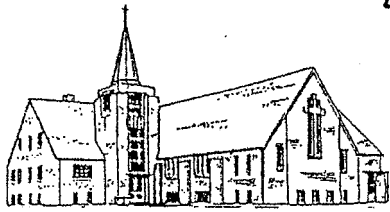


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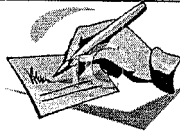
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Our Savior's

2589 190th Avenue

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So, what are we doing here? In the church building? At worship? Why do we gather together every Sunday? Is it out of habit? I am sure that habit has much to do with it, and that is not all so bad. Some habits are good habits. But it goes beyond habit. It goes to who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. Martin Luther helps us to answer the question in his explanation to the Third Commandment. In his *Small Catechism* Luther repeats the Third Commandment, *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy*. He then asks his usual question, *What does this mean?* He answers, *We should fear and love God, and so we should not despise His Word and the preaching of the same, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it*. We often think and have been taught that the reason for this commandment is that we take a day of rest from our normal work even as God took a day of rest from the work of the creation. The Hebrew people to whom this commandment was given understood that by taking a day of rest they were testifying to all the other peoples around them that they worshiped Yahweh, the God who created all that exists. This was their witness. Luther, in his explanation to the Third Commandment, takes this understanding a step further. He says that we take a day off from our normal activities so that we could receive God's gifts. We become so wrapped up in all the work and activities of daily life that we always, to one extent or another, forget the good news that God has to proclaim to us. God knows that we need to hear and receive His gifts to us. He tells us and reminds us that we are His loved, forgiven, and accepted children of God. He reminds us of our baptismal identity as the "died for." He reminds us of the promises that He has given to us that we are always His and live daily in His grace. His gifts to us include not just the spoken and written Word, but

the Word that comes to us through the Holy Sacraments: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Word and the Sacraments are His gifts to us. We need them daily. We need to come together and receive these gifts. This is reason enough to come together. We are called together to receive His gifts, gifts without which we die.

But there is more. Even as the early Hebrews, we gather together to witness to the community in which we live. We gather together for the sake of our neighbor. Worship and our call to worship is more than just for our sake. It is so easy to begin to think and believe that the community in which we gather for the worship of God is focused on us, on our friendships, on being together. The truth of the matter is that our worship is not just for us to receive God's gifts, but for the sake of our neighbor. We gather together to be sent out. Jesus words in Matthew 28:18-20 remind us of who we are and the task to which we have been called. *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded them. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age*. We worship together to be sent out to proclaim the good news to our neighbor, to make them into disciples of Jesus, even as we are disciples of Jesus through our Holy Baptism, to baptize them, and to teach them all that our Lord has taught us. We, in the Church, are not a memorial society gathered to remember Jesus. We are not a neighborhood coffee klatch enjoying each other's fellowship. We are disciples of Jesus who are to tell our neighbors the good news and to invite our neighbors to come and hear the word of
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God and to receive the Holy Sacraments. If we are not doing that, we must ask if we are a church. If we are not reaching out to our neighbors, then why are we gathered together each Sunday morning? If nothing else, the gifts of God that we receive impel us to reach out to our neighbor. That neighbor might be just across the road, across the section, a few miles or several miles down the road. That neighbor might be a member of our own family. If, when we leave worship, we do not have a concern for our neighbor, we missed something in worship.

We are called together every Sunday morning to receive God's wonderful gifts of His love, forgiveness, and acceptance communicated to us through His Word and through the Holy Sacraments. Because we have received those gifts we leave worship with a renewed concern for our neighbor that we go, make disciples, baptize, and teach those very neighbors. To accomplish that we give our very being and all that we have, our time, talents, and treasure, even as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given His all for us.

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

Fall Worship Schedule Beginning September 13



8:00AM Worship
Faith Church

505 Second Street



**9:25AM Sunday School,
God Squad & Adult Class**
Our Savior's Church



10:30AM Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue

Worship in the Park



**Calamus Community
Park**

Sunday, July 12
10:00 A.M.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets
(Rain Site – CALCO Building)

No worship services at
Our Savior's Church or Faith Church
on July 12.
Normal schedule resumes July 19.

Congregations Approve Extending a Pastoral Call

Our Savior's Church and Faith Church each held their individual specially-called congregational meeting to have their voting members decide whether to call Pastor Bill Runaas of Sumner, Iowa to serve as their pastor. Our Savior's congregation approved with a 23—8 vote and Faith congregation approved with a 53—3 vote.

