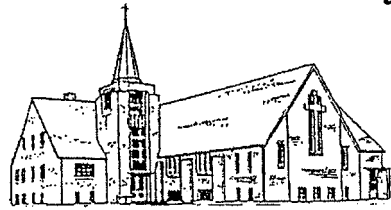


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## Pastor's View

Where is your Pastor? I try to keep some office hours. If there is a hospital visit or emergency I will not be in the office. The hours are 9-12 Monday to Thursday. Tuesday afternoon I attend a text study. You will find other meetings on the calendar. I spend time with family on Friday and Saturday.

If you need to contact me please call the office, cell phone or house phone. You will have the best results with the cell phone. (319-231-5262) If you think I need to know about something relating to the church or a congregational visit please tell me. I am the last to know. If you want me to remember something at church during worship write a note. I will not remember otherwise.

You may reach me at any time. I am on call 24/7. You will not bother me if you call. You will bother me if you do not call and let me know.

Adult SS Class – We will be starting a class based on the book, “Autopsy of a Deceased Church – 12 ways to keep yours alive.” We will also look at the sermon text for the day. I hope to see you there.

Small Group Bible Study – I would like to start a couples group or a men’s / women’s group. I would like to do it after Christmas and before planting in the spring. Let me know what you think.

Devotions – It is important to read your bible. Other eyes are watching you. It is also good for your spiritual life and growth. It is important to listen to God while God is listening to you.

- Pastor Bill



## At the September Council Meetings

### Joint Council:

- Pastor Bill reported confirmation class has begun; he has completed his first round of shut-in visits and has begun other visits; he continues to work at unpacking.
- Worship Committee met and discussed parts of the liturgy, upcoming worship services and the request by parents to have one acolyte per service.
- Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee have planned an outing at Doug Bousselet's pond.
- Education Committee met and prepared for the beginning of Sunday School classes.
- Significant discussion was held regarding First Communion. A consensus was reached that classes should be offered prior to First Communion. An age/grade to begin classes or Communion is still being discussed along with whether parents can choose to have their children commune earlier.

### Faith Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$298.24 and a working balance of \$47,640.36.
- Options are being looked into regarding the replacement of a portion of the pipe for the boiler.
- Parsonage progress: landscaping with rock around the gutter endings at parsonage will be done to help with water going back in to the house; will look into an attic fan to help control internal temperature; window coverings will be purchased.
- For Pastor's office a side table and office chair will be purchased and the desk will be upgraded.
- Thanks was given to the Henning's for painting parking lot stripes.
- \$54,000 allowance was noted on the insurance claim for hail damage.

### Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$2,632.47.
- Bids are still coming in for the siding on the parsonage.

## Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

August 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,261.38
Deposits .....	\$4,539.39
Disbursements.....	\$4,168.30
Ending Balance.....	\$2,632.47

## Annual Meeting of Thrivent Financial

The annual meeting of the West Clinton County Chapter of Thrivent Financial will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Emmaus Road Church in DeWitt. The meal is provided. RSVPs are appreciated by calling the Thrivent office at 563.659.2991 by October 15. All who have a Thrivent Financial policy are invited to attend.

## News About Our People



Levi Michael, son of Mike and Nicole Easterday, by means of Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on September 27. Levi's sponsors were Brad Terhune and Darla Pittman. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Levi!

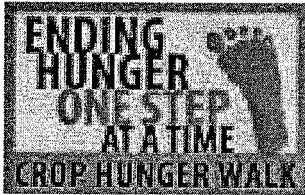
## Calamus Lions Sponsor Food Drive



Calamus Lions are having a food drive for the Carroll Assistance Center. In addition to non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products will be accepted. Items may be left in the Lions' trailer in front of AgVantage in Calamus on Sunday, October 11 from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Thursdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. Thanks for your donations!



**Annual CROP Walk**  
**October 4 – Wheatland**  
**St. Paul United Church of Christ**  
**Registration - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Walk – 1:30 p.m.**



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. Every family with children in Sunday School has an envelope for CROP Walk donations. **The envelopes are to be returned to the church on Sunday, October 4.** The gifts will be combined and the total given will be from the Calamus Lutheran Parish. Families are encouraged to participate in the CROP Walk in Wheatland that afternoon. Registration is at 1:00 at St. Paul United Church of Christ where the 1:30 walk begins and ends. Money from CROP Hunger Walks is used for assistance and food in the rural areas of the world. The donations from the Wheatland Walk will be combined with the DeWitt Walk donations – 15% of the total money collected goes to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt and 10% is given to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. The remaining 75% is shared with the state, national and international levels to provide food for rural areas.

