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Pastor's View

Seeking God Will for Us – In a book that I am reading this question was asked: are we seeking God's will in the scriptures and in our lives? It is easy to seek God in the scriptures. We read the story in the bible and think about it for our lives. It is a much harder event to take what we have learned and put it into our lives. It is one thing to know God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is another to apply, through faith, that knowledge to one's soul in such a way that we can see the neighbor through the filter of the cross so we no longer judge them for their words and actions. If this is to mean anything to us at all, it must transform not only our minds, but also our hearts, souls, and lives.

Worship is also in the arena where we live our daily life. This is why St. Paul tells us to pray without ceasing. Our entire day can be filled with acts of worship in which we praise and thank God for all things. These actions means that a continual transformation is taking place with in us. The more we are touched by God the more we move away from the world. God's Spirit is drawing us closer to being imitators of Christ.

YAGM - Young Adults in Global Mission – The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to

become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and development, congregational ministry, human rights, education, homelessness, addiction recovery, women's issues and children and youth. All site placements provide opportunities for young adults to confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

Candidates for Young Adults in Global Mission apply to the program at-large rather than to a specific country. Applicant preferences are taken into account but the final decision about where volunteers serve is made by Global Mission staff and YAGM country coordinators in mid-April. Current YAGM country programs include: Argentina/Uruguay, Cambodia, Central Europe (Hungary), Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Southern Africa and United Kingdom

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together. Come, imagine yourself in the world!

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YAGM volunteer Ellen Friedrich will be at our Congregations on July 17th. She will be sharing her journey of faith to become a YAGM volunteer to serve in Madagascar for one year. Ellen is the daughter of Pastor Susan Friedrich and Norman Friedrich. Pr. Susan was my co-pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner IA. I am asking the Calamus Parish to share in a freewill offering for Ellen. Each volunteer has to fund a large portion of the cost of serving as a YAGM volunteer. You can be part of this young person's journey of faith. We will invite her back again to speak and share her adventures with us one year from now.

Here's the information for sending in a check donation for Ellen's one year in service as a YAGM.

Address check to **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Write "**Ellen Friedrich—GCS3245**" in the memo line (this will ensure the money goes directly towards YAGM funds)

You may put your check in the offering plate or send check to:

Attn: Pastor Mark Anderson
Northeastern Iowa Synod Office
201 20th St. SW, P.O. Box 804
Waverly, IA 50677-0804

- Pastor Bill

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill for any reason, please use his cell phone number:
319-231-5262.
Thank you.

Confirmation Class 2016—2017 Meeting

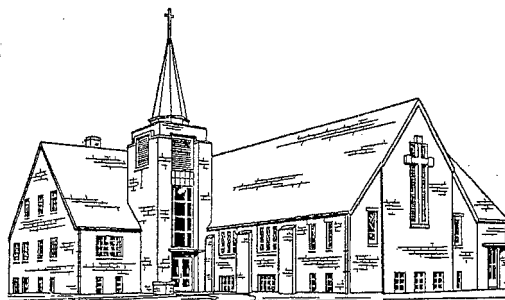
On Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church the students and parents of this year's confirmation class will meet with Pastor Bill for orientation. We have the following eighth grade students: from Faith: Andrew Grau, Josh Gronewold, Austin Henning, Alyssa McElmeel, Magnus Sands, Anne Tulley and Ethan Wilhelm and from Our Savior's: Chase Knoche. Seventh grade students from Faith: Colin Grau, Chesney Olson and Brayden Williams and from Our Savior's: Hailey Glover. If we have overlooked someone, please let the church office know so that we will have enough materials for everyone.

Summer Schedule June 5 - September 4



8:00 Worship – Faith
9:30 Worship – Our Savior's
(No Sunday School)

Mark Your Calendar! One Worship Service Only Sunday, July 3



9:00 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church

**There will be no
Education Committee meeting,
Outreach Committee meeting or
Worship Committee meeting in
July. All committees will meet at
their regular time in August.**

Joint Council:

- Pastor announced that Ellen Frederick, a Youth Global Mission candidate, will share information about the YGEM program during both worship services on July 17. A free will offering will be received to support the mission.
- Worship Committee will reschedule the parish breakfast; Movie night will be August 7 at Our Savior's.
- Education Committee reported VBS participants included 43 children, 4 youth assistants, and 14 adults; Sunday School begins on September 11.
- Karen Porth and Beth Hansen accompanied for a total of six Wednesday choir rehearsals – they will be compensated at the same rate paid in 2015 as noted in the Treasurer's books.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$991.41 and a working balance of \$36,150.72
- Heritage Glass checked the windows over the altar cross and will discuss action with Tulley.
- Tulley or Gasper will paint the walk-in entry doors when their time permits.
- Olson Appliance has installed a new microwave in the parsonage.
- Tulley will purchase a defibrillator battery, adult paddles and child paddles at a cost of \$250.
- Four sapling trees and one pecan tree have been donated and council will select planting sites.
- An attic fan will be installed in the parsonage by Hoffmann and Tulley.
- Tulley requested use of the Faith parking lot for a neighborhood gathering on July 10 from 2—6:00 p.m. The neighborhood will use the venue to introduce Pastor to the community. Request granted.
- A thank-you note and 2016 annual donation were received from Roger Rock. Council will send a note of gratitude to Rock.
- Steffens will request Heather Grau prepare a basic Facebook Page format and present to Faith Council for preview.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports were approved with at balance of \$688.00.
- Installation of a new water line is completed.
- Replacement of doors has been tabled.
- Organ computer system update has been tabled and will be discussed further in the fall.
- The fan motor of the flower refrigerator

