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Our Savior's
2589 190th Avenue

Pastor's View

Thank You – Jane and I would like to thank you for all the wonderful blessings that were shared with us this year. We thank you for all the gifts and cards that have been given this season. Your love is greatly received.

Blessed New Year – Advent seemed to jump right into Christmas. It was strange to see Christmas on Sunday. It was wonderful to have a Baptism on Christmas Day. It was a living example of the birth of Christ. Christmas then jumped to New Years day also on Sunday. People were busy with New Year greetings. It is now another year in our lives and what do we do with God's plans for our lives. It has been a year of loss for many of our church members. Some have been invited to the eternal feast with our Lord. Some have moved to new homes. And we all have changed. It is hard to see how we are still in relationship with our Lord Jesus. The good news is that we don't have much to do. Or it does not depend on our actions alone. The first move is always made by God. The response is always dependant on us. We are in a relationship that God has chosen to join with us in this life. As we

look at the changes that are coming in 2017 remember God blesses us and acts first.

Coming Events – Coming first is another annual meeting. Make plans to attend. Next is the start of Lent in February. You will get to see a few of the area pastors preach on Wednesday nights. We will take part in a Lenten Round Robin. The theme has not been chosen yet. May God Bless you this year.





At the December Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor announced Synod Assembly will be held on May 19—20, 2017 at Lutheran Church of Hope in Des Moines.

➤ Worship Committee supported Pastor's request to approach Joint Council regarding the Lenten services format: three area pastors who will prepare two sermons and rotate between the three churches; drafted the annual report from the Worship Committee.

➤ Christian Outreach Committee served approximately 50 people at the Thanksgiving meal; bowling may be scheduled for February or March.

➤ Education Committee reported Sunday School students will present "Gift of Love" on December 18; in January, Sharyl Boussetot will begin serving on the committee as Marsha Witte leaves the committee.

➤ PCC has developed a job description for the church secretary position. In general, the position will be 20—25 hours per week, have an annual salary of \$14,000, require applications be received by January 12, 2017, and schedule training to begin March 2017. *(Because of cancelled services and a late newsletter, the application date has been delayed until January 31, 2017).*

➤ Committee reports are due in the church office by December 20, 2016 and financial reports are due by January 20, 2017.

➤ The council accepted the PCC 2017 salary proposal for Pastor to be presented to members at the annual meetings.

Faith Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$1,685.69 and a working balance of \$44,146.19.

➤ Window repair is tabled until bids are received from Dane.

➤ Braet has repaired the church basement refrigerator.

➤ Braet thawed a frozen pipe in the parsonage basement; cracked foundation will be addressed with siding is installed.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a balance of \$3,460.79.

➤ The sidewalk replacement is finished.

➤ Jason will talk to Brian about cemetery

cremation rates.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report November 2016

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 2,648.28
Deposits	\$ 6,125.49
Disbursements.....	\$(5,312.98)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 3,460.70

My Apologies...

As a good Lutheran I confess "that I have sinned by what I have done and by what I have left undone." I'm concentrating right now on the "left undone." You didn't really think I would tell you about the sins I have done, did you??!! It is because of me the newsletter is so late this month! Will try to do better next month!

- Jeannene Boussetot, Secretary

Would You Like To...

The 2017 lists for lectors, ushers, communion assistants, greeters (Faith only), altar ministry (Faith only) and cleaners (Our Savior' only) will soon be compiled. If anyone would like to be added to or removed from the ministry assistants lists, please let one of the following people from your congregation know - at Our Savior's: Dan Burke, Jason Boussetot, Deb Detlefs, and Linda Whitman; at Faith: Diane Christensen, Andrea Shelton, Ashley Steffens and Terri Boussetot. Thank you to all those who continue to assist in these ministries!

Noisy Offering to be Collected January 15



The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offering will be selected by the 2017 Joint Council and committees.

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

One Worship Service Only
January 1, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**No Sunday School,
God Squad or Adult Class
on December 25 or January 1**
Classes resume January 8, 2017

**PARISH SECRETARY TO
RESIGN IN MAY**

The Calamus Lutheran Parish secretary, Jeannene Bousset, has decided to retire at the end of May 2017. The Parish Coordinating Committee is searching for her replacement. We are looking for an active member of the parish to fill the position. Anyone interested needs to contact Pastor Runaas at his church office to obtain a job description. The deadline for applying is 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2017.

Children's Program
"Gift of Love"

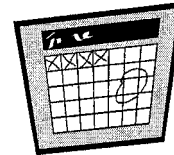


The children's program titled "Gift of Love" was presented during the 10:30 worship at Faith on Sunday, January 8.

"The best thing about the future is that
it comes only one day at a time."
- Abraham Lincoln

**OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 29, 2017
Following 8:00 a.m. Worship



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**Annual Meeting
Preparations**

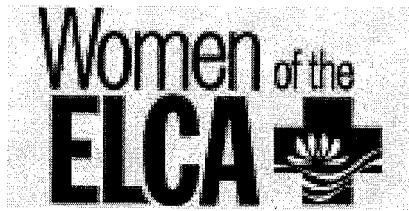
To be able to distribute the annual reports the Sunday before the annual meeting, the following deadlines will need to be met:

Committee and organization reports for the congregations' annual reports are due in the church office by January 10, 2017. These reports include: Pastor's report; Council Presidents; all committees (Education, Stewardship, Christian Outreach, Memorial and Gifts, Property and Management); Our Savior's Cemetery; and God Squad.



Financial reports for Confirmation, God Squad, Women's Circles, Financial Secretary, Treasurers, Proposed Budgets and audit reports for the congregations are due in the church office by January 18, 2017. Thank You!

