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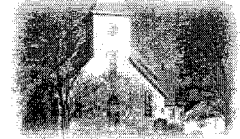
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Our Savior's Church
2589 190th Avenue

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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. We love the town of Calamus and all that comes with the gift of this community.

Blessed New Year – Advent seemed to jump right into Christmas. We didn't even have four Wednesday services this year. It was strange to see Christmas Eve on Sunday. And Monday was the wonderful Birth of Jesus celebrated on Christmas Day. Christmas then jumped to New Years day also on Monday. People are busy with New Year greetings.

It is good to look back at the year that has just pasted. For me the year has held the beginnings of change. The first change came when I heard the good news that I was to become a grandfather in May. This led to the second change; it helped me pick a date for retirement. I am planning to retire sometime between summer of 2019 and January of 2020. Changes in the congregation always take place. We have seen members die this year. We have seen members move to another place to live; near family or Nursing homes. And we all get older every year.

We all have changed. The good news is that we don't have much to do still be in relationship with our Lord Jesus. This relationship is not dependent 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 2018 remember God blesses us and always acts first. So we can be faithful in return.

Coming Events - Coming first is another annual meeting. Make plans to attend. Next is the start of Lent in February. We are looking into a round robin again so you will get to see a few of the area Pastors preach on Wednesday nights. The theme has not been chosen yet. May God Bless you this year.

Congregational Study on Pastoral Ministry – The Calamus Parish will start in January the study to see what style of ministry will fulfill the needs of the parish after Pastor Bill retires. The parish will look at the need and form some sort of call/study group or council or another option not named. The parish will look into the questions from the self-study questionnaire that the synod uses when a congregation enters into the call process. The parish will look into TEEM, MDiv. Collaborative Learning Program and the regular call process of the Synod. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in the next 18 months. Please pray for one another that we will follow where God's Spirit is leading us. Please pray for wisdom to make the right choices for the right reasons.



December Council Minutes

Joint Council:

Pastor's report:

- All annual reports are due December 20. All financial reports are due January 15.
- Motions approved 1) \$3,250 for purchase of washer and dryer by Pastor and Jane for the parsonage and 2) to increase Pastor's Health Care Cafeteria plan from \$1,800 to \$2,000.
- Pastor will retire sometime between June 2019 and January 2020.

Worship Committee:

- Committee reviewed and approved the Worship Committee 2017 Annual Report. It has been submitted to Rebecca.

Christian Outreach Committee:

- No report was given.

Education Committee:

- Sunday school curriculum for the remainder of the year has been finished.

Old Business:

- Council discussed the possible formation of committees and method of leadership through the process of determining future pastoral care for the parish.

New Business:

- Motion was made and approved to combine God Squad checking and two savings accounts into just one checking account. Signatures on the account will be Doreen Henning, Jason Boussetot, and Ashley Steffens
- Dirk Braet has completed his second 3-year term on the council, so he cannot serve as a council member. Ashley Steffens and Marilyn Schau have completed their first 3-year term on the council. Neither will pursue a second 3-year term, so three council seats will need to be filled.
- **The Annual Meetings will be held on January 28, 2018, immediately following respective worship services.**

Faith Council:

- Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$1,889.75 and a working balance of \$31,383.94.

Old Business:

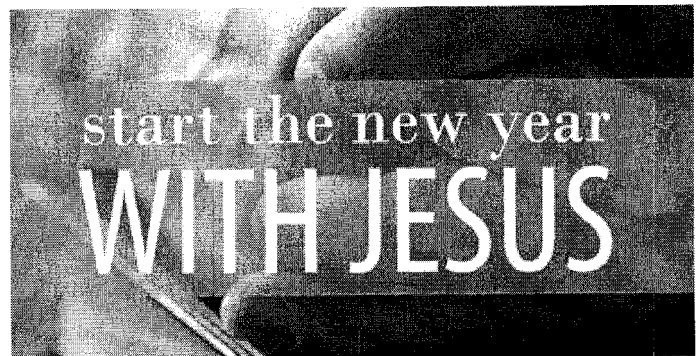
- No action has been taken on the parsonage windows.
- The color and style of siding for the parsonage will be decided by the Property Management Committee and some council members.
- Ryan Associates serviced the furnace. No bill will be submitted.