has been replaced by Brian.

- The defibrillator battery has been replaced.
- Jason has talked to Keith about getting material to replace siding on east side of church.
- The sidewalk will be mentioned to the Property Committee.
- A burned out switch has been replaced on the air conditioner.

<u>Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report</u>	
<u>May 2016</u>	
Beginning Balance.....	\$ (1,807.17)
Deposits	\$ 14,772.48
Disbursements	\$(12,276.43)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 688.88

Fall Worship Schedule Beginning September 11



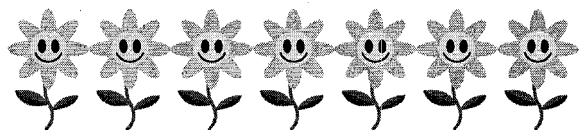
8:00AM Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue

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9:25AM Sunday School,
God Squad & Adult Class
Faith Church

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10:30AM Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street





The Heart of the Matter – Seeking God



"When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

Friday, July 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Lois Wessels

Leader: Jeannene Boussetot

*(Crossroads Garden Cafe in DeWitt –
Bible Study first and then order from the
menu for lunch. Please make your reservation
with Jeannene by Monday, July 11)*



Wednesday, July 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Sharon Boussetot

Leader: Pastor Bill



The Heart of the Matter – Reconciliation as New Creations

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!..." 2 Corinthians 5:17–19

Wednesday, August 17 – 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Arlene Green

Leader: Pastor Bill

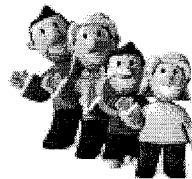


Friday, August 19 – 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Marsha Witte

*(Crossroads Garden Cafe in DeWitt –
Bible Study first and then order from the
menu for lunch. Please make your reservation
with Jeannene by Monday, August 15)*

News About Our People



Carsyn Dean, son of Michael Gronewold and Sara Davis, was welcomed into the the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on June 12. Carsyn's sponsors were Noah Gronewold and Katie Davis. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Carsyn!



Arlene (Dohse) Petersen passed away on Saturday, June 18 in Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida. Funeral services were held at Schultz Funeral Home, Grand Mound, Iowa on Monday, June 27.



When: August 7

Where: Our Savior's

Eat: 7:00 p.m.

Movie: 7:30 p.m.

(Bring lawn chairs and jackets)

There will be no "Coffee and a Little Bit of Jesus" Bible study during the months of July and August. The next meeting will be September 6.

Meals of Love



Working together to spread Jesus' Love, by providing homemade meals to those in our church who are experiencing life changing events; new moms, surgery, illness/injury recovery, death in the family, etc.

If you would be interested in being contacted to make a freezable meal please contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or grau.heather@gmail.com, and provide your name and best means to contact. Or there will be sign up sheets at both churches. Our goal is to provide an individual/family 3-5 home cooked meals.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex of each church.

"A Red, White and Blue Concert"



Thirteen members of Faith and Our Savior's are singing in the community choir presenting
A Red, White and Blue Concert
6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 3 at
Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center.
Admission is FREE



Thank you to all who remembered me on my birthday! I felt so truly blessed when I saw my mail box overflowing with many wonderful cards and greetings. Thank you and I wish you all God's richest blessings.

Your friend in Christ, Meryne Henning

Please submit items for the September 2016 newsletter to the church office by August 22.
Thanks for your cooperation!

July Events at the Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center (519 E. 11th Street, DeWitt)

Friday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m. – DeWitt Area Community Band

The band is celebrating 30 years of summer concerts. (FREE)

Sunday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m. – A Red, White and Blue Concert

A community choir of your friends and neighbors is singing patriot music. (FREE)

Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. – Johnsmith in Concert (\$20 tickets available at the door)

John is a singer/songwriter who was born and raised in DeWitt. John connects with his audiences through music that tells of love for family and friends.

Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 – "Midsummer Jersey"

This is the first play presented by the new community theatre group, On the Edge Productions.

