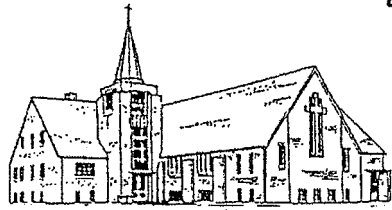


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Pastor's View

Lent – Lent starts this Ash Wednesday on February 10, 2016. Easter will be March 27, 2016. Lent is a season of prayer and worship. Lent is the season in which the early church and some churches now begin to prepare their new members for baptism at Easter. So Lent is the time to do some sort of Spiritual Discipline. So Lent is the time to give something up or to add something to our daily spiritual life. Giving up sweets (chocolate) has some benefit to our spiritual life if we add an act of going towards God in some manner. Using a devotional is also beneficial. But you may think, I won't read the Bible or I won't read the devotional book, then what? It may be a spiritual mantra that might help. Why not say a short prayer lots of times in the day. One saying would be, "Thank you Lord Jesus for this day." It doesn't have to be a good or great day or a bad day; what is important is that you are remembering Jesus during this Lenten season. If possible spend some time that is quiet time for you. Your faith will grow as you spend time with Jesus. Maybe it would be great to spend time drawing what your hands want to put on the paper. Read a scripture verse and then draw. You will be surprised at what God can do.

So Lent can be about the personal elements of faith. But also Lent is about the community coming together for spiritual growth together. As we worship alone and together we are led to see our own sinfulness and the forgiveness that we receive from God. We will look at five parables out of Luke that will point us to a

Lenten / Easter faith. Let us greet each other on our Lenten journey. Let us all grow these next few weeks.

Hospital and sick visits – Thank you for letting me know if you are in the hospital or need a visit at home. When I hear about someone who needs a visit, I put that high on my "to do" list. If I have not visited and you think I should have, please call me or the office.

Reading and Knowing Bible Stories – Is it possible to learn one Bible story a week? I have noticed that Bible stories do not come to mind when there is a discussion. Can we hear the Bible story or read the Bible story so we can be grounded in biblical truths. Knowing the stories is important to knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus is the only way we can know God. As we know the story we can share it with our friends when it is the right time. Faith brings us the desire to know. Knowledge brings us the desire to share. Sharing brings our friends into faith. And then we want to know more. It is a wonderful circle of life.

Have a blessed Lent.

- Pastor Bill



LENT



At the January Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Pastor reported that after discussion, confirmation students requested new material;
- Delegates are needed for the May 6-7 Synod Assembly in Coralville, Iowa.
- Worship Committee has completed Ash Wednesday worship service preparation; Easter Service will be at 7:00 a.m. at Faith and 9:30 a.m. at Our Savior's.

➤ It was noted that "Treat the Pantries" raised over \$3200 for local pantries – this was their last year for "Treat the Pantries."

➤ A retreat for council and committee members will be held February 6 at Our Savior's from 9:00-12:00.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$1,510.27 and a working balance of \$34,780.94.
- All committees are working to have their work up-to-date by the annual meeting.
- Options were discussed for placing railings on both sides of the entrance stairways.
- The Proposed 2016 Budget was approved as presented.
- Thank-you notes were received from Pastor and Jane and Jeannene for Christmas gifts.
- Issues for discussion were the bank lockbox, blueprints of the church and the natural gas line at the parsonage.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$1,263.03.
- The Proposed 2016 Budget was approved.
- Church Mutual policy is up for renewal – will be meeting for site survey.
- Discussion was held on ordering offering envelopes.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report December 2015

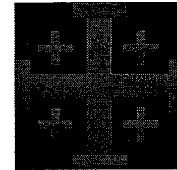
Beginning Balance	\$ (2,829.47)
Deposits	\$ 9,254.57
Transfer from Memorial Account.....	\$ 4,000.00
Disbursements.....	\$(9,162.07)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,263.03

Council and Committee Retreat



**Saturday, February 6 beginning
at 9:00 a.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

You Are Invited to Service of Installation for Reverend Sarah Goettsch



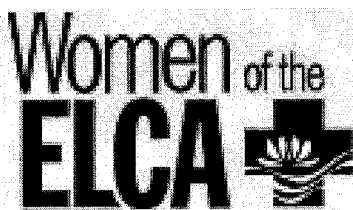
Service of Installation for Reverend Sarah Goettsch as Campus Pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Iowa City (123 East Market Street).

All are invited to a potluck supper prior to the service at 5:30 in Gloria Dei's basement fellowship hall. Following the service, all are welcome to enjoy an open house next door at Lutheran Campus Ministry, where coffee and cookies will be served. Thursday evening has been selected for installation, because it is the customary service time for the LCM worshipping community. Clergy are invited to vest and process; the liturgical color is purple.

♪ February Choir Rehearsals ♪



**Wednesday, February 17 and 24
following 7:00 Mid-week
Lenten Service
♪ Faith Church**



**Christian Citizenship 101-
Paul's Letter to the
Philippians**



"Servant-shaped Soldiers"

Theme verses – Philippians 1:27–2:18



Wednesday, February 17 – 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Arlene Green

Leader: Pastor Bill



Friday, February 19 – 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Lois Wessels

Leader: Jeannene Bousset

**Luther League All Night
Ski/Snowboarding at
Sunset Mountain
Resort Dubuque**



Friday February 20-21

10 pm - 3 am

(Leaving Faith 8:30 pm)

Cost = \$42 per person

*Active God Squad members' fees and parent drivers
fees are covered by God Squad.*

Will arrive back at Faith Church at approximately
4:00 a.m. Feel free to bring snacks –
there is a snack bar in the ski lodge if you wish to
purchase snacks or drinks.

