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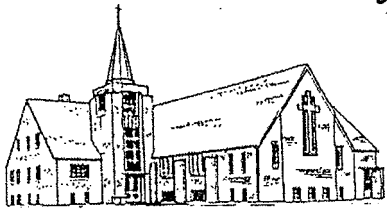
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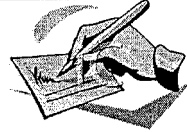
Our Savior's

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For the next few weeks at worship I will be greeting you with the words, "*The Lord is risen.*" And you will respond, "*He is risen indeed.*" This is an ancient greeting of the Church. It is also an ancient confession of faith of the Church. This is the Church's Easter greeting.

I could also just as well say to you at worship or any other time, "*You are risen.*" And you could just as well respond with the words, "*I am risen indeed.*" It is true. This is an Easter greeting to you 365 days of the year. This is true for you every day. I know that we often say that we celebrate every Sunday as an Easter. When we count the forty days of Lent we omit the Sundays because a Sunday is never a "fasting" day; it is always a feast day because it is always a celebration of Easter, the day that God our Father through the power of the Holy Spirit raised His Son Jesus Christ to life. The movement is from death to life. This is a moment that happened once, never to be repeated? Well, no! It is repeated and repeated many times every day in your life.

On the day that you were baptized God through the Holy Spirit drowned the old person, the old sinful person (even if you were an infant). And God through the Holy Spirit raised you up to be a new person. In that Holy Baptism God sees you dressed in the righteousness of Christ and He gives you the gifts of forgiveness of sins, delivers you from death, and gives to you eternal life. Baptism does that.

Now, we may think that we were baptized (past tense) and let it go at that. That is not the way Martin Luther thought about Baptism (thank God). Baptism is once and every day for Luther. Luther would not say, "I was baptized," but "I am baptized." Baptism is once and every day. It is

called "daily baptism." For Luther the benefits of baptism are not just a past event or a future event, but happen each and every day of your life. In other words you live each day with your sins forgiven, with death no long the orientation of your life, and with eternal life as a gift whereby you believe that you pass through the gate of death to life with Christ forever.

Each day is now a day that the Holy Spirit drowns the old sinful person and each day the Holy Spirit raises you to new life. Each day you experience a Good Friday and an Easter. Each day is your Good Friday when you die to sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Each day is your Easter when you are raised to new life by the power of the Holy Spirit. So, you see, I could say to you, "*You are risen.*" And you could answer, "*I am risen indeed.*" You are indeed risen because the Holy Spirit on this day has raised you to new life once again, and will do so again tomorrow, and the day after and the day after and the day after that. Easter is every day because of God's work through the cross and resurrection and God's work through your Holy Baptism.

Luther continually reminded us that the life of one who has been baptized is a life of daily returning to one's baptism. We do that through repentance, contrition and repentance. Contrition is to know the pain of our sin, the pain it causes us, causes our neighbor, and causes our God. Repentance is to turn, again by the work of the Holy Spirit, back toward God away from sin. When we do that we once again rely on God's promise in Holy Baptism. The sinful person is drowned dead and God raises up a new person, the new person who is oriented toward new life in Christ. There we find God
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once again who receives us in His all embracing love. Thus we live each day of our life raised to new life, a life of thanksgiving to God who daily raises us from death to life. To God who gives us the promise of an Easter each day of our life until we join our Lord in one great Easter celebration. "You are risen."

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

Easter Morning Activities



The God Squad will be preparing a breakfast that will be served from 8:00—9:30 a.m. following the 7:00 Easter Worship Service at Our Savior's. There will be a free-will offering for the breakfast.

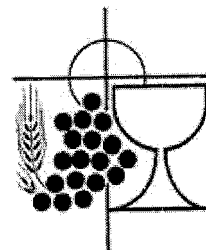


An Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the God Squad will be held at 8:45 a.m. at Our Savior's. Bring the little ones and watch the fun and excitement!

**There is no Sunday School,
God Squad or Adult Class
Easter Sunday.
Classes resume at 9:25 a.m. on
April 12 at Our Savior's.**

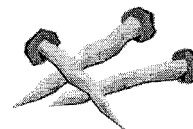


Holy Week Schedule



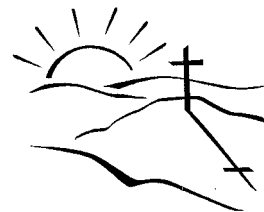
Maundy Thursday

April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Church



Good Friday

April 3, 7:00 p.m.
Faith Church



Easter Sunday

April 5
7:00 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's
8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Our Savior's
8:45 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt – OS
9:30 a.m. – Worship at Faith Church

**Confirmation Class Resumes
Wednesday, April 1 - 6:00 p.m.
Faith Church**



At the March Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Pastor Aanonson has been visiting members in the hospital and nursing homes.
- Worship Committee has discussed upcoming services through Easter; proposed the early Easter service be changed from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. because of the traveling distance for Pastor – later service would remain at 9:30 a.m.
- Council approved earlier starting time of 7:00 a.m. for the early Easter service.
- Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Cosmic Bowling outing.
- The Education Committee reviewed the successful past year of Vacation Bible School and plan to again hold VBS after school the first 3 Wednesdays of May.