**Noisy Offering Collected**  
**October 18**



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.

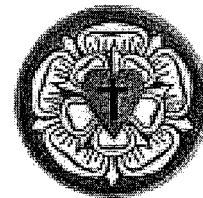
**November Newsletter Items**  
**Due October 19, please.**  
**Thanks for your cooperation!**

**Calamus Lutheran Parish**  
**Sunday School Staff**

Please support our Sunday School and staff in prayers as they nourish our children this Sunday School year:

Preschool/Kindergarten - Julie Olson and Heather Grau; First Grade – Trina Knoche and Rebecca Wilhelm, Second/Third Grades – Rebecca Hurt and Dan Burke, Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Grades – Amy Glover and Deb Tulley, "God Squad" (Seventh through Twelfth Grades) – Ashley Steffens and Colette Christensen, Music – Marsha Witte; and Adult Class – Pastor Bill Runaas

**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25**



"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen."

*(Reply to the Diet of Worms, April 18, 1521)*

– Martin Luther,


*Luther's Works, 33: Career of the Reformer III*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1: Ronnie Voss  
 Oct 2: Sally Holst  
       Brian Tulley  
 Oct 4: Brendan Olson  
 Oct 5: Violet Jacobs  
 Oct 6: Jody Passig  
 Oct 7: Kathy Willet  
       Lisa Ross  
       Theresa Eschbach  
       Jane Runaas  
 Oct 8: Hilda Hellyer  
       Hope Olson  
 Oct 9: Samuel Mueller  
 Oct 13: Linnae Wingate  
 Oct 14: Nathan Wingate  
       Kendra Rock  
 Oct 16: Jeannene Boussetlot  
       Ellen Olson  
 Oct 17: Paul Olson  
       Chad Boussetlot  
 Oct 18: Brienna Hayes  
 Oct 20: Brittney Crossen  
       Aubrey Knight  
 Oct 21: Shawn Henning  
       Chase Knoche  
 Oct 22: Dawn Olson  
 Oct 23: Chad Christensen  
       Kennedy Maske  
       Pastor Rick Miller  
       Beth Tulley  
 Oct 24: Bill Morehead  
       Dawn Dosland  
 Oct 25: Brian Johnson  
 Oct 26: Alan Lee  
       Arvella Pewe  
 Oct 27: Cindy Marsh  
 Oct 28: Doreen Henning  
       Wade Petersen  
 Oct 29: Joey Henning  
       Darin Doerscher  
 Oct 31: Tracy Gasper  
       ♥  
 Oct 2: Tait & Jessica Steines  
 Oct 4: Leon & Sherri Boussetlot  
       Neil & Jane Mason  
 Oct 5: Jason & Chad Boussetlot  
 Oct 10: Rod Smith & Robin Costello Smith  
 Oct 15: Amber & Eric Claussen  
 Oct 16: Fred & Dorinda Wilhelm

Oct 17: Jason & Brendan Wilhelm  
 Oct 18: Blake & Chelsea Elias  
 Oct 20: Eric & Brittany Hoffmann  
       Dave & Linda Whitman  
 Oct 30: Ken & Alice Fitzgerald

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

Women of the  
**ELCA** 

**"SLOW FAITH"**



**"Make haste, O Lord"**

"My times are in your hand. Deliver me from  
the hand of my enemies and persecutors."

- Psalm 31:15

**Friday, October 16 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**(Bring a sack lunch)**

**Hostess: Meryne Henning**  
**(at Mueller's Cabin)**

**Leader: Jeannene Boussetlot**

**Thank You**  
so much!

Thank you for the monetary donation. You are a very faithful and coveted partner with the Carroll Assistance Center. You are always ready and willing to help us throughout the year. We thank God for your faithfulness to the CAC. The number of people needing help continues to increase. You make it possible for us to help others. God's Blessings to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Karen K. Schneider,  
President CAC Board

**MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 2015**

**FAITH**

**Ushers:**

Hal Shelton  
Andrea Shelton  
Eric Sands  
Diane Sievers  
Lonny Sievers

**Acolytes:**

Magnus Sands  
Anne Tulley

**Altar Ministry:**

Hal & Andrea Shelton

**Communion Assistant:**

Andrea Shelton

**Greeter:**

October 4: Diane Sievers  
October 11: Clara Wilhelm  
October 18: Jim Gronewold  
October 25: Diane Christensen

**Lectors:**

October 4: Julie Gronewold  
October 11: Jeannene Boussetot  
October 18: Andrea Shelton  
October 25: Diane Christensen

**OUR SAVIOR'S**

**Ushers:**

Brian Boussetot  
David Olson

**Acolyte:**

Maia Glover  
Hailey Glover

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lector:**

October 4: Amy Glover  
October 11: Dan Burke  
October 18: Cindy Burke  
October 25: Deb Detlefs

**Cleaners:**

Jason & 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.**

*"Do something wonderful,  
people may imitate it."*



*"I can do no other than be reverent  
before everything that is called life.  
I can do no other than to have compassion  
for all that is called life.*

*That is the beginning and the foundation of all ethics."*

- Albert Schweitzer

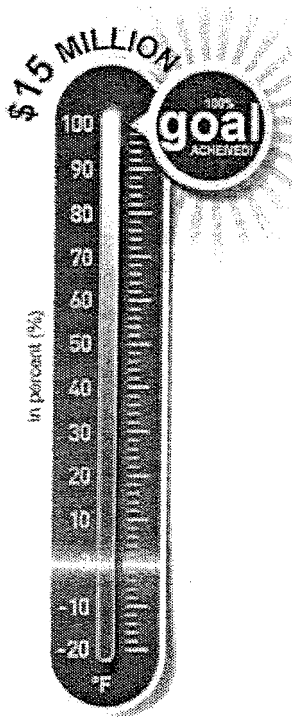
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4 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS 1:00 CROP Walk - Wheatland	5	6 7:00 Committee Night -	7 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	8 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:00 Joint Council - OS	9	10
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# ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN: WE DID IT!

SEPTEMBER 2015

[www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria)



We have incredible news! The ELCA Malaria Campaign just reached its fundraising goal of \$15 million! Thank you for being a part of this monumental milestone and helping us protect countless lives from this preventable, treatable disease. **We couldn't have done it without you!**

Five years ago ELCA members, congregations and synods came together, dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million for malaria programming. **Today we celebrate all that we have accomplished together.**

Working with our Lutheran companions and partners in 13 African countries, we have brought about lasting change. But our work is not over. While the ELCA Malaria Campaign will come to an end on Jan. 31, 2016, our commitment to ending deaths from this disease will not. In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work.

Without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your generosity.

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## Together we have made a great impact!

Your gifts have helped educate more than 2 million people, distribute 50,000 nets, test 160,000 people and treat if positive, empower 12,000 households economically, provide 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication, and so much more.

**Thank you!**



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**Calamus Lutheran Parish  
Worship Schedule**



**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
Faith Lutheran Church**

**505 Second Street, town of Calamus**



**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

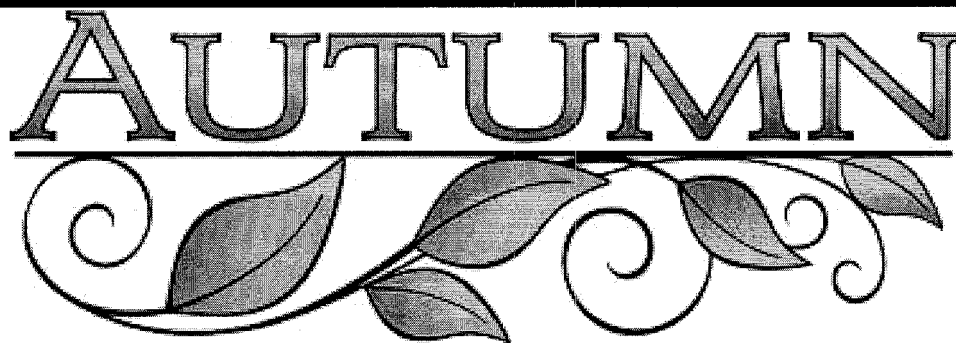
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“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.”

- Nathaniel Hawthorne