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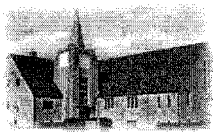
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Pastor's View

Lent – Lent starts this Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. Easter will be April 1, 2018. I find that the thought of Easter being on the day we celebrate the “April fools” tradition hilarious. I love the thought that God pulls an April fool’s joke on Satan. Death is defeated by the love of God.

Lent is a season of prayer and worship. So Lent is the time to do some sort of Spiritual Discipline. Often Lent is the time to give something up or to add something to our daily spiritual life. Giving up sweets (chocolate) has some benefit to our spiritual life if we add act of going towards God in some manner.

Using a devotional is also beneficial. The devotional may be a spiritual mantra. We start the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads made with ashes and oil. The cross of ashes is messy. The cross may be good looking or just a smudge of black. This is a good reflection of what the cross does in our lives. Sometimes the cross is clear and powerful in what it does to us. Other times it is smudged, not clear, but still very powerful in our lives. When we receive the ash cross on our forehead we hear the words; “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” That could be our spiritual mantra during lent. What could be more powerful than to remember that the power of life is in Jesus who gives us the gift out of love for us. Lent is a time that we can work for a better faith life.

What is important is that you are remembering Jesus during this Lenten season. If possible spend some time that is quiet time for you. Your faith will grow as you spend time with Jesus. So Lent can be about the personal elements of faith.

But also lent is about the community coming together for spiritual growth together. As we worship alone and together we are lead to see our own sinfulness and the forgiveness that we receive from God.

Hospital and sick visits – Thank you for letting me know if you are in the hospital or need a visit at home. When I hear about someone who needs a visit, I put that high on my “to do” list. If I have not visited and you think I should have please call me or the office.

Have a blessed Lent.

Pastor Bill

Valentine's Day Word Search

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

Arrow
 Be Mine
 Candy
 Card
 Chocolate
 Couples
 Cupid

Date
 Diamond
 February
 Feelings
 Flowers
 Friendship
 Gift

Hand holding
 Heart
 Hugs
 Kisses
 Love
 Lovers
 Romance

Roses
 Stroll
 Suitors
 Valentine

Ash Wednesday Worship



February 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
(There is no meal on this evening)

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



February 21, 28
Faith Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.



March 7, 14, and 21
Our Saviors Church – 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter

Calamus Parish is thinking of changing how you get this newsletter. This is due to a couple of reasons; first our permit is for 200 newsletters and above and we are falling under the 200. Second is the cost of publishing and mailing out 200 newsletters. The Parish is thinking of posting the newsletter on our church website. Then every month when the newsletter is ready the secretary will email you a link that you can click on and it will take you directly to the newsletter. There will be hard copies available and if you wish to have a hard copy please let us know and we will place it in your box. And for those that cannot make it to the church we will mail it out to you. In order to change how you get the newsletter we need to make sure we have everyone's correct email address. Please contact the church office at 563 246-2622 and make sure we have your correct email. And let us know if you would like an email link or a hard copy either in your box or mailed to you. We are looking to make this change soon because our mailing permit expires the 1st of March.

**Noisy Offering to be Collected
Sunday, February 18**

News about our People



A funeral service was held for Craig Henning on December 28, 2017 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Craig passed away on December 16, 2017 in Arlington, Texas



A funeral service was held for Alice Schroeder on January 6, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church. Alice passed away on January 1, 2018 in Wheatland, Iowa

40 Days of Giving:

Calamus Lutheran Parish will be gathering

40 Jars of Peanut Butter

(chunky or smooth, any size, any brand) for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland during the

40 Days of Lent

Ash Wednesday (FEB 14) through Easter Sunday (APR 1).



Check out the parish web site:
<http://www.clparish.org/>
Listen to sermons and see what is
happening in our church.

Pastor retires . . .

Rev. Marilyn Witte retired at the end of January. She had been serving as cantor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster, PA, since 2001.

Marilyn was born and raised in Calamus and was baptized and confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church. She is a daughter of the late Wesley and Audrey Witte.

A 1970 graduate of Calamus High School, Marilyn went on to study music, with an emphasis on piano performance and choral conducting, at Indiana University in Bloomington, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees. While teaching piano at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, she earned a master's degree there in liturgy.

Realizing that she was called to use her music in service to the church, Marilyn entered Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She received her M.Div. in 1991 and was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on January 18, 1992.

Marilyn served two congregations in Minnesota before being called to Good Shepherd, where she found the perfect fit for her passion and talent. She has written and published liturgical music and choral and organ arrangements, as well as creating a celebrated concert series at Good Shepherd. In retirement she plans to find new ways to enjoy and share her love of music.

Gratitude for Marilyn's ministry and good wishes for her retirement can be sent to:

Rev. Marilyn Witte

1038 Woods Avenue

Lancaster, PA 17603



At the January Council Meetings

Joint Council:

Pastor's report:

- Several pastors may participate in a round robin format of Lenten worship services

Worship Committee:

- Committee reviewed Lenten and Holy Week worship services through Good Friday.
- Ash Wednesday is February 14 at Faith 7:00 pm worship. No meal is served.
- Wednesday Lenten service and meal February 21 and 28 at Faith 6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm worship.
- Wednesday Lenten service and meal March 7, 14, and 21 at Our Saviors 6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm worship.
- Maundy Thursday, March 29 at Faith 7:00 pm worship.
- Good Friday, March 30 at Our Saviors 7:00 pm worship.
- Easter Sunday, April 1 at Faith 7:00 am and at Our Saviors 9:30 am

Christian Outreach Committee:

- No report was given.

