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Pastor's View

Thank You – Jane and I would like to thank everyone who has made the last few weeks bearable. There have been so many boxes, furniture, painting and fixing going on it is overwhelming at times. But then there was the response of the Installation and potluck meal which were fantastic. There are so many people we would like to thank – but I am afraid I might miss someone. So THANK YOU to all who helped and continue to help. After the house is in order, stop in and see the changes to your house, our home.

Honeymoon Time – When a pastor and congregation are finally together, after the interviews, after the show and tell visits, and after the paperwork is signed, then we start the time called the honeymoon time. This is when we both place “all the hopes and dreams of all the years” in each other. This is a fun time. We are like a couple who are dating. We see only what we like and want to see. Let’s enjoy this time together.

First Communion – I would like to thank the council and the congregations for looking at our first communion practices. The council asked that we talk to the congregations about what all the thoughts might be. That was a very good suggestion. It has given time to give some children’s sermons, find some info for the congregations and write some thoughts about communion.

Communion is one of two means of Grace. Grace is a gift from God that makes faith happen in our lives. Baptism is the gift that brings us into God’s love in a special way. (God’s love is for all people, creation and the world.) We do nothing to receive what God has started. Luther tells us; “*It means that*

our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.” (Sm. Cat. Pg 25) Baptism is a daily event in our lives. The other event in our lives is a community faith action; communion. Holy Communion happens every Sunday at worship in the Calamus worship community. Like Baptism it is not something that we do. It is a gift from God that builds faith in our lives. In Luther’s Sm. Cat. In the third Art. of the Creed He says, “*I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him.*” That reinforces the idea of grace. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us to faith. Baptism, communion are both God’s action. It is not the work of the people. The work of the people is often worship (Liturgy), service to others and personal devotions for growth in faith. The ELCA states that communion is between the person and the Pastor and age is not a factor. I would add that the local congregation has an input as to what they would like to see happen in their worship history. I would be in favor of any age as long as the family was teaching the importance of what is happening. Baptism and communion help keep our eyes on Jesus. We eat the bread of life and drink the life giving blood. This is a Spiritual mystery for us. I love the little ones who can say, “I want Jesus too!” This is a faith that says, I love Jesus!

Thank You for the talk time about communion.

Church Growth Ideas – While I was interviewing at different congregations I picked up two ideas that will strengthen the growth of any church. The first idea was a simple statement that carries a lot of
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power in it. The summary statement said, "Keep your eyes on Jesus. All other problems fall away." It makes a lot of sense. If we are focused on Jesus, then we know what our priority is at all times. I know that we cannot fight about anything if we are focused on Jesus. It has the effect of removing our sinful self so the work of Jesus can get done. The second growth idea is small group bible study. In the one church I interviewed at there were seven small group bible studies going at one time. That means there were about 70 people in study at one time. That means there were 70 people who were in prayer at one time. The core faith group could get lots of power focused on Jesus and the problem they were working on.

These two ideas turned this so-so congregation into one of the nice powerhouses in the area. Its size was not the goal. Its mission to people was the goal for the congregation. This could be our goal too.

Pastor Bill

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**

Welcome, Pastor Bill and Jane!

On August 10, Pastor Bill Runaas and his wife, Jane, moved into the Faith parsonage. Pastor presided at his first worship services for Faith and Our Savior's congregations on August 2. He was officially installed by Assistant to the Bishop, Reverend Paul Ostrem, on August 16. The congregations celebrated the beginning of our ministry together with a barbecue at Our Savior's Church. We welcome Pastor Bill and Jane to the Calamus Lutheran Parish and are looking forward to our ministry together.

First Day of Sunday School



Sunday, September 13, 9:25

Our Savior's Church

*If you are 3 years of age or older by
September we have a class for you!*



**8:00 Worship – Faith Church
10:30 Worship – Our Savior's Church**

**October Newsletter Items
Due September 22, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

Noisy Offering to be Collected September 20



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.



