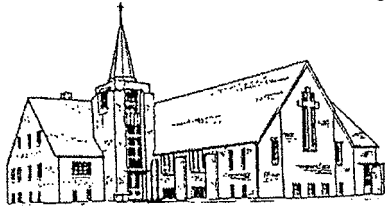


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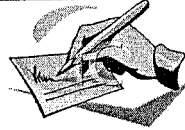


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It is still Easter. As I write this we are in the fourth week of Easter. We are, perhaps, more aware that we live in the glow of Easter during this season of the church's year than we are at other times of the year. Perhaps we understand better at this time of year what Easter means for us. Of course, we know that Jesus died and that God raised Him to new life, so that we, too, can enjoy the new life. I think that we often think of it as "opening" the door of heaven for us. And that is true. That is sort of a future tense thing. But now, in the present, what does Easter mean for us. What does it mean for you today that you live in the glow of Easter?

We know, we have heard many times, that because of Easter we have received God's grace, that is, His love, His forgiveness, and His acceptance of us as His child. We are promised that in our Holy Baptism. We know that we live in that promise every day the rest of our life. This is a daily gift that we receive from God. It is called daily baptism. Each day the Holy Spirit drowns our own sinful self, the old person, the old Adam, whatever we may call it. Each day the Holy Spirit raises up a new you, who in the eyes of God is a new person dressed in the righteousness of Christ. Each day we are a new person, a new person who has a new life. Think of that, each day God sees you as a new person. The old sins of yesterday are gone, forever. The old sins of yesterday are forgotten by God, forever. Think of that. In the eyes of God you really are a new person. WOW!

Ah! But there is more to this, and it is much more difficult than being the recipient of God's overwhelming grace. Because we are a new person we live a different life than the one lived by the old sinful self. By the power of the Holy Spirit we live

our lives as a reflection of the grace we have received from God. In other words, the love that I daily receive from God, I now grant that same love to my neighbor, all my neighbors. The forgiveness that I daily receive from God, I now grant that same forgiveness to my neighbor, all my neighbors. The acceptance that I daily receive from God, I now grant that same acceptance to my neighbor, all my neighbors. That is the hard part, the difficulty of grace.

To truly love another person means that we also truly forgive the other person. Now, forgiveness does not mean that we accept whatever the other person has done or said. It does not mean that we accept the other person's opinions or beliefs. What it does mean is that we do not let these things keep the person from being our neighbor. It may even mean that we live in disagreement with that other person forever. Yet, we always treat each other as neighbors. It is, after all, forgiveness that allows us to live together as a community, as a church, as a family. Without forgiveness there is only destruction. It may mean that we may have to swallow our pride (one of the seven deadly sins). But it truly is as we pray, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Forgiveness is just what we do, because it is what God has chosen to do. As an Easter person, as a new person in Jesus Christ, it is just what we do and it is just who we are, again as a new person in Christ. So, look around you. Whom ought you forgive even as you have been forgiven? Now, you may think that by forgiving someone you give them the gift of new life, and you do. But the odd secret is that in forgiving your neighbor you are the one who receives new life.

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You are no longer bound by your anger, but are now free from that anger.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." It is who we are newly created to be each day of our life. It is what allows us to live as God would have us live, as neighbors. (If you want to know what it means to be a neighbor, then review Luther's Small Catechism, especially wherever Luther asks the question, "What does this mean?")

In Christ's Name,
Pastor David A. Aanonson

Summer Schedule Begins May 31



8:00 Worship – Our Savior's
9:30 Worship – Faith

Mark Your Calendars!

**The last day of Sunday School
will be May 17.**

**Sunday School and Adult Class
will resume**

September 13 at Faith.

**June 2015 Newsletter Items Due
May 20, please.**

Thanks for your cooperation!

Southeast Iowa Synod Assembly

"In the Name of Jesus"

Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines
May 29—30, 2015

We are used to praying "in the name of Jesus." But what does it mean to live and serve "in the name of Jesus?" Join us for the 2015 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, as we worship, sing, share stories of our faith, and act... *In the Name of Jesus.*

This year's assembly will include election of Synod Council members, Synod Secretary, and voting members to the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. Rev. M. Wyvetta Bullock will serve as the churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA. We will also welcome special guest artist, Paul Oman, at this year's synod assembly.

Please support in prayer all delegates who will be attending and helping to make decisions, especially those from our congregations: Pastor Aanonson and from Our Savior's – Joe Morehead and from Faith – Mark and Marsha Witte.