➤ Call Committee had an interview with a second candidate on February 28 and has decided not to proceed with that candidate. There is the possibility of another candidate to interview.

➤ Congregations will serve the March CALCO breakfast.

Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$486.01 and a checkbook balance of \$30,858.46.

➤ Because the Sunday School offerings are much less than the amount committed to Compassion International, the item will be changed from a designated category to a budgeted category so it will not always show a deficit.

➤ Lenten Service offerings were approved to be designated to Compassion International.

➤ Diane Wilhelm and Mike Tendall have been added to the nominating committee.

➤ The plaster repair in the church has been completed and paid for.

➤ Bats have been found in the church and a solution will be looked into.

➤ There is a leak on the return line of the boiler that appears to have gotten worse. The floor/cement will have to be removed over the area, the leak repaired and then recovered and retiled.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$ -1,733.58.

➤ There have been two inquiries regarding

pay, time, etc. for lawn mowing at the church and cemetery.

➤ Cleaning day will be March 28 at 8:00 a.m. with April 4 as the rain date.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report February 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$1,429.15
Deposits	\$3,100.35
Disbursements.....	\$(6,263.08)
Ending Balance.....	\$(1,733.58)

**May 2015 Newsletter Items Due
April 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

April Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 15 - 8:00
Faith Church

**FIGHT
THE FEVER**



"O Lord my God, I called to you
for help and you have healed me."
- Psalm 30:2



ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Transforming Life and Faith

(Theme for 2014-2015)



"Inspired By The Risen Lord"

"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8



Friday, April 17 – 10:30 a.m.

(Meet at Crossroads Garden Cafe

602 – 10th Street, DeWitt

We will order lunch from the menu following the Bible Study)

Hostess: Jeannene Boussetot

Leader: Marsha Witte



*Melissa Sue Aston
and
Mitchel Yale Christensen*

invite you to share in their joy as they vow their lives to one another on Saturday, the eleventh of April, Two thousand and fifteen at three-thirty in the afternoon.

*Faith Lutheran Church
505 Second Street Calamus Iowa
Reception 5:30 at CALCO, Calamus*



Almighty God,
you give us the joy of
celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life
in your service,
and bring us at last
to the full joy of life eternal;
through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- April 1: Trina Knoche
Karlee Rock
- April 2: Daryl Henning
- April 4: Lindsey Hewer
Alisha Adams
- April 6: Mallory Boussetot
Terry Cunningham
- April 9: Rebecca Shorter
- April 10: Norman Boussetot
Hans Olson
- April 11: Brittany Hoffmann
James Koch
- April 12: Jeremy Koch
- April 13: Nila Mason
- April 14: Geri Schutt
- April 15: Jeff Henning
- April 17: Nancy Olson
- April 18: Matthew Gronewold
- April 20: Hal Shelton
Bus Seastrand
- April 21: Michael Hoker
- April 22: Angela Ihns
- April 24: Brandon Knudtsen
Mickenzie Allen
- April 25: Larry Schau
- April 28: Marcella Husen
- April 29: Bryce Erickson
Rita Seastrand
- ♥
- April 6: Oscar and Joan Shelton (68 years!)
- April 7: Paul and Carla Olson
- April 8: Chris & Tara Sersig
- April 9: Pastor Solveig and Michael Zamzow
- April 13: Lonny and Diane Sievers
- April 22: Yale and Brenda Christensen
- April 26: Hally and Dennis Haley
- April 30: Jeremy and Sarah Koch

The Sweet Scent of Forgiveness



*"Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds
on the heel that has crushed it."*

- Mark Twain



Wednesday Bible School May 6, 13 and 20 After School to 5:30PM Faith Lutheran Church, 505 2nd Street in Calamus

Catch the Buzz! invites children to add their hands, their voices, their minds and their hearts to being apart of God's work in the world. Through Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, stories and songs, children will learn about malaria and how it is affecting children around the world. They will also have the opportunity to join in the fight to end malaria. but, most importantly, children will learn about how much God loves them and all God's children. They will experience how God works through their hands and the hands of others to make a real difference in the world for God's people.