At the July & August Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- The Christian Outreach Committee is working on a float for the Calamus Fun Days
 - Pastor Bill Runaas' ministry with the Calamus Lutheran Parish begins August 1, 2015. He will preach on August 2. His accepted and signed Letter of Call has been received.
 - Pastor Aanonsen's last Sunday will be July 26. A potluck is planned at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Church.
 - Pastor Runaas' installation will be August 16. A barbecue is planned at noon at Our Savior's with members of the congregations asked to bring side dishes.
 - The parsonage is almost ready for Pastor Bill and Jane.
 - Outreach Committee is planning an outing at Doug Busselot's pond.
 - The first day of Sunday School will be September 13 at Our Savior's.
 - A consensus was reached that kids communion will stop until a decision is voted on at the next council meeting. Pastor will do teaching of communion and its meaning during the children's sermons for the next five Sundays.
 - Approval was given for the renewal of the copier contract at an increase of 2%.
- Faith Council:**
- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$262.76 and a working balance of \$44,726.64.
 - Ceiling fan has been installed.
 - Painting and carpet cleaning of the parsonage will be contracted.
 - Property and Management will try to determine the source of condensation/water marks on the cement/wall/window sills in the sanctuary.
 - To determine where the church furnace boiler is leaking, the floor will need to be opened up more and a scope sent down.
 - Painting is almost completed in the parsonage and new carpeting will be installed August 25.
 - Replacing the desk and chair in the pastor's office and additional parsonage improvements are being reviewed.
 - Church Mutual determined damage from

recent hail storm: roofs are okay; north and west sides of garage and parsonage have siding damage; adjuster took pictures and claim will be left open to make sure no other problems are noted through the winter; adjuster also noted bats are most likely coming in the bell tower.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$2,261.38.
- A thank-you card to Nila Mason was distributed and signed.
- The parsonage siding was damaged by hail – Brian will get bids for new siding.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

June/July 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 38.73
Deposits	\$11,380.88
Disbursements.....	\$ 9,158.23
Ending Balance	\$ 2,261.38



Fishing, Swimming & Cook-Out Sunday Afternoon,

September 13

Doug Busselot's Pond

1731 - 280th Street, Calamus



Fun begins at 3:00 p.m.

Supper at 5:30 p.m.

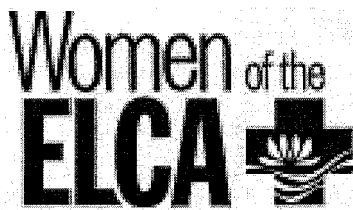


Bring a beverage, something to grill and a dish to share, as well as a lawn chair -

If you have kids you might want to bring swim suits or clothes to change into and anyone can bring their fishing poles and bait.



Directions to the pond: Turn left from OS parking lot on to Y52/190th Avenue; turn right on first road to the right - 265th Street; turn left on first road to the left - 8th Ave; turn right on first road to right - 280th Street - pond on left side of road



"SLOW FAITH"



"Sabbath Keeping"

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."
- Exodus 20:8

Friday, September 25 – 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Diane Christensen
Leader: Lois Wessels

Hope Cluster Fall Retreat "Basking the Sun"

Friday & Saturday, September 11 & 12
Camp Wyoming



New this year: sit-down meal Friday evening
Come and share breakfast Saturday morning
Let's Celebrate!

Bring:

Snack to share, flashlight, personal items
Provided for you:

Friday Celebration dinner, Breakfast on
Saturday, bedding/towels/washcloths

(Check church bulletin boards for more information)

"I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't
have to be one." – Maya Angelou



"I've learned from experience that the great part of
our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions
and not on our circumstances."

Martha Washington

Education Committee and Sunday School Staff Meeting

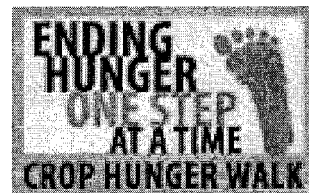
On Tuesday, September 1, the Education
Committee and Sunday School Staff will meet at
7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's to prepare for opening day
of Sunday School. Please make every attempt to be
a part of the preparation.

Confirmation Class Begins

Confirmation students and their parents
will meet with Pastor Bill on Wednesday,
September 2, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church. Regular
classes will be held each Wednesday at Faith
Church with the starting time to be discussed with
parents and students.

Presently, 8th graders will be Caleb
Banowetz, Riley Bruns, Maia Glover, Drake Olson,
Kale Whitman and Karragan Whitman. The 7th
grade students will be Joshua Gronewold, Chase
Knoche, Magnus Sands, Alyssa McElmeel, Ethan
Wilhelm, Anne Tulley and Austin Henning. If we
have overlooked anyone, please notify the church
office 246-2622.