The congregation councils and call committee will now extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Runaas to serve as pastor of the Calamus Lutheran Parish.

"For the first 10—12 minutes every morning, I thank God for my blessings...I ask God, 'What is the best thing I can do today with all that you have given me?'"

- Ken Becker from *LifeTogether/Issue 1, 2015*



At the June Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor Aanonson announced he will be gone July 5—12; Dan Burke and Mark Witte will lead worship in their respective congregations.

➤ Worship Committee stated Vicar Paul from St. John/Bliedorn will be leading worship for the Calamus Fun Days.

➤ Education Committee reported a good turnout for Vacation Bible School: 60 children, 22 visitors and 38 members (28 of those children attended Sunday School on a regular basis); a family field trip is being planned for late summer or early fall.

➤ A "Meet and Greet" with Pastor Runaas has been changed from Our Savior's to Faith Church due to handicap accessibility concerns; council members will provide refreshments.

➤ Approved congregational vote on calling Pastor Runaas to be held on June 21 following each congregation's worship service. Approval requires 2/3 of the votes and 15 voting members must be present.

➤ Karen Porth has assisted accompanying the choir on 2 separate practice sessions. It was approved to pay her at the traditional rate that has been used in the past and split the fee between the two churches.

Faith Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$37.73 and a working balance of \$36,664.68.

➤ Eric and Dirk continue to look into the boiler leak and will not proceed past the first T at this point without further assistance; Lindy's Flooring has been contacted for an estimate if flooring would have to be redone following repairs;

➤ A ceiling fan has been ordered.

➤ Pastor Aanonson suggested we may want to paint and update the pastor's office for when we would have a new pastor.

➤ The situation of the air conditioner not working in Jeannene's office is being addressed.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a balance of \$38.73.

➤ Approved having the congregational meeting on June 21.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report May 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$ (920.65)
Deposits	\$ 4,571.17
Disbursements.....	\$(3,611.79)
Ending Balance	\$ 38.73

Noisy Offering to be Collected July 19 and August 16



This year's Noisy Offering has been designated for ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water. The goal of this project is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger supported water projects around the world in 2015.

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

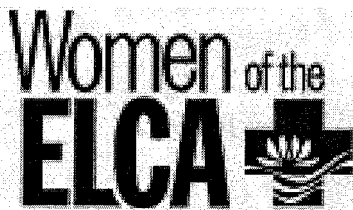
Help Us Build a Float!



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 9 at Braet's Auto Body Shop in Calamus. Putting our minds and hands together will help us to create an amazing float! See you there!

**There are no committee meetings in July.
The committees will meet at 7:00 p.m.,
August 11 at Our Savior's Church to
prepare for the resuming of Sunday School
on September 13 and other activities.**





"NO CATCHY SLOGANS"



"Be Like the Widow"

"He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." - Luke 21:1-4

Friday, July 17 – 10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Lois Wessels

Leader: Jeannene Bousset

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



"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
- 2 Corinthians 9:7

Friday, August 21 – 10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Shirley Ferguson

Leader: Marsha Witte

*Meet at Crossroads Garden Cafe, De Witt –
We will order lunch from the menu*

Give us a pure heart that we may see thee,
A humble heart that we may hear thee,
A heart of love that we may serve thee,
A heart of faith that we may love thee.

- Dag Hammarskjöld

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 70 baskets and raised \$1,340 for the C/W Education Foundation!! Over the years, we have now contributed over \$28,000 towards outreach projects in the community and mission projects in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!

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 **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.

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.

All proceeds will be divided equally between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Malaria Campaign and the development of an additional Little League baseball diamond at the Calamus/Wheatland Elementary School.

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



Southeastern Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

The 28th Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held May 29 – May 30, 2015, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa. Over 450 voting members and guests gathered around the theme “In the Name of Jesus.”

Pastor Wyvetta Bullock served as the churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA and delivered a sermon during worship on Saturday Morning, May 30th.

The primary business of this year's assembly was election of synod council members and churchwide voting members as well as several resolutions.

Bishop Michael Burk presided over the assembly, including the Friday evening service of Holy Communion. In his report, Bishop Burk provided highlights of our shared ministry since we last gathered in assembly, providing his assessment of the ways we called to live and serve “In the Name of Jesus.”

Randy Willman was elected Synod Council Secretary

Adam Sacia, Pr. Mark Urluab, Deanne Bennett, Pr. Josh Martyn, Janice McElvain, Pr. Erika Uthe were elected to positions on the synod council.