PENTECOST



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2.4

"The true, living faith,
which the Holy Spirit instills into the heart,
simply cannot be idle."

- Martin Luther



At the April Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Pastor reported he will be gone July 5—12.
- Worship Committee has confirmed Holy Trinity and Pentecost worship services.
- Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee reported a good turn-out for the cosmic bowling event.
- Education Committee announced that on Sunday, May 3, Sunday School students will go to Wheatland Manor to sing and hand out May baskets to the residents; the last day of Sunday School will be May 17; Education Committee will meet April 29 to discuss Bible School which will be held the first 3 Wednesdays in May.
- Call Committee has interviewed a third candidate by Skype and will be making contact to see if the candidate would like to meet for formal interview.

➤ The summer worship schedule has been approved to begin on May 31: 8:00 a.m. Worship Service at Our Savior's and 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at Faith.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$168.44 and a working balance of \$30,621.05.
- The bat problem in the church and ceiling fan are still being worked out.
- Still waiting for the assessment from Lowden Plumbing and Heating regarding the boiler leak.
- Approved a request from Duane and Donna Petersen to have their membership accepted by Affirmation of Faith from Grace Lutheran, DeWitt to Faith Lutheran.

➤ Approved a request for termination of membership from Faith Church by Brad, Caleb, Serina, Ellie and Jace Carpenter.

➤ Spring Clean-up Day has been set for Saturday, April 25 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports showing a balance of \$-1,354.80 were distributed.
- Parsonage renters have offered to mow the church lawn.
- Chris and Lori Forret submitted a bid to mow Our Savior's Kvindherred Cemetery and the council awarded them the contract.

➤ Jason reported the roll top and reed have been repaired on the church organ.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report March 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$(1,733.58)
Deposits	\$ 7,624.47
Disbursements.....	\$(7,245.69)
Ending Balance.....	\$(1,354.80)

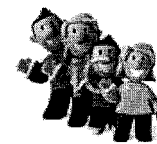
♪ **May Choir Rehearsal** ♪ **Wednesday, May 20 - 8:00** **Faith Church**

Affirmation of Baptism



The Calamus Lutheran Parish has two confirmands this year, both from Faith Lutheran Church: Noah Mullin, son of Luke and Paula Webinger and Beth Tulley, daughter of Brian and Deb Tulley. The affirming of the baptism vows made for them, when they were infants by parents and sponsors will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 24 at Faith Lutheran Church.

News About Our People



Mitchel Christensen and Melissa Aston were married at Faith Lutheran Church on April 11.

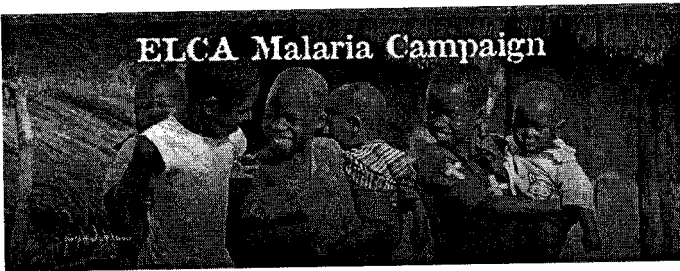


Oliver Robert, son of Thomas and Rebecca Barnes, by means of Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on April 12. Oliver's sponsors were Daniel and Sadie Braet.

Sunday School Children to Visit Wheatland Manor

The God Squad has planned a visit to Wheatland Manor. The Sunday School children have made gifts for the residents. So...on **Sunday, May 3, the children of the parish will meet at Wheatland Manor during Sunday School time.** Parents, please take your children directly to Wheatland Manor at 9:30 instead of to church for Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to stay and help the children deliver May baskets to the residents. It is also important to stay and provide rides back home or to Faith for worship.

ELCA Malaria Campaign



Five years ago the ELCA joined global efforts to fight malaria by launching the

ELCA Malaria Campaign.

What started as a dream to raise \$15 million by 2015 is now on the verge of becoming a reality. The ELCA is within 10 percent of the goal. More than two million people have been empowered by Lutheran malaria programs to change their lives for the better. Faith and Our Savior's responded to this appeal in 2012. The noisy offerings that year were collected in memory of Elia Homange who had died from malaria in October 2011. The total donation from the parish to the ELCA Malaria Campaign in 2012 was over \$5000. Remember that a \$10 gift provides education, preventative medicine and treatments. Prayerfully consider one more gift to make malaria history.

"When we touch the sick and needy,
we touch the suffering body of Christ."

- Mother Theresa



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

Catch the Buzz!