After-school Bible School was a big hit in 2014. That means it is important for all children to register and make arrangements with the school to ride the bus to the church after school.

Children of Faith and Our Savior's may invite their friends and neighbors to join them at Wednesday Bible School. It is for **children age 4 through grade 6.**

Registration forms are available in the April parish newsletter, the church office and the office at Calamus/Wheatland Elementary School.



Wednesday Bible School
Faith Lutheran Church, 505 2nd Street in Calamus
3:30 to 5:30 May 6, May 13, May 20
For children age 4 through grade 6

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 April 20, 2015.

You may use one form for a family.

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

CUT _____

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 _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Emergency Information

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

Contact _____

Relationship to child _____

Phone _____



~ APRIL 2015 ~

With Spring here, so begins another busy season. Due to Easter falling on the first Sunday of the Month, our monthly meeting will be held March 29th... please join us we have some fun activities coming up!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT 2015:

This is a fun event we host yearly between services for the kids of our parish. Plan to meet Saturday April 4th at 1:00pm at Our Saviors. Bring 1 Bag of Candy to contribute to the eggs.

APRIL Sunday School:

If you haven't made Sunday School, join us this month... check the letter that came in March or contact a leader for more information on **WHY!!!!**

DON'T FORGET YOUR SPARE CHANGE!!!

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.

April Fund Raising

Easter Breakfast: 04/05/2015

Our Saviors, meet at 7:45am
Serving from 8am to 9:30am
Every one please bring 1 9x13 Egg Casserole and assigned item (check letter should have received in March... or contact leader)

BAKE SALE: 04/12/2015

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.

April Service

Easter Egg Hunt: 04/05/2015

Our Saviors, 8:45am to 9:00am

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!

Wheatland Manor:

We are looking to get a group together to either play games or host bingo, are you game? Let us know, this is a great way to give back!!!

April Fellowship

Busy month...

April Happenings!

- † Apr 4th – Easter Event Prep Day (stuff eggs, set up tables)
- † Apr 5th – Easter Breakfast
- † Apr 12th - Bake Sale at both Services
- † May 3rd - LAST BAKE SALE

SUMMER BREAK!!!

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.**

Flowers Will Soon Be Blooming – Can You Find The Hidden Flowers?

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 PEONY
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 THISTLE
 YARROW

CARNATION
 CORNFLOWER
 LAVENDER
 MARIGOLD
 SAFFLOWER
 SUNFLOWER
 TULIP

COLUMBINE
 DAFFODIL
 LILAC
 MIMOSA
 SNAPDRAGON
 TAZETTA
 WAXFLOWER

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Mark Witte
Dirk Braet
Brian Tulley
Gary Braet
Dick Johnson

Acolytes:

Beth Tulley
Ann Tulley

Altar Ministry:

Mark & Marsha Witte

Communion Assistant:

Dirk Braet

Greeter:

April 5: Marilyn Steward
April 12: Dirk Braet
April 19: Keith Steward
April 26: Mark Witte

Lectors:

April 5: Brian Tulley
April 12: Mark Witte
April 19: Alan Lee
April 26: Sharyl Banowetz

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

David Olson
Dan Burke

Acolyte:

Maia Glover
Hailey Glover

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

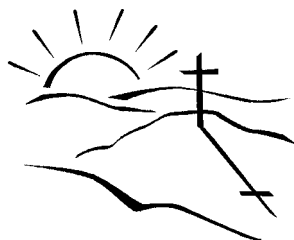
Lector:

April 5: Amy Glover
April 12: Cindy Burke
April 19: Deb Detlefs
April 26: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Art & Sharon 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.



Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. – Worship at Our Savior's Church
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Our Savior's Church
8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Our Savior's Church
9:30 a.m. – Worship at Faith Church

APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 Worship - OS	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Worship - F	4 8:00 Rain Date for Clean-up at Our Savior's 1:00 Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt Prep Day
5 EASTER 7:00 Worship - OS 8:00- Breakfast - OS 8:45 Easter Egg Hunt- OS 9:30 Worship - F (No SS/GS/AC)	6	7 7:00 Education Committee - OS (No Christian Outreach/ Stewardship)	8 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	9	10	11 3:30 Mitch Christensen/Melissa Aston Wedding - F 5:30 Reception at CALCO
12 Bake Sale	13	14	15 6:00 Confirmation Class - F 8:00 Choir Rehearsal - F	16 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:00 Joint Council - OS	17 10:30 Naomi Circle Crossroads Garden Cafe, DeWitt H-Jeannene B L: Marsha Witte	18
19 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	20	21	22 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	27	28	29 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	30		

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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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