Loteguluaki Langai, Noah Niermann, Jose Rodriguez, Isaac Stich, Awoke Dilusso, Hunter Collins, Pr. Pat Fish, Pr. Tim Smith, Pr. Kristine Dohrmann, Pr. Minna Quint, Pr. Paul Finger, Pr. Kathy Roys, Pr. Gemechisa Mosa, Marta Bauer, Deanne Bennett, Jodi Schumann, Alysse Trenkamp were elected as voting members to the 2016 churchwide assembly in New Orleans, LA.

Special guests, Pastor Paul Oman and the Heartland Youth Choir encouraged participants to use their unique gifts for ministry. Pastor Oman, did two live paintings during plenary sessions and worship.

Resolutions adopted included: 1) Peace Not Walls: a resolution encouraging those in the Southeastern Iowa Synod to learn, pray, and act around issues of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; 2) Life of Faith initiative which encourages the priesthood of all believers, and life on ministry within churches; 3) Southeastern Iowa synod will support the Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA and will undertake a synod campaign; 4) A resolution of thanksgiving for the assembly and various ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Visit the 2015 Synod Assembly website for the full text of resolutions.

Other business included the approval of the 2016 synod budget and minimum compensation guidelines. Congregations and rostered leaders celebrating anniversaries were celebrated and voting members took advantage of the many forums and organizational displays that were offered during assembly. The synod assembly offering was designated to synod hunger ministries - \$3,019.37 was given by congregations and individuals.

The 2016 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod will be held **May 6-7 2016**, at Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa.

Delegates from Calamus Lutheran Parish:

Our Savior's – Joe Morehead

Faith – Mark and Marsha Witte

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 Boussetol
Dane Olson
Paula Webinger
July 7: Charity Griebel
Arlene Petersen
July 8: Dave Boussetol
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: 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 Barnes
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 Boussetol
Mark & Marsha Witte
July 31: Jamie & Trina Knoche
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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
Mary Timmerman
Aug 31: Pastor Jim Higgins
Denise Olson
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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 17: Ray & Deb Detlefs

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 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Mike Tendall
Diane Sievers
Lonny Sievers

Acolytes:

Alyssa McElmeel
Noah Webinger

Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels
Diane Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Colette Christensen

Greeter:

July 5:
July 12: Community Worship in Park
July 19: Lois Wessels
July 26: Jeannene Boussetot

Lectors:

July 5: Yale Christensen
July 12: Community Worship in Park
July 19: Mike Tendall
July 26: Colette Christensen

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Dan Burke
Brian Boussetot

Acolyte:

Chase Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lector:

July 5: Jason Boussetot
July 12: Community Worship in Park
July 19: Marcia Edens
July 26: David Olson

Cleaners:

David Olson

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Worship in the Park



**Calamus Community Park
Sunday, July 12
10:00 A.M.**

*Bring lawn chairs or blankets
(Rain Site – CALCO Building)*

JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4  Independence Day
5 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship - F	6	7 No Committee Meetings	8	9 6:00 Building a Float at Braet's Auto Body Shop 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:00 Joint Council - F	10	11
12 COMMUNITY WORSHIP IN PARK 10:00 (Bring chairs/blankets) Rain Site - CALCO	13	14	15	16	17 10:30 Naomi Circle H-Lois Wessels (meet at Clinton Historical Society/Sack Lunch) L-Jeannene Bousselot	18
19 NOISY OFFERING	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship - F						
26 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship - F	27	28	29	30	31	

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning
Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Andrew Grau
Colin Grau

Altar Ministry:

Doreen Henning
Ashley Steffens

Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

Greeter:

August 2: Colette/Makenna Christensen
August 9: Ashley Steffens
August 16: Doreen Henning
August 23: Brian Tulley
August 30: Lucy Lee-Petersen

Lectors:

August 2:
August 9: Ashley Steffens
August 16: Shirley Ferguson
August 23: Ruth Braet
August 30: Lucy Lee-Petersen

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

David Olson
Mark Olson

Acolyte:

Maia Glover
Hailey Glover

Communion Assistant:

Brian Bousselot

Lector:

August 2: Dan Burke
August 9: Amy Glover
August 16: Cindy Burke
August 23: Deb Detlefs
August 30: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens
Mark Olson

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Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 13



8:00 Worship – Faith Lutheran Church

9:30 Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class – Our Savior's

10:30 Worship – Our Savior's Church

AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	10	11 7:00 Committee Night - OS	12	13 6:00 Worship Committee – OS 7:00 Joint Council - OS	14	15
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Calamus Lutheran Parish Summer Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 A.M. Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



Sunday School/Adult Class
Resumes September 6

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