Annual CROP Walk October 4 – Wheatland St. Paul United Church of Christ 1:00 p.m.



It is time to be thinking CROP Walk – a great
opportunity to do what we can to help provide food
for people in the rural areas of the United States and
the whole world. Walkers, especially our young
people, will be asking for your financial
sponsorship. Please help as you are able. Packets
will soon be ready for distribution. Watch the
bulletins and newsletters.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1: Kim LaMaster
Kelli Brown
Abe Maske

September 3: Daniel Bickle

September 4: Michele Wulf
Rebecca Wilhelm
Brooke Hewer

September 5: Robert Rock
Skylar McMahon
Nicholas Costello
Ki Sosa

September 6: Kara Brady

September 8: Dave Olive

September 11: Elsa Sullivan
Rachel Burke

September 12: Peyton Grau

September 13: Christa Wulf

September 14: Kristopher Meier
Austin Rickertsen

September 15: Wanda Elias
Clara Wilhelm
Mark Olson
Betty Schau

September 16: Daniel Wingate III
Audrey Jacobs

September 18: Maia Glover
Jeff Olson

September 19: Annette Braet
Leon Boussetot
Ciara Delever

September 20: Mitchel Christensen
Curtis Dosland
Zander Berger

September 21: Elizabeth Whitman

September 22: Brian Rickertsen

September 23: Michelle Bronder
Lois Wessels
Robert Drake Olson

September 24: Linda Elsner
Michael Calef
Sarah Tulley

September 25: David Hellyer
Emily Grau
Alexa Jacobi

September 26: Dennis Malmanger
Cody Berger
Geneva Meadows
Brent Shelton

September 27: Ed Meadows

September 28: Darin Braet



September 5: Bus & Rita Seastrand

September 8: Eldon & Arvella Pewe

September 11: Chad & Colette Christensen

September 13: Pat & Heather Grau

September 14: Ole & Diana Olson
Norman & Jeannene Boussetot

September 16: Leonard & Nancy Olson

September 17: Jason & Haley Sullivan
Michael & Michele Calef

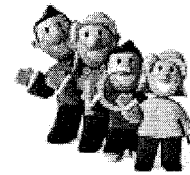
September 19: Jeff & Charity Griebel
Keith & Tracy Gasper

September 20: Larry & Sharyl Banowetz

September 26: Matt & Ellen Mueller

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

News About Our People



A funeral service was held for Signe Rock on July 14 at Faith Lutheran Church. Signe passed away on July 10.



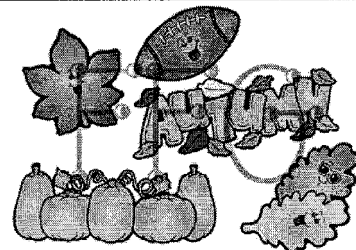
William Jeffrey, son of Dan and Cindy Burke, by means of Holy Baptism was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on August 9. Will's sponsors were Justin and Amy Zank and Clint and Melissa Miller. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Will!



On August 1, Natalie Tendall was united in marriage to Dr. Doug Pugar in Beavercreek, Ohio.



Levi Michael, son of Mike and Nicole Easterday, was born on August 21, 2015 in Davenport.



