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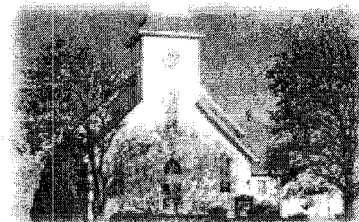
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Pastor's View

Ministry in the Future – There was a good discussion about what has to happen to make things happen for the future of a pastor at Calamus. There was a review of a) geographic parish. b) TEEM ministry. C) Collaborative Learning ministry. I stressed that this was something that we would have to keep working on because most of these choices will take time to set up and grow into. The councils have decided to have an open discussion at the annual meetings and then have monthly meetings to work our way to a working proposition. We will keep the Synod involved in all that we do. Please pray about your future.

Reformation Worship Service – I would like to thank the youth of the church for their role in leading the reformation service. They emphasized the points of reformation that they found important. Thank you for your wonderful work. Thank you to our youth and their leaders.

Reformation Meal – I would like to thank the committee for the Pancake (&egg) and sausage meal that they served at Faith. It is fun to have someone fix you a lunch right after worship. The wonderful good smells from the kitchen was enough to entice me to stay and eat and fellowship together. Thank You.

First Communion – We have 4-5 young people who will receive their 1st communion on Reformation Sunday. Please pray for them and their families. They are one step closer to a living loving relationship with their God. Bless them.

All Saints Worship – We will again have a special time of prayer for our loved ones who have departed us into glory. We will say their name, ring a bell and light a candle. These are the saints that have lived their life in Christ Jesus. At the worship service of the Baptism of Jesus we will honor the newly baptized this past year. Our Sainthood is based on God's grace and love. We honor and remember all the Saints.

Thanksgiving Service – There will be a Thanksgiving worship service at Faith on Sunday evening November 19 at 5 o'clock for worship and 6 for a light meal. I would ask that you invite a friend for this worship service. The light meal will be soup and sandwich and you are invited to bring pies or bars or cookies. But the main point is to bring yourselves and to give thanks with your neighbor to God.

Hanging of the Greens – On December 3rd we will have a worship to focus on the start of Advent and the preparation for Christmas. This Service is lots of fun and very meaningful.

Advent – Advent is a time of preparation for the Coming of Christ. We often connect Advent with the Birth of Jesus. But there is also the meaning of preparation for the end time. Services will be about 35 minutes. This is short so young people can get home and go to bed.

November



Set Your Clocks Back!



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 5**

God Squad Meeting

Youth in grades 8-12 and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, November 5, during the Sunday School hour at Our Savior's.

A firm count is needed of those wanting to register for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas the week of July 25, 2018.

♪ Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 15
7:00 p.m. – Faith Church ♪**



God Squad Bake Sales



Sundays, November 12 and 26

Raising money for 2017 Angel Tree Project and 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Noisy Offering to be Collected November 12



Camp Courageous has been selected by the church councils and committees to be the 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offerings.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

**Sunday, November 19
Faith Church ~ 5:00 p.m.**



*(There is no monetary offering -
only paper and can goods
for the Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland)*

**Soup and Sandwich Supper
Served following Worship**

Bible Study

All are welcome!



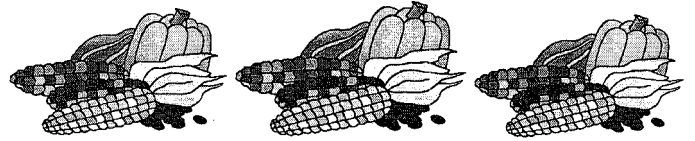
Mondays, November 13 and 27


Tuesdays, November 14 and 28

6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

"Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies to
Win the Battle of the Mind"

By Joyce Meyer



Women of the
ELCA 

The Apostles' Creed

Session Three:

I believe in the Holy Spirit . . .



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, November 15, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

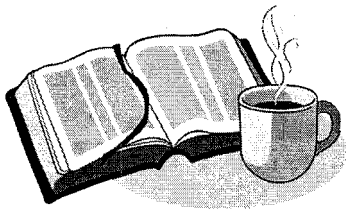


Naomi Circle

Friday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

"Coffee & A Little Jesus"



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

**Book of Philemon: Relationship conflict
between believers**

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



If interested, please email me
grau.heather@gmail.com or call me [563-424-0507](tel:563-424-0507)

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



Thank You for CROP Hunger Walk Donations



Thank you to all who contributed in some way to the CROP Walk either by walking or donating money to the cause. A total of **\$573.87** was raised by the Calamus Lutheran Parish. This will be added to the donations from the Wheatland Walk which will then be combined with the DeWitt Walk donations. 10% of the total money collected goes to the Carroll Assistance Center, 15% is given to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt. The remaining 75% is shared with the state, national, and international levels to provide food for rural areas.

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

December Newsletter Items
Due November 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!



