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Our Savior's
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Pastor's View

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Easter - We worship with "He is Risen!" "He is Risen Indeed!" I hope that you have been spiritual filled during this Easter journey. We journey through Easter towards Ascension and into Pentecost. Spiritually during Easter we can focus on our Baptism and Communion as it relates to the risen Lord and Savior.

Mom's Bible Study – "Coffee and a Little Jesus" - Heather Grau is hosting a bible study and talk time about our faith. Mom's and children are welcome. They will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 9 am. Call Heather at 563-424-0507 or email grau.heather@gmail.com.

1st Communion Class - We will be offering 1st communion classes for all ages of persons. If your child has questions about communion I would encourage them to attend the classes. If they have already had one class it might be helpful if they would take a refresher class. This is a two lesson class. We will use a DVD called Sacraments in Action and the book "A Place for You." Please call the office if you are going to attend. The dates are May 6(F.) & 10(F) at 6:30p.m. I am looking forward to the class time with you and your student. First Communion n May 14.

Vacation Bible School – There will be VBS on May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 3:30 PM. Please look for signup sheets for your young person. Also if you would like to donate items or yourself please contact the office or a VBS person.

FCTE – Pastor will be at First Call Theological Event April 30th to May 2. This event is a gathering of all First year pastors in the Synod.

South East Synod Assembly – Pastor and elected delegates will be at Lutheran Church of Hope in Des Moines May 18 – Saturday May 20.

Wednesday Worship – We will be offering a Wednesday evening worship service during the summer. There will be 6 worship events on: June 14, 21; July 12, 19; and August 9, 16. The service will begin at 7 pm and be short like 45 min. or less. This service is geared for fun and family like. The sermon will be interactive with those who want to share. Music will be light and fun. If you play an instrument please contact Pastor Bill.

Christmas – Christmas is a problem this year. It is always difficult when Christmas falls on a weekend. This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday night. The worship committee talked for a couple of meetings on what would be the best for all families. It was decided that Christmas season worship would look like this. Christmas Eve morning worship (Sunday) would be at Faith at 9 AM. Christmas Eve worship would be at 9 PM at Our Saviors. Christmas Day worship (Monday) would be at 9 AM at Faith. And the first Sunday in Christmas would be at 9 AM at Our Saviors.

Worship Service Change – On June 4th we will use WOV.

In Christ
Pastor Bill



At the March Council Meetings

Joint Council:

Pastor Report:

- Calamus Fun Days Worship Service will be August 20th at 10:30 in the park

Worship Committee:

- The committee requested Joint Council consider the following summer Wednesday Evening Worship Service format.

- Services will be held on June 14 and 21, July 12 and 19 and August 9 and 16.
- Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for 30-45 minutes
- Music will be non-traditional and provided by volunteer musicians.
- The service will include prayer and interactive discussion rather than traditional sermon.
- No communion will be offered
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- The Committee Request Join Council confirm the following 2017 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship schedule.

- December 24th 9 a.m. worship at Faith
- December 24th 9p.m. at Our Savior's
- December 25th 9a.m at Faith

- Volunteers are need to organize the basket raffle for Calamus Fun Days which is being held August 19 and 20th. Decision to hold basket raffle must be made by May 16th. Contact Pastor

Stewardship/Christian Outreach Committee:

- The committee did not meet. Approximately 19 people attended the bowling event in March

Faith Council:

- Motion made my Steffens to donate \$100 to Camp Ewalu.
- Repair of other sidewalk near the church will be postponed until bids are received.
- Braet will contact Brian Tulley about getting mulch for church and parsonage.

- A work day will be scheduled on a as needed basis or when mulch arrives. Contact Braet.
- Tina and Mike Tendall donated a desk for Pastors office. Boussetot will send a thank you note to the Tendalls.
- Pastor requested Faith Council approve a non-taxable housing allowance in the amount of \$1,500. This is not a salary increase. Otherwise, it will be taxable income.

Our Savior's Council:

- Update on historical society and accessibility- representative from historical society suggested we take pictures and send to the historical society and their consultants will give recommendation on how to proceed or we can have a consultant come out to the church to review and give recommendations. We may be able to obtain a grant for repairs if proper channels are followed. Melissa will take pictures and contact historical society.
- Update on dry cleaning- Melissa checked with local dry cleaners and it will cost approx \$15.00 per table cloth to clean after the use of linens for wedding and funerals. Melissa Jacobsen motioned to add cost of cleaning lines to funeral guidelines. Megan Will 2nd families will be given the option o weather or not to use lines
- Waiting on bids on new doors
- Locks on doors during funerals- with new doors there should be locks or can put in a lock key pad will wait to see beds and timelines on new doors.
- Megan Will motioned to send \$25.00 donation to after prom. Melissa Jacobsen 2nd

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report	
February 2017	
Beginning Balance.....	\$ 1680.03
Deposits	\$ 4,779.24
Disbursements.....	\$ (6,183.41)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 275.86



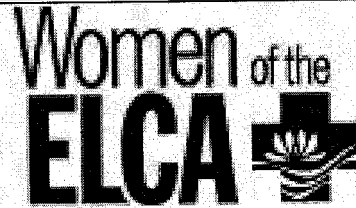
Bible School

Monday May 1, 8, 15, 22

From 3:30-5:00

Kindergarten-Grade 5

If anyone is interested in helping please contact an education committee member or sign up for a specific task in the back of the church. We need help in the kitchen, story time volunteers, snack providers, and supervision/helpers. Registration form is included in this newsletter.