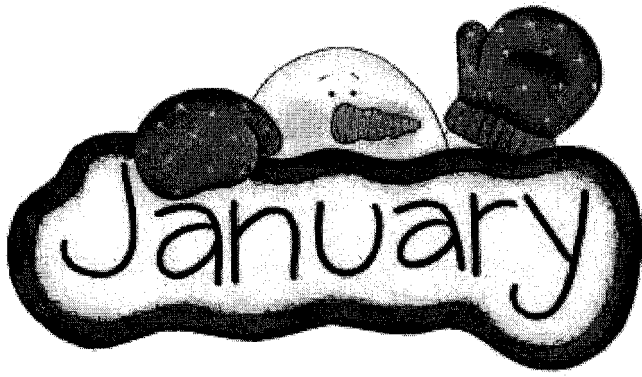
New Business:

- Signatures will be updated at First Trust and Savings Bank. Memorial Savings Account signees will be Yale Christensen and Doreen Henning. Safe Deposit Box signees will be Daryl Henning and Yale Christensen.
- Braet will determine who currently has possession of keys for the safe deposit box and where they are stored.

Our Savior's Council:

- There were not enough members present to hold a meeting.



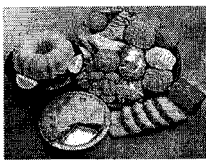


**Sunday School, God Squad, and
Adult
Classes resume January 7, 2018
9:25 at Our Savior's**

**Noisy Offering Collected
January 21**



God Squad Bake Sales



Sundays, January 14 and 28
Raising money for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Annual Meeting Preparations

To be able to distribute the annual reports the Sunday before the annual meetings, the following deadline needs to be met:



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 15, 2018. Thank You!

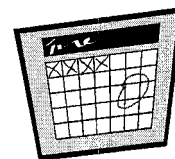
The F& B Communications Annual Meeting is Tuesday, January 16, at the CALCO.

Faith Church is serving the lunch. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the paper outside the church office.

Needed are desserts and workers for preparation, serving, and clean up.

FAITH CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 28, 2018
Following 8:00 a.m. Worship**



OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 28, 2018
Following 10:30 a.m. Worship**

"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 Jonah- "Is it really just about a fish?"

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus

January 2 – 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

Happy New Year!

Bible Study

All are welcome!



Mondays, January 8 and 22

Tuesdays, January 9 and 23

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

Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations

Session one: Washing hands with distant hearts

(Mark 7:1-8)



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, January 10, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, January 19, 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

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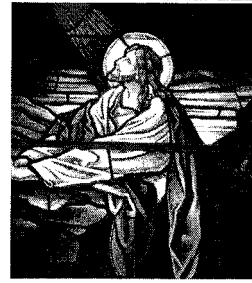
If you want to contact Pastor Bill for any reason, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262. Thank you.

Would You Like To...

The 2018 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; and at Faith: Diane Christensen, Andrea Shelton, and Terri Boussetot.

Thank you to all those who continue to assist in these ministries!



Check out the parish web site:

<http://www.clparish.org/>

Listen to sermons and see what is happening in our church.

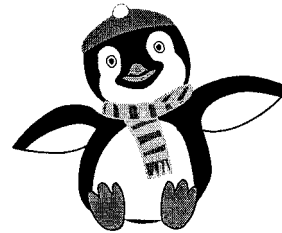


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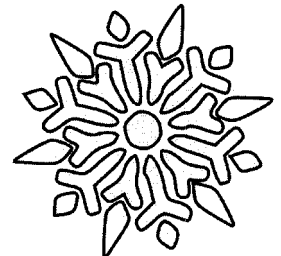
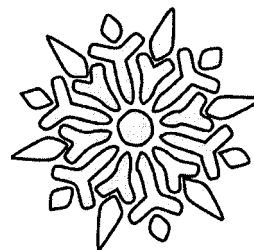
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February Newsletter Items
Due January 15.
Thanks for your cooperation!