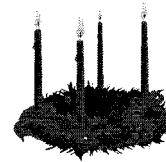
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is
Thursday, November 23

First Sunday of Advent December 3



Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas. We focus on the long-awaited birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and to the second Advent, when Christ will return.

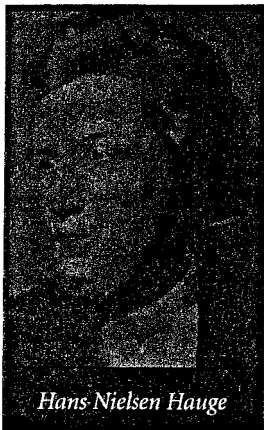
To help us prepare for the birth of Christ, in addition to Sunday worship, we will have mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings. A 6:00 served meal precedes the 7:00 worship service.

More information will be coming.

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutheran Church Bodies in America

Family trees and lineages aren't always the most interesting reading—just try to keep your interest up as you read the first nine chapters of 1 Chronicles. On the other hand, when looking at a church body like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a tracing of mergers (and divisions!) can be helpful as we learn where we came from, what issues disturbed us, and thus where we may be headed.



The Lutheran (or evangelical) movement began, of course, in Wittenberg, Germany. And in European countries the church organizations remained relatively stable, thanks to the tradition of state churches. For a long time, the principle was *Cuius regio, eius religio*—meaning, roughly, the king gets to decide the religion. Even in the “old country,” though, that began to break down in the nineteenth century as some Lutheran leaders, such as Hans Nielsen Hauge in Norway and the Saxons who would form the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, chafed under rules they felt violated their consciences.

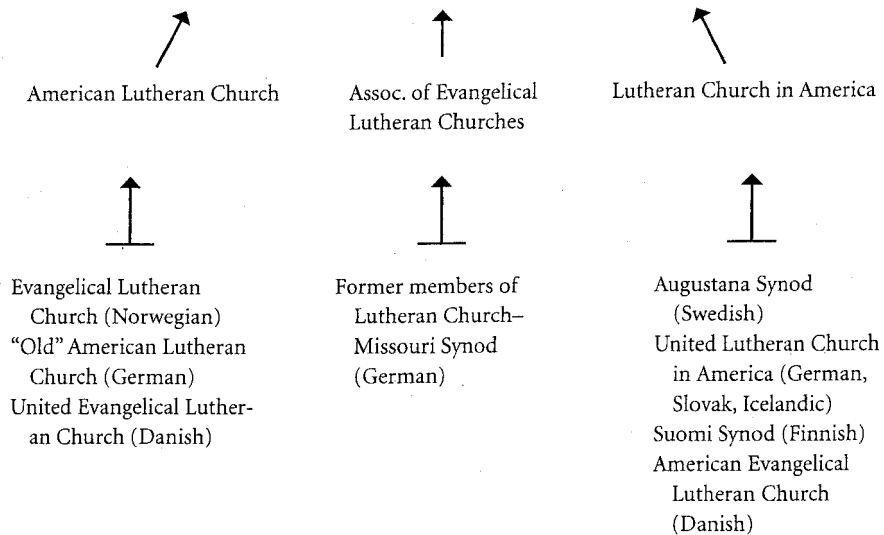
When Lutherans began to arrive in the United States, they came from several countries—early on, mostly northern European and Nordic, each group affiliating with their country of origin. But Lutherans, having foresworn strong centralized control from the outset, kept thinking for themselves. Differences of opinion formed, or were inherited, over issues such as relations with Christians of differing beliefs, membership in lodges, and slavery, and theological matters such as millennialism (whether Christ will reign on

earth for a thousand years), predestination, and ordination. So there are at least seven German groups, three Norwegian ones, and two Danish bodies, plus Swedes, Finns, Slovaks, and Icelanders, that through a series of mergers became the ELCA. A rough family tree can be seen on the other side.

Unfortunately, divisions have continued, more recently over issues like biblical inerrancy, relationships with other church bodies, ordination of women, and ordination and marriage of homosexual members. Today, even though the great majority of Lutherans in the United States belong to the ELCA, the Missouri Synod, or the Wisconsin Synod, there are more than thirty additional groups with ties to Lutheranism.

For Christians who follow the Lord who prayed that his followers might be one (John 17:11), such divisions are a cause for sorrow and repentance. The ELCA, a product of mergers, labors and prays that unity in Christ will continue to grow closer.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA





October Council Meetings

Joint Council:

Pastor's report:

- All parish members are invited to the Conference #4 meeting at Zion Lutheran Church in Wyoming, IA at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5. The following nominees are needed for synod committee openings:
 - A qualified person in the Office of Word and Sacrament.
 - A lay person
 - A person of color or non-English speaking

Worship Committee:

- The Sunday, November 19, 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service at Faith was finalized. A soup/sandwich meal will follow worship.

Christian Outreach Committee:

- Committee finalized meal plans for the October 29 Reformation Brunch at 11:30 a.m. at Our Savior's.