You Are Not Alone



"Ten reflections from 10 diverse women"



Naomi Circle

Friday, May 19 – 10:00 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe, DeWitt

Hostess: Janice Berger

Leader: Diane Christensen

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

Noisy Offering to be Collected May 21, 2017



The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offering, selected by the 2017 Joint Council and committees, is Camp Courageous of Monticello, Iowa. Camp Courageous is a year-round respite and recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Several people in our communities look forward to attending Camp Courageous each year.



Confirmed

Into Calamus Lutheran Parish on April 30 2017 are:

To Faith Church: Josh Gronewold, Andrew Grau, Austin Henning, Alyssa McElmeel, Magnus Sands, Anne Tulley, Ethan Wilhelm,.

To Our Savior's Church: Chase Knoche

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY

SCHOOL IS MAY 21.

Sunday School and Adult Class will resume

September 10 at Our Savior.



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Calamus Lutheran Parish
is now on Facebook.

Find Us! Like Us! Comment Us!

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
May 2 – 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

Graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School



These members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish are graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School: from Faith – Katie Banowetz, Allison Cunningham, Darick Dunham, Noah Gronewold, Austin Seastrand, Malachi Ki Sosa, Congratulations to you all!

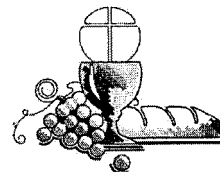
Mark Your Calendar! One Worship Service Only Sunday, May 28



9:00 a.m.

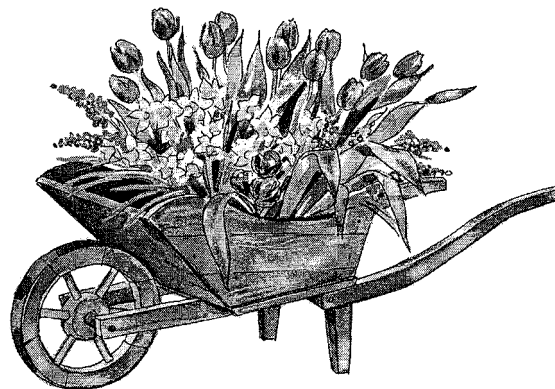
Faith Lutheran Church

First Communion Classes



First Communion classes will be offered for persons of all ages at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 3 and May 10. It is a two-lesson class and you will need to attend both sessions. The May 3 class will be held at Faith Church and the May 10 class at Our Savior's. A DVD, *Sacraments in Action* and the book, *A Place for You*, will be used during class. If your child has questions about Holy Communion we encourage you to have them attend – if they have already had one class it might be helpful if they would take a refresher class. The celebration of First Communion will be on Sunday, May 21

June 2016 Newsletter
Items Due
May 18, please. Thanks
for your cooperation!



Baskets of Promise

44 Personal Care Kits from Faith and Our Savior's were shipped to Lutheran World Relief on April 15.

Personal Care Kits are part of Lutheran World Relief's ongoing response to crisis. To support Syrian refugees, kits have been sent to Armenia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Serbia and Syria.

Calamus Lutheran Parish "Noisy Offering" money in 2016 was also designated for Syrian refugees through the ELCA's Disaster Response.

Summer Schedule Begins June 4, 2017



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



I don't know how to rightly express how thankful I am for the love and kindness you have shown to me

these past 28 years that I have served as your parish secretary. By "all," I mean the pastors, the councils, the committees and the congregations, as a whole. I wanted to tell you this at the wonderful coffee time you honored me with but I knew I would cry and be a mess.

So, first of all, thank you for the coffee time you hosted during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for the gift card, the flowers, the hugs and the smiles – the hugs and the smiles are the very reasons I loved my job..

Thank you to those of you who stopped by my office over the years to share good times, not-so-good times, scary times and plain, old ordinary times. There were also the hilarious times which I loved dearly. What happened in the office – stays in the office!

We were a good team over the years, weren't we? It was a treat to see how the worship committee, education committee and community outreach committee worked together to share God's love and to carry out our ministry to the community. Thank you for letting me share in that witness!