Thank you to everyone who purchased soup and cookie mixes or donated jars.

The God Squad Youth raised over \$900.00



Thank you to all who participated in the "Angel Tree" project. Our parish provided Christmas gifts for 19 "Angels" this year.



Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach

Has compassionately shared the good news of God's healing love and grace through the ELCA chaplaincy at the University of Iowa's Hospitals and Clinics for over 20 years.

Chaplain Cindy Breed has provided the Holy Sacraments of Communion and Baptism as well extended the love of Christ through prayer and presence to thousands of ELCA Lutherans and their families hospitalized at UIHC.

Chaplain Breed has been there when local pastors have been unable to tend to their flock at University Hospitals.

This vital ministry needs your support. Our nation has suffered many disasters in the last year, which have resulted in the redirection of donations – needed donations - to assist God's children in the areas affected.

As a result of this redirection, LCO has suffered a **\$30,000.00 budget deficit that may end this ministry.**

Please support LCO **today** through your giving - so that it will remain accessible for all Lutherans.

LCO receives no synodical financial support.

All donations are tax deductible.

DONATION INFORMATION

Checks: mail to
Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach
123 E. Market St.
Iowa, City, IA 52245

THANK YOU!

Through donating to LCO, you participate in God's healing and salvific work!

January 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|----------|
| | 1 | 2 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau's | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS | 8 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F | 9 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F Committee Night 7:00 pm at OS | 10 | 11 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS | 15 Newsletter items due in office. Annual Financial Reports are due | 16 F & B Luncheon 12:30 at CALCO | 17 Lydia Circle noon Garden Cafe in DeWitt | 18 | 19 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Cafe in DeWitt | 20 |
| 21 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS | 22 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F Newsletter items due in office. | 23 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Bake Sale Annual meetings following Worship at each Church. 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

MINISTERS FOR January 2018

FAITH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning/ Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Brenna Henning

Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels and Diane Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Doreen Henning

Greeter:

January 7: Jeannene Boussetot
January 14: Jim Gronewold
January 21: Diane Christensen
January 28: Brian Tulley

Lectors:

January 7: Doreen Henning
January 14: Alan Lee
January 21: Diane Christensen
January 28: Ashley Steffens

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Joe Morehead
Brian Boussetot

Acolyte:

Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

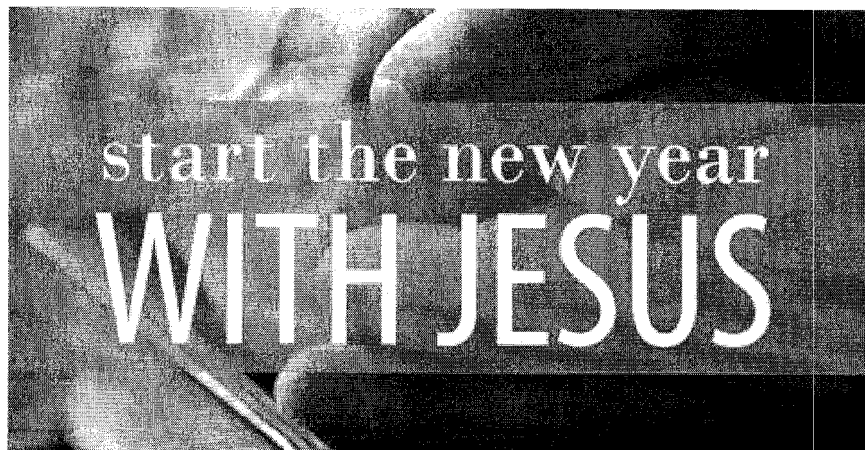
Lector:

January 7: Jason Boussetot
January 14: Brian Boussetot
January 21: Marcia Edens
January 28: Cindy Burke

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.



Birthdays & 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
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 Boussetlot
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 Boussetlot
Michele Calef



January 10: Marlon & Sandy Olson



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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
2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus

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