2015 Basket Winners

1. Apple-Licious – Alta Mae Dosland
2. Pick-A-Picnic – Lisa Rickertsen
3. Friendship Is... – Christie Sawyer
4. Popcorn Perfect – Chase Knoche
5. Gametime/Funtime – Sara Leonard
6. Trick or Treat Bag – Rita Seastrand
7. Barbie Bash – Erica Will
8. Hello Kitty Fun – Julie Steffens
9. Hawkeye Hoopla! – Zander Berger
10. Instant Birthday Party – Mallory Boussetot
11. Halloween Party Time – Andrea Ahmann
12. Cinderella Special – Josh Gronewold
13. Dirt Be Gone! – Steven Berger
14. Stay in Touch – Alta Mae Dosland
15. Dr. Seuss & Friends – Mallory Boussetot
16. Easter Excitement – Paige Ahmann
17. Frame It! – Courtney Knoche
18. Christmas Is... – Rita Seastrand
19. Gift It! – Jeannene Boussetot
20. Go, Cubs, Go! – Chase Knoche
21. Car Be Clean – Dawn Dosland
22. Aahh, Spa – Pat Schulz
23. Italiano It Is! – Sharyl Banowetz
24. Girlie Gorgeous Hair – Liz Phillips
25. Garden Decor Delight – Christi Miller
26. Take Note of That – Rita Seastrand
27. PB & J – Hesse
28. Holy Grail of Tape – Hesse
29. How Does Your Garden Grow? – Becky Laasche
30. You "Toucan" See the Light – Roma Thayer
31. "Who-Who's" In My Garden – Sharyl Banowetz
32. Great Balls of Fun – Chase Knoche
33. Say Cheese! – Cassidy Flagel
34. Squeaky Clean! – Andrea Bopp
35. Let Freedom Ring! – Meryne Henning
36. Let's Go Camping! – J. J. Schwennen
37. Summertime Fun – Terri Boussetot
38. Breast Cancer Awareness – Julie Gronewold
39. Welcome Well-Wishes – Pat Schulz
40. Baby Girl Boutique – Delilah Wilker
41. Landscape Wagon Wheel – Andrea Shelton
42. "Honey-Do" Everything! – Sharline Straka
43. Teen Date Nights – Caleb Banowetz
44. Movie Mania – Christopher Mosley
45. Nifty Nails – Terri Boussetot
46. Protection Basket – Lisa Rickertsen
47. Energize It! – Shirley Emmerett
48. Back to School! – Zander Berger
49. Give a Mouse a Cookie – Lori Johannsen
50. Give a Pig a Pancake – Pat Schulz
51. Give a Mouse a Muffin – Matt Kelting
52. Gone Country – Rita Seastrand
53. Calamus Business Gift Certificates –
Nicole Schulz
54. Mary Kay – Larry Banowetz
55. Good Morning! – Rita Seastrand
56. Let's Go On a Picnic – Ryan Dick
57. #1 Gas Can – Rachel Looney
58. #2 Gas Can – Rita Seastrand



Thank you to the members of Calamus Lutheran Parish for your continued support of the Basket Raffle.

Faith Lutheran Church Women raised \$2,385 from the 2015 basket raffle. Of that amount \$1,190 will be given to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Malaria Campaign and \$1,190 for the Calamus Little League ball diamond project. Over the years, we have now contributed \$30, 875 towards outreach projects in the community and mission projects in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Each year, your creative ideas for baskets and your enthusiastic support of this continues to be amazing! The basket raffle has become a highlight of Calamus Fun Days—some people come only for this raffle! Many of you are already thinking of basket ideas for next year – can't wait to see what you will create! Again, thank you for making this project such a fun way to contribute to our community and beyond.



MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

David Boussetot
Terri Boussetot
Hannah Perrone
Garrette Perrone

Acolytes:

Brayden Williams
Josh Gronewold

Altar Ministry:

Terri & Dave Boussetot

Communion Assistant:

Terri Boussetot

Greeter:

September 6: Gary Braet
September 13: Terri Boussetot
September 20: Vera St. John
September 27: Rusty Porth

Lectors:

September 6: Sharyl Banowetz
September 13: Terri Boussetot
September 20: Dirk Braet
September 27: Rusty Porth

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Art Boussetot
Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Riley Bruns

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

September 6: Jason Boussetot
September 13: Brian Boussetot
September 20: Marcia Edens
September 27: David Olson

Cleaners:

Deb & Ray Detlefs

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 Education Committee/Sunday School Staff Meeting at Our Savior's	2 7:00 Confirmation Class Meeting w/Students & Parents - F	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship - OS 9:30 Worship - F	7 LABOR DAY	8 7:00 Committee Night - F	9 Time to be Determined Confirmation Class - F	10 6:00 Worship Committee - F 7:00 Joint Council - F	11	12
13 FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS 3:00 Cookout - Pond	14	15	16 Confirmation Class - F	17	18	19
20 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	21 Newsletter items due in church office	22	23 Confirmation Class - F	24	25 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Diane Christensen L-Lois Wessels	26
27 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	28	29	30 Confirmation Class - F			

This was taken off the Internet. Interesting how attitude changes your outlook...

Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
and it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be obtained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that
Today was a good day

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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