I apologize to those people that I had to say, "The deadline for the newsletter/bulletin was yesterday or last week." What a pain in the neck I was! Sorry, folks. 😊

Over the years, my time in the office has seemed as if it were a special calling that I would try to fulfill. I have always felt that it was my responsibility to do everything I could to free the pastor's time and energy to carry out their ministry of Word and Sacrament. Thank you to all the pastors for their patience with me and their gift to me to learn so much from them as we shared conversations. I had the special opportunity of having my own Bible concordance, in person!

Thank you to each and every one of you for allowing me to be a part of the fantastic Calamus Lutheran Parish team. I have been blessed! I loved my calling to be your secretary – thank your this very special gift.

With love and appreciation, Jeannene

Grace Camp's Spring Retreat and Salad Luncheon

"God's Grace is Sufficient"

Delores Thornburg will share experiences in her life
that inspired to write the book

" God's Grace is Sufficient"

Afternoon Retreat 12-3pm

Evening Retreat 6-9pm

Registration Fee \$10.00

Please call 563-659-9216 or 563-357-0780 for
reservation by May 1st or send to

Maribeth Penningroth

1410 Westwood Drive

DeWitt, IA 52742



Come Celebrate The Graduation of Katie Banowetz

Daughter

of Larry and Sharyl Banowetz

on May 27th from 4-7

At the Calco 201 Main St Calamus, Ia 52729

2017 Campership Appeal

Camp Ewalu does make a
difference.

Send donation to Camp Ewalu

37776 Alpha Ave.

Strawberry Point, Ia 52076

A May Poem



"The wind is tossing the lilacs,
The new leaves laugh in the
sun,
And the petals fall on the
orchard wall,
But for me the spring is done.

Beneath the apple blossoms
I go a wintry way,
For love that smiled in April
Is false to me in May."
- Sara Teasdale, *May*

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

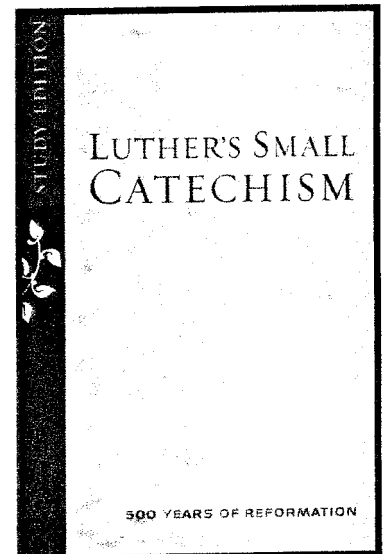
Luther's Small Catechism

Of all the things Martin Luther wrote, he is probably best known for two things: the hymn “A mighty fortress is our God” and the Small Catechism. Interestingly, Luther himself was ambivalent about the lasting value of most of his writings, with two exceptions—and one of them was this little pamphlet, the Small Catechism. And this from someone whose writings changed the whole landscape of the Western religious world.

Most of us know the Small Catechism well. Many spent hours memorizing it as teens. But how did it come to be, and what is it that makes it so helpful?

In 2017 we are observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's start, when Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses. If that was the act of a passionate young man, a decade later he was facing the needs of the church he was reforming. If it was no longer enough just to go through the motions, following the lead of a Latin-rite priest, then what was at the heart of what people needed to know—and how were they to learn that? To meet that need, Luther the pastor and teacher created two catechisms—the Large (primarily intended for pastors) and the Small (for use in the home).

A catechism is a document that lays out the basic ideas of religion in a simple question-and-answer format. For the Small Catechism, Luther chose to open up some of the basics of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments of Holy Baptism

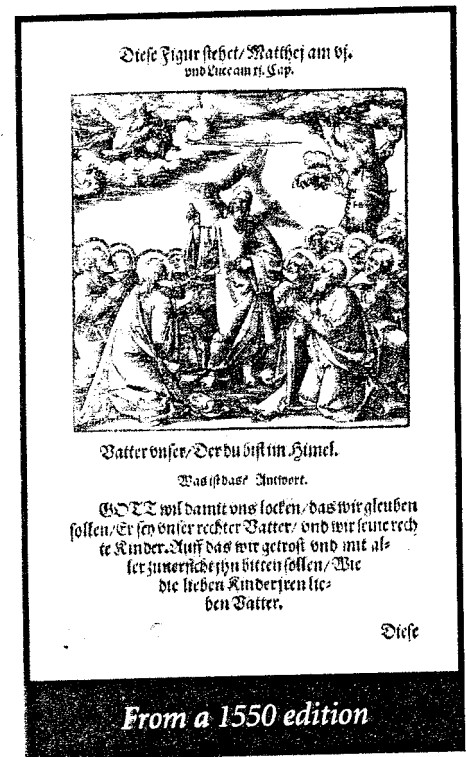


and Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys and Confession. It's worth noticing that he based this teaching document on what already existed rather than starting from scratch and inventing a whole new system. Luther was committed to the church catholic.