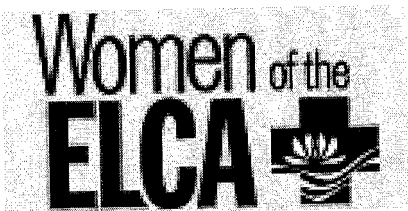
Children of Faith and Our Savior's may invite their friends and neighbors to join them at **Wednesday Bible School.** It is for children age 4 through grade 6. Parents must make arrangements with the school to have their children ride the bus to the church after school. Bible School ends at 5:30.

The Wednesday Bible School program is titled
"Catch the Buzz."

Children will learn about malaria and how it is affecting children around the world. Through Bible stories and activities, children will learn about how much God loves them and all God's children. They will experience how God works through the hands of people to make a real difference in the world.



Happy
Mother's
Day



Transforming Life and Faith

(Theme for 2014-2015)



"The Church

Transforming and Reforming"

After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called...'"

— Acts 15:13—17



Friday, May 15 – 10:30 a.m.
(Meet at Crossroads Garden Cafe, De Witt)

Hostess: Janice Berger
Leader: Marsha Witte

Open House Graduation Party

for

Connor Alan Gasper,
son of Keith and Tracy Gasper



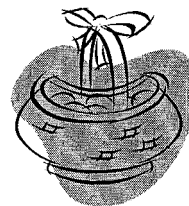
Sunday, May 17, 3:00—7:00 p.m.
Wapsi Oaks Country Club
Everyone Welcome!

Graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School



Two members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish are graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School: from Faith—Connor Gasper, son of Keith and Tracy Gasper and Matthew Gronewold, son of Jim and Julie Gronewold. Congratulations to you both!

It's Basket Time Again!



It's that time of year again to be thinking about our annual Faith Women's Basket Raffle which is held in conjunction with Calamus Fun Days. This year it will be Saturday, July 11.

If you have any empty baskets you would like to donate, please drop them off in the basement at Faith. We prefer medium to large size baskets.

Anybody may donate items to be put into baskets we have at the church. Please drop your donated basket items off at Faith, or if you'd rather donate cash, we'll do the shopping for you (but not the week before the raffle). If you need any ideas for putting together a basket, please call me, as I have a theme 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. It's really fun to see how creative you can be!

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 2: Bobbie Hesse
Tim Olson

May 3: Jean McNeil
Courtney Knoche
Heather Grau

May 4: Nolan Christensen

May 5: Kale Whitman

May 6: Robert Voss
Noah Maske
Meagan Berger

May 7: Sarah Koch
Lans Carstensen
Alicia O'Donnell
Ben Untiedt
Jason Sullivan

May 8: Jacob Grau

May 11: Marilyn Schau
Victoria Cunningham

May 12: Mark Witte

May 14: Lois Wilhelm

May 15: Natalie Tendall
Brayden Williams
Nora Glover

May 16: Randy Behne
Meggan Septer

May 17: Logan Bickel

May 18: Kara Olson

May 19: Roger Ihns
Nick Storjohann
Caylee Boussetlot
Tysen Steffens

May 21: Doug Boussetlot
Pastor Brenda Peconge

May 23: Courtni Knudtsen
Alison Edens
Emma Olson

May 24: Keith Steward
William Schaver
Kenneith Schaver

May 26: Yale Christensen
Amy Glover
Rusty Porth
Caden Will
Austin Hewer

May 27: Jesse Jackson
Isabella Spooner
Brayleigh Schaver

May 28: Meryne Henning

Lena Perrone

May 30: Dave Whitman
Garrett Perrone

May 31: Lucy Lee-Petersen
Skye Doerscher
Karen Eschbach
♥

May 1: Kristin & Roy Schlinkert

May 7: Daniel & Megan Will

May 8: Shane & Amy Glover

May 9: Sheri & Doug Siemen

May 10: Alice & Kenny Fitzgerald

May 11: Lance & Wendy Seastrand

May 13: Eric & Joyce Sands

May 18: Luke & Jessica Shelton
Dave & Tammy Olive

May 20: Dion & Dawn Olson
Scott & Theresa Grau

May 24: Kevin & Kim Miller

May 26: Zach & Rebecca Shorter

May 31: Ashley & Troy Steffens

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

Calamus Lions Club Blood Drive



Monday, May 18, 2:30—6:00 p.m.
CALCO, 201 Main Street



Sign up by calling Paul Ketelsen
563-357-0064 or online at
www.bloodcenterimpact.org
Walk-ins are Welcome!