**Happy
New Year
2017**



"Galatians - Christian Faith and Christian Freedom"



"No Other Gospel"

- Galatians 1:1—2:21

Wednesday, January 18 – 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: (to be determined)



Friday, January 20 – 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Joan Shelton

(at her home)

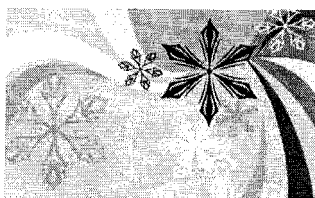
Leader: Marsha Witte

News About Our People



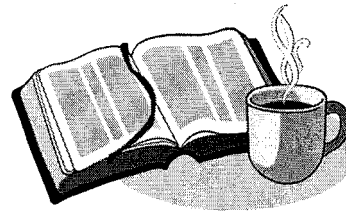
Rachel Lee, daughter of Mitchel and Melissa Christensen, by means of Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on December 25, 2016. Amelia's sponsors were Nolan Christensen and Madison Shoultz.

**February Newsletter Items
Due January 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**



Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Carroll Assistance Center. You are so faithful in your support. We had 60 angels this year. The count is higher than last year. We gave the presents and food baskets last Sunday. That day is so special for us. Tears flow from all of us—volunteers and the recipients. We are so thankful the Center is able to help others. You and our other churches and individuals, and other organizations make our work possible. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year. God's Blessings to all of you.
Sincerely, Karen Schneider, Board President.

Coffee & A Little Jesus[®]



You are invited to the Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus
February 7 – 9:00 a.m.**



If interested, please email me
grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563-424-0507

You can also follow on Facebook at
Coffee & A Little Jesus

♪ Choir Rehearsal ♪



**Wednesday, January 11 – 7:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church**

♪ ♪ Come join us—we'd love to have you!

♪ Diane Christensen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- January 1: Kenneth Eschbach
January 2: David Olson
January 3: Isaac Wilhelm
January 4: Dirk Braet
Ethan Wilhelm
January 6: Adam Hayes
January 8: Joan Shelton
Alec Olson
Shelly Mayerhofer
Pastor Bill Runaas
January 9: Peter Whitman
January 10: Pastor Sarah Goettsch
Wyatt Easterday
January 13: Steve Hansen
Blake Elias
Pastor Marvin Robeck
Noah Mullin
January 14: Declan Olson
January 15: Gerry Wulf
January 17: Vicki Garrett
January 18: Anne Tulley
January 19: Gary Braet
January 20: Austin Henning
January 21: Herb Wilhelm
Jody Schnede-Henning
January 22: Arlene Green
Kevin Henning
David Boussetot
January 23: Jessica Schroeder
Noelle Steines
January 25: Doug Willet
January 26: Keegan Allen
January 27: Rick Olson
January 28: Chris Morehead
Brody Koch
January 30: Dylan Boussetot
Michele Calef
♥
January 10: Marlon & Sandy Olson

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

"Things turn out best
for the people who
make the best of the way
things turn out."

- John Wooden



Find us on
Facebook

**Calamus Lutheran Parish
is now on Facebook.
Find Us! Like Us! Comment Us!**

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.**



"We Are All Neighbors"

"When I was ordained, it was for a special ministry, that of serving children and families through television. I consider that what I do through *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* is my ministry. A ministry doesn't have to be only through a church, or even through an ordination. And I think we all can minister to others in this world by being compassionate and caring. I hope you will feel good enough about yourselves that you will want to minister to others, and that you will find your own unique ways to do that.

You don't ever have to do anything sensational for people to love you. When I say, 'It's you I like,' I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch...that deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: *love* that conquers hate, *peace* that rises triumphant over war, and *justice* that proves more powerful than greed.

So in all that you do in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you and your neighbor to become the best of whoever you are."

- The World According to Mr. Rogers

"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person. There have been so many stories about the lack of courtesy, the impatience of today's world, road *rage* and even restaurant *rage*. Sometimes, all it takes is one kind word to nourish another person. Think of the ripple effect that can be created when we nourish someone. One kind empathetic word has a wonderful way of turning into many.

I have long believed that the way to know a spiritual sense is to know it in our real life. I think the best way to understand about God and peace is to know about peace in our everyday lives.

Peace means far more than the opposite of war."

- The World According to Mr. Rogers



MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2017

FAITH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning/Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Andrew Grau

Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels
Diane Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Greeter:

January 1: Joan Shelton
January 8: Jeannene Boussetlot
January 15: Jim Gronewold
January 22: Diane Christensen
January 29: Brian Tulley

Lectors:

January 1: Doreen Henning
January 8: Ruth Braet
January 15: Ashley Steffens
January 22: Diane Christensen
January 29: Jeannene Boussetlot

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Joe Morehead
Brian Boussetlot

Acolyte:

Chase Knoche
Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

January 1: Dan Burke
January 8: Jason Boussetlot
January 15: Amy Glover
January 22: Deb Detlefs
January 29: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Jason and Chad Boussetlot

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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JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 Our Savior's	2	3 9:00 "Coffee & A Little Bit of Jesus" Bible Study at Heather Grau's 1658 -- 257th Street Calamus	4 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	9	10 7:00 Committee Night - Faith	11 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith 7:00 Choir Rehearsal - Faith	12 6:00 Worship Committee - F 7:00 Joint Council - F	13	14
15 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	16	17	18 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith 2:00 Lydia Circle	19	20 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Joan Shelton (at her home) L-Marsha Witte	21
22 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	23	24	25 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith	26	27	28
29 Annual Meetings - No Sunday School 8:00 Worship - OS Annual Meeting 10:30 Worship - F Annual Meeting	30	31 7:00 Luther College Symphony Orchestra Bettendorf HS Performing Arts Center 3333 - 18th St. Bettendorf				

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8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
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9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church



10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
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