Any questions please contact:
Ashley Steffens: 563-210-2540

Recipe Swap



February 21, 4–6:00 p.m.

Faith Church

Join us for a recipe swap -

Theme: Soup/Chowder/Stew

Bring your favorite recipe to share and 10
copies of your recipe to trade.

Contact Heather Grau with questions at
563-424-0507 or grau.heather@gmail.com



Happy Valentine's Day!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- February 1: Carla Olson
February 2: Madison Eschbach
Oliver Barnes
February 3: Connor Gasper
February 5: Hailey Glover
February 6: Susie Lahann
Trent Wilhelm
February 8: Steve Grau
Kay Olson
Aubree Kloostra
Calvin Steines
February 9: Rebecca Barnes
Chad Olson
Audrianna Schroeder
February 12: Lester Peters, Jr.
February 14: Billy Duke
February 15: Christopher Henning
February 16: Kevin Peters
Hannah Braet
Pat Grau
February 17: Blaine Henning
Sabrina Schutt
Katrina Harkness
February 18: Abigail Grau
February 19: Brianna Williams
Nate Olson
Diane Sievers
Amber Hesse
February 20: Travis Willet
February 21: Michael Easterday
February 22: Kinnick Christensen
February 23: Brad Johnson
Joel Olson
Katie Banowetz
Philip Montover
February 25: Robin Costello Smith
Melisa Jacobsen
Carol Christensen
February 26: Allison Cunningham
Brennan Koch
February 27: Sharyl Banowetz
Tim Hellyer
Delores Lahann
February 28: Samantha Wingate
Brandon Wingate
♥
February 7: Kendra & Dave Rock
February 15: Kathy & Jim Willet

- February 17: Sherry & Delores Lahann
February 18: Lynn & Katie Olson
February 20: Heather & Mike Whitman

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

"Opinion is really the lowest form of human knowledge. It requires no accountability, no understanding. The highest form of knowledge is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another's world. It requires profound purpose larger than the self-kind of understanding."

- Bill Bullard



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MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm
Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Karragan Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Herb and Diane Wilhelm

Communion Assistant:

Sharyl Banowetz

Greeter:

February 7: Diane Wilhelm
February 14: Shirley Ferguson
February 21: Judy McMahan
February 28: Sharyl Banowetz

Lectors:

February 7: Terri Boussetot
February 14: Jeannene Boussetot
February 21: Andrea Shelton
February 28: Kevin Henning

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Shane Glover
Dan Burke

Acolyte:

Drake Olson

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

February 7: Dan Burke
February 14: Amy Glover
February 21: Cindy Burke
February 28: Deb Detlefs

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

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.

Ash Wednesday Worship



February 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

(There is no meal served on this evening)

FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 6:00 Confirmation Class - F 7:00 Parents Join Confirmation Students	4	5	6 9:00 Council and Committee Retreat at Our Savior's
7 God Squad Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	8	9 7:00 Committee Night - OS	10 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> † 7:00 Worship Service - Faith	11 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:00 Joint Council - OS	12	13
14 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	15	16	17 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Arlene Green L-Pastor Bill 7:00 Midweek Lenten Service - F 7:45 Choir - F	18 Newsletter Items Due in Office	19 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Lois Wessels L-Jeannene B 8:30-4:00 God Squad All Night Skiing at Sundown	20
21 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	22	23	24 7:00 Midweek Lenten Service - F 7:45 Choir - F	25	26	27
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E-newsletter:

'We call them by their names'



Story by
Kristina
Diaz

There is a story my mother tells about visiting Washington, D.C., when she was 13. As she and her cousin walked down the street, people stared at them. Someone pushed my mother abruptly and gave her a look that said "You don't belong here; you're the wrong color." As they continued to walk and talk about what had just happened, her cousin asked, "What do you call black people in Puerto Rico?" My mother replied, "We call them by their names."

Wherever I go people are always trying to guess what I am or where I'm from. I've been called Filipina, black, mixed, Bolivian. I even argued with a bus driver about what part of India I was "obviously" from. It all depends on who is looking, and this interaction often shapes the welcome I receive.

Growing up I didn't think a lot about race. It wasn't something we talked about, even though we knew of it in the same way people know there is a World Cup. For a long time I thought racism only meant hating someone because of the color of his or her skin, and that race was something in your blood, something you were born with.

My ability to see and understand what racism is, to recognize how I am affected and made part of it, has come in many forms. But two moments stand out in my memory.

The first was when I truly understood that race is also a social construct. I was at a White Privilege Conference, which examines concepts of privilege, with others who were wrestling with similar questions. Historically racism was a system put in place to dismantle a movement that would lead to a union among slaves—both black and white—advocating for fair treatment and wages, the keynote speaker said. This system didn't elevate the white lower class so they could rub elbows with those in power. Instead it made the line at the bottom of the food chain even lower for people of color. We are part of that system today even though we have grown in our acceptance and tolerance of each other.

The second moment was when I asked a friend about something I had heard—that most African-Americans know someone who is or has been in jail. "Why is this reality? This doesn't make sense," I said, feeling frustrated. She replied, "It shouldn't make sense, but it doesn't make it any less true." And she was right. The fact that I couldn't see these realities surrounding me or that this was not part of my experience didn't make it any less true.

Lately the problem of racism has been showing up more and more in the U.S. media. Even if you don't notice it every day, racism exists and is part of our story. As people of faith, we can no longer remain silent when confronted with the sin of racism—our inaction makes us accomplices. We can only face this together.

I want my nephew, those I love and even those I don't care for to live in a world where we see each other as simply and wonderfully made in God's image. I pray that God will give us the courage to listen, share our stories and call each other by name.

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**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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