Relay For Life

Join the American Cancer Society in fighting back against this disease by participating in this year's Relay For Life of Clinton County on Friday, June 5, at Camanche High School. Everyone is invited to form a team and attend – so come out and experience the power of Relay! To learn more call 888.266.2071, ext. 7156, or visit our website, www.relayforlife.org/clintoncountyia.

With sincere thanks, Jodi Federspiel

MINISTERS FOR MAY 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Ruth Braet
Judy McMahon
Andrea Shelton
Laurie Storjohann

Acolytes:

Ethan Wilhelm
Austin Henning

Altar Ministry:

Ruth Braet
Annette Braet

Communion Assistant:

Marsha Witte

Greeter:

May 3: Sharyl Banowetz
May 10: Terri Boussetot
May 17: Rusty Porth
May 24: Vera St. John
May 31: Meryne Henning

Lectors:

May 3: Laurie Storjohann
May 10: Lois Wessels
May 17: Rusty Porth
May 24: Ruth Braet
May 31: Annette Braet

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Brian Boussetot
Mark Olson

Acolyte:

Drake Olson

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

May 3: Jason Boussetot
May 10: Brian Boussetot
May 17: Marcia Edens
May 24: David Olson
May 31: Dan Burke

Cleaners:

Brian Boussetot
Dylan 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.

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning May 31



8:00 a.m. Worship – Our Savior's Church

9:30 a.m. Worship – Faith Church

MAY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 God Squad Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 AC - F 9:25 SS at Wheatland 10:30 Worship - F	4	5 7:00 Committee Night - F	6 3:30-5:30 Bible School - F 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	7 6:00 Worship Committee - F 7:00 Joint Council - F 8:00 Choir - F	8	9
10 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	11	12	13 3:30-5:30 Bible School - F 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	14	15 10:30 Naomi Circle H-Janice Berger at Crossroads Cafe L-Diane Christensen	16
17 Last Day of Sunday School 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	18	19	20 3:30-5:30 Bible School - F 6:00 Confirmation Class - F 8:00 Choir - F	21	22	23
24 Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday 8:00 Worship - OS 10:30 Worship - F	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29 SELA Synod Assembly at Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines "In the Name of Jesus"	30 SELA Synod Assembly at Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines "In the Name of Jesus"
31 SUMMER SCHEDULE 8:00 Worship - OS 9:30 Worship - F						

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**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
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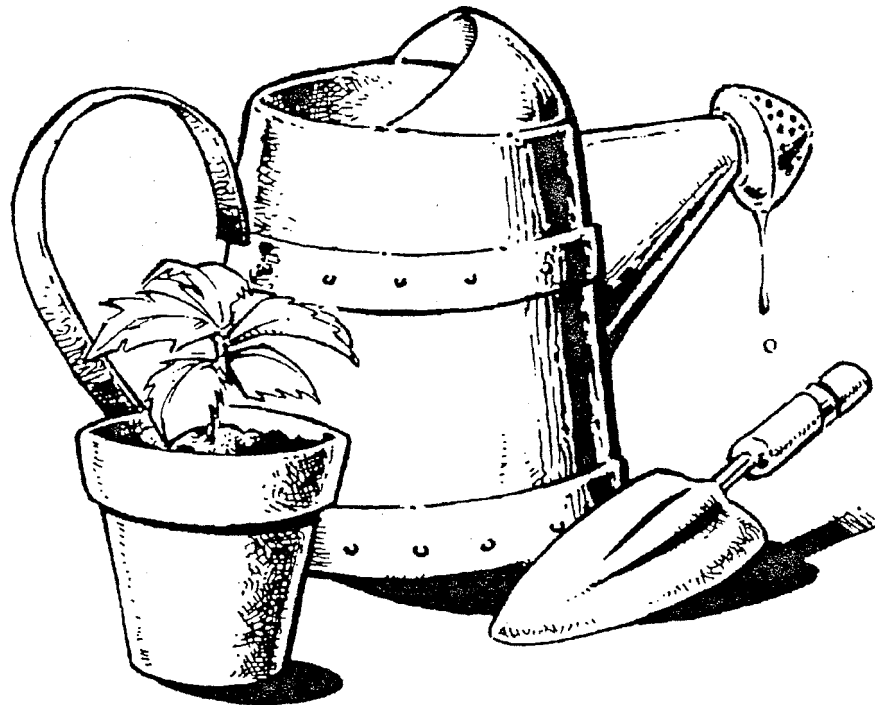


**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church**



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

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