His genius is shown in the way he opened up these statements of faith. The famous question in each case was, in German, “*Was ist das?*” In English, most of us know this as “What does this mean?” but a literal translation would be “What is *that?*” And then

he proceeded to tell, in beautifully simple language, what each commandment, each part of the creed, each petition of the Lord's Prayer, tells us about God and about us as God's children. These explanations set out a God who is not the stern judge of Luther's own childhood, but a loving parent who offers us unconditional grace and only then invites us to live accordingly.

How profound was Luther's achievement in writing the Small Catechism? A mark of it can be seen in the simple fact that nearly five hundred years after its first publication in 1529, and after being translated into hundreds of languages, it is still one of the most effective tools for learning and teaching what the Christian faith is all about.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2: Bobbie Hesse
 Tim Olson
 May 3: Jean McNeil
 Courtney Knoche
 Heather Grau
 May 4: Nolan Christensen
 May 5: Kale Whitman
 May 6: Robert Voss
 Noah Maske
 Meagan Berger
 May 7: Sarah Koch
 Lans Carstensen
 Alicia O'Donnell
 Ben Untiedt
 Jason Sullivan
 May 8: Jacob Grau
 May 11: Marilyn Schau
 Victoria Cunningham
 May 12: Mark Witte
 May 14: Lois Wilhelm
 May 15: Natalie Tendall
 Brayden Williams
 Nora Glover
 May 16: Randy Behne
 Meggan Septer
 May 17: Logan Bickel
 May 18: Kara Olson
 May 19: Roger Ihns
 Nick Storjohann
 Caylee Boussetot
 Tysen Steffens
 May 21: Doug Boussetot
 Pastor Brenda Peconge
 May 23: Courtni Knudtsen
 Alison Edens
 Emma Olson
 May 24: Keith Steward
 William Schaver
 Kenneith Schaver
 May 26: Yale Christensen
 Amy Glover
 Rusty Porth
 Caden Will
 Austin Hower
 May 27: Jesse Jackson
 Isabella Spooner
 Brayleigh Schaver
 May 28: Meryne Henning

May 30: Lena Perrone
 Judy Higgins
 Dave Whitman
 Garrett Perrone
 May 31: Lucy Lee-Petersen
 Skye Doerscher
 Karen Eschbach
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 May 1: Kristin & Roy Schlinkert
 May 7: Daniel & Megan Will
 May 8: Shane & Amy Glover
 May 9: Sheri & Doug Siemen
 May 10: Alice & Kenny Fitzgerald
 May 11: Lance & Wendy Seastrand
 May 18: Luke & Jessica Shelton
 Dave & Tammy Olive
 May 20: Dion & Dawn Olson
 Scott & Theresa Grau
 May 24: Kevin & Kim Miller
 May 26: Zach & Rebecca Shorter
 May 31: Ashley & Troy Steffens

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

To contact Pastor Bill, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262.

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 3:30-5:00 Vacation Bible School-F	2 9:00 a.m. Coffee & A Little Jesus at Heather Grau	3 6:00 p.m. 1st Communion Class-F	4	5	6
7 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F 2:30 Bad Girls of Bible-F	8 3:30-5:00 Vacation Bible School-F	9 7:00-Christian Outreach Committee	10 6:00 p.m. 1st Communion Class Choir rehearsal 7:30-F	11 6:00 Worship Committee-F 7:00 Jt Council-F	12	13
14 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F 1st Communion	15 3:30-5:00 Vacation Bible School-F	16	17	18	19 Naomi Circle-10 a.m. Crossroads in DeWitt	20
21 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F Last Day of Sunday School Celebration-F	22 3:30-5:00 Vacation Bible School-F	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Joint Service-F	29	30	31 6:30 Ed Committee 7:00 Bible School Staff			

MINISTERS FOR May 2017

FAITH

Ushers:

Mark Witte
Dirk Braet
Brian Tulley
Gary Braet

Acolytes:

Josh Gronewold

Altar Ministry:

Mark & Marsha Witte

Communion Assistant:

Marsh Witte

Greeter:

May 7: Dirk Braet
May 14: Gary Braet
May 21: Rusty Porth
May 28: Brian Tulley

Lectors:

May 7: Alan Lee
May 14: Marsh Witte
May 21: Rusty Porth
May 28: Brian Tulley

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Dan Burke
Shane Glover

Acolytes:

Hailey Glover
Nora Glover

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

May 7: Jason Boussetot
May 14: Marcia Edens
May 21: Cindy Burke
May 28: Amy Glover

Cleaners:

Brian Boussetot and Dylan 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.

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8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus



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



10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
Faith Lutheran Church
505 Second Street, town of Calamus

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