Repurposing with a Purpose

Before you throw away, consider repurposing. We are looking for gently used magazines, pens/pencils, activity books (cross words, word find, Sudoku), decks of cards, small/medium size plain gift bags or other items that can go into 'Busy Resting Bag'. These bags will be used to provide to individuals on bed rest. Contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or grau.heather@gmail.com for more details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1: Ruth Whitman
 Davis Braet
 Rebecca Hurt

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

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

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 McMahan
 Michaella Sersig
 Pat Shelton

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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: Joel & Kay Olson

July 26: Pr. Sarah & Doug Goettsch

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
 Levi Easterday

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 16: Pr. Jim & Judy Higgins

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 2016

FAITH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Dick Johnson
Adam Wilhelm
Colette/Makenna Christensen

Acolytes:

Alyssa McElmeel

Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels & Diane Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Yale Christensen

Greeter:

July 3: Duane Petersen
July 10: Diane Christensen
July 17: Colette Christensen
July 24: Clara Wilhelm
July 31: Jeannene Boussetot

Lectors:

July 3: Yale Christensen
July 10: Andrea Shelton
July 17: Colette Christensen
July 24: Alan Lee
July 31: Jeannene Boussetot

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Joe Morehead
Brian Boussetot

Acolyte:

Chase Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lector:

July 3: *One worship service – at Faith*
July 10: Jason Boussetot
July 17: Mark Olson
July 24: Brian Boussetot
July 31: Marcia Edens

Cleaners:

Art and Sharon Boussetot

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One Worship Service Only


July 3



9:00 Worship at Faith Church

(Regular Worship Times Resume July 10)

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY 9:00 Faith Church	4 Independence Day 	5 No Mom's Bible Study	6	7	8	9
10 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	11	12 No Outreach Committee or Education Committee	13	14 No Worship Committee 7:00 Joint Council - F	15 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Lois Wessels L-Jeannene Boussetot	16
17 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	18	19	20 2:00 Lydia Circle	21	22	23
24 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS						

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 2016

FAITH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning/Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Josh Gronewold

Altar Ministry:

Ashley Steffens & Doreen Henning

Communion Assistant:

Ashley Steffens

Greeter:

August 7: Doreen Henning
August 14: Ashley Steffens
August 21: Shirley Ferguson
August 28: Lucy Lee-Petersen

Lectors:

August 7: Doreen Henning
August 14: Ashley Steffens
August 21: Shirley Ferguson
August 28: Lucy Lee-Petersen

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Ushers:

Dan Burke
Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Chase Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Brian Bousselot

Lector:

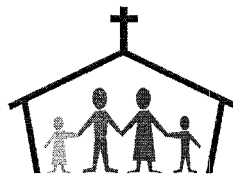
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August 14: Dan Burke
August 21: Joe Morehead
August 28: Amy Glover

Cleaners:

Shane and Amy Glover

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**One Worship Service Only
September 4**



9:00 Worship at Faith Church

(Fall Worship Schedule begins September 11:

8:00 Worship – Our Savior's Church

9:25 Sunday School/God Squad; Adult Class – F

10:30 Worship – Faith Church)

AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
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
16 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	17	18	19	20 Newsletter Items Due in Office	21 10:30 Naomi Circle H-Shirley Ferguson (meet at Crossroads Garden Cafe, DeWitt) L-Marsha Witte	22
23 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	31					

ELCA presiding bishop issues letter in response to Orlando shooting

CHICAGO (ELCA) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a letter in response to the June 12 shooting that claimed the lives of 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando, Fla. This is the deadliest mass shooting in U. S. history. In the letter Eaton states, “We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God’s image.”

Eaton’s letter follows:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.” Genesis 1:27

We are killing ourselves. We believe that all people are created in God’s image. All of humanity bears a family resemblance. Those murdered in Orlando were not abstract “others,” they are us. But somehow, in the mind of a deeply disturbed gunman, the LGBTQ community was severed from our common humanity. This separation led to the death of 49 and the wounding of 54 of **us**.

We live in an increasingly divided and polarized society. Too often we sort ourselves into like-minded groups and sort others out. It is a short distance from division to demonization. Yesterday, we witnessed the tragic consequences of this.

There is another way. In Christ God has reconciled the world to God’s self. Jesus lived among us sharing our humanity. Jesus died for us to restore our humanity. God invites us into this reconciling work. This must be our witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The perpetrator of this hate crime did not come out of nowhere. He was shaped by our culture of division, which itself has been misshapen by the manipulation of our fears. That is not who we are. St. Paul wrote, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ” (II Corinthians 5:17-20).

Our work begins now. We need to examine ourselves, individually and as a church, to acknowledge the ways we have divided and have been divided. We must stand with people who have been “othered”. We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God’s image.

This morning your churchwide staff came together to mourn and to pray. We prayed for those killed in Orlando and remembered the Charleston Nine killed only a year ago. We prayed for the family of the shooter, for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and for our Muslim brothers and sisters who now face the threat of retaliation. And we prayed that the Prince of Peace will bring us to the day when we stop killing ourselves.

Your sister in Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 A.M. Worship

Faith Church

505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship

Our Savior's Church

2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus



**Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class
Resumes September 11**

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