Education Committee:

- Sunday School is going well. About six students per class are attending.
- Trick-or-Trunk Supper will be served by the God Squad on October 31 at Faith Church from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Joint Council:

Old Business

- A service to cremate Bibles will be held at the Jacobsen residence and the ashes spread on the prairie on October, 29, at 3:30 p.m. Parishioners may bring Bibles to the service or deliver them to each church prior to the date.

New Business

- At the January 2018 Annual Meeting, all parish members will be invited to attend regularly scheduled meetings which will focus on determining the type of future pastoral care the parish will pursue. Specific meeting dates are yet to be determined.

Faith Council:

Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$1,228.82 and a working balance of \$38,271.49.

- 12-slot wall organizer will be removed from future agendas.
- Ryan Associates will check the furnace in October
- Keith Gasper will begin siding the parsonage and garage in October.
- Braet will repair the tile floor in the basement.
- 2018 Youth Gathering will be held in June/July in Houston, Texas. Pre-registration closes on November 15. Prospective participants inquired as to if the parish/congregations provided assistance with registration, travel, and lodging costs. God Squad does fundraising to offset some of the incurred cost.
- Basket Raffle proceeds were distributed as follows: Calamus Fire Department \$2,703, CALCO \$1,351, and Calamus Library \$1,351.

Our Savior's Council:

- Jason is looking into church by-laws.
- Door installation is on schedule.
- Deb Detlefs is looking into stools for visitations.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

September 2017

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,243.24
Deposits	\$ 3,280.09
Transfer from Memorial Account	\$ -0-
Disbursements	\$(6,052.17)
Ending Balance	\$(1,528.84)



November

Y A D E C N A R B M E M E R
R G D P J B N X Z V T Y D B
Y N N J M L L M E L P V V Q
L X C N D M R T U P J X Z G
Z L Y H J L E L O T B L T R
E N E Z I R L P Z M U R W K
M L D A A L T S E V R A H Q
R L P N V R L H S A U Q S T
D B S P A E T Y J Y B R Z T
Y M G K A M S V M J Z J Z Y
V Q E M J Z X G M T L N V W

Leaves

Autumn

Rake

Veterans

Harvest

Remembrance Day

Chilly

Poppy

Apple

Squash

MINISTERS for November 2017

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm

Acolytes:

Isaac Wilhelm

Altar Ministry:

Larry and Marilyn Schau

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

Greeter:

November 5: Jim Gronewold
November 12: Keith Steward
November 19: Marilyn Steward
November 26: Diane Wilhelm

Lectors:

November 5: Julie Gronewold
November 12: Heather Whitman
November 19: Alan Lee
November 26: Ruth Braet

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Dan Burke
Shane Glover

Acolytes:

Hailey Glover
Nora Glover

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:


November 5: Jason Boussetot
November 12: Brain Boussetot
November 19: Marsha Edens
November 26: Deb Detlefs

Cleaners:

Shane and Amy Glover

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.

November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	2	3	4
5 All Saints Day 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 9:25 God Squad Meeting w/parents 10:30 Worship - OS	6	7 Coffee & a Little Jesus 9:00 a.m. at Heather Grau	8 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	9	10	11
12 Bake Sale Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	13 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 p.m. at F	14 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 p.m. at F Committee Night 7:00 p.m. at F	15 Lydia Circle noon Crossroads in DeWitt Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F Choir practice 7:00 p.m.-F	16 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. at F Joint Council 7:00 p.m. at F	17 Naomi Circle 9:30 a.m. Crossroads in DeWitt	18
19 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Thanksgiving Worship 5:00 p.m.-F Meal to follow	20 Newsletter items due in office.	21	22	23 	24	25
26 Bake Sale 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	27 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 p.m. at F	28 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 p.m. at F	29 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F			

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 1: John Ihns
November 2: Bob Barnard
November 4: Ryan Olson
November 5: Magnus Sands
Benjamin Harkness
November 6: Angela Knudtson
November 7: Brodina Boussetot
November 8: Joe Bruckman
Lance Seastrand
Jason Wilhelm
Scott Peters
Matt Olson
Tammy Olive
November 9: Braeden Hayes
November 10: Terri Boussetot
November 12: Wendi Seastrand
Nathaniel Cunningham
Jacob Montover
November 13: David Lahann
November 15: Brandon Septer
November 18: Adam Wilhelm
November 20: Chayse Griebel
November 23: Sherri Brady
Debra Dillon
November 24: Linda Lindaman
Conrad Dosland
Makenzie Garrett
November 25: David Burke
November 26: Vera St. John
Shelley Weiss
November 27: Eldon Pewe
November 28: Machaela Jacobsen
November 29: Tina Braet-Thomas
Julie Olson



November 11: Terry & Julie Steines
November 12: Leonard & Linda Elsner
David & Hilda Hellyer
November 18: William & Janice Berger
November 28: Dave & Linda Lindaman

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



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Fall Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 a.m. Worship
Faith Church
505 – 2nd Street, Calamus



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



10:30 a.m. Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus

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