Education Committee:

- Committee did not meet.

Old Business:

- Future Pastoral Care: There will be two committees functioning at the same time. One would be a traditional Call Committee that would begin with self study and a goal of calling a pastor to serve our parish. The second one would pursue one of the four options previously outlined. These committees will be defined and organized after annual meetings are over.

New Business:

- Monthly newsletter mailing cost, quantities, and preparation were discussed. More research will be done on posting it on the parish web site or emailing it. Hard copies will always be available upon member's request. Members are encouraged to provide the church secretary with their email address.

- The parish will send a congratulatory note to Rev. Marilyn Witte who retired at the end of January. Terri Boussetot will draft the message.
- Motion by Matt Olson to pay \$220 for the update on Church Windows for the computer. Ashley Steffens seconded. Motion passed. Cost per congregation is \$110.
- **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 \$1,601.15 and a working balance of \$31,621.59.
- Parsonage new siding will be narrow and a light gray color.
- Replacement of parsonage windows is being researched.
- Combination for the safety deposit box at First Trust and Savings is in the secretary's office.
- Next meeting is February 15, 2018 at Our Savior's.

Our Savior's Council:

- Added Accessibility, Pastoral Care Options, and Cemetery Guidelines to the new business for the annual report.
- Budget will stay the same.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

Beginning Balance.....	\$	N/A
Deposits	\$	N/A
Disbursements.....	\$	(N/A)
Ending Balance.....	\$	N/A

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.

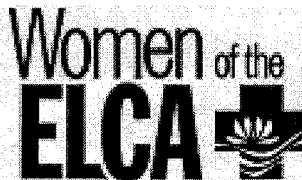
Book of Jonah - Is it really just about a big fish?

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus
February 6 – 9:00 a.m.

or

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



Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations

Session two: Prepare the Way of the Lord

(Luke 3:3-17)



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, February 16, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, February 16, 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

Bible Study

All are welcome!



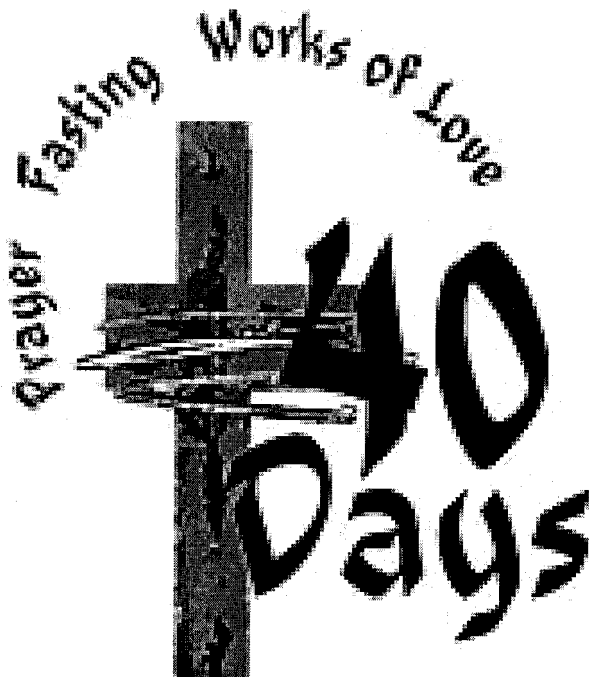
"Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies to
Win the Battle of the Mind"

By Joyce Meyer

Mondays, February 12 and 26

Tuesdays, February 13 and 27

6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church



February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	5	6 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau's	7 Confirmation Class-F 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	12 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F	13 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F Committee Night 7:00 pm at OS	14 Lydia Circle -Noon Garden Cafe in DeWitt Ash Wednesday- 7:00 pm Worship at F	15 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	16 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Cafe in DeWitt	17
18 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	19 Newsletter items due in office.	20	21 Confirmation Class-F 6:00 pm Lent Worship at F 6:00 pm Meal 7pm Worship	22	23	24
25 Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS 9:25 Acolyte Training - OS (4,5,6 Grades)	26 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F	27 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F	28 Confirmation Class-F 6:00 pm Lent Worship at F 6:00 pm Meal 7pm Worship			

MINISTERS FOR January 2018

FAITH

Ushers:

Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm
Adam Wilhelm
Eric Sands

Acolytes:

Isaac Wilhelm

Altar Ministry:

Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Communion Assistant:

Sharyl Banowetz

Greeter:

February 4: Diane Wilhelm
February 11: Shirley Ferguson
February 18: Ruth Braet
February 25: Sharyl Banowetz

Lectors:

February 4: Jeannene Bouselot
February 11: Terri Bouselot
February 18: Ruth Braet
February 25: Kevin Henning

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Shane Glove
Dan Burke

Acolyte:

Brendan Olson

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

February 4: Dan Burke
February 11: Joe Morehead
February 18: Amy Glover
February 25: Deb Detlefs

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

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.



LENT

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 1: Carla Olson
February 2: Madison Eschbach
February 3: Connor Gasper
February 5: Hailey Glover
February 6: Susie Lahann
Trent Wilhelm
February 8: Steve Grau
Kay Olson
Aubree Klootra
Calvin Steines
February 9: Rebecca Barnes
Chad Olson
Audrianna Schroeder
February 12: Oