25am, Faith
Worship Time - Sundays at 8:30am, Our Saviors
or 10:30am, Faith.**

Adult Advisor: Ashley Steffens 563.210.2540

Colette Christiansen 563.212.2865

Heather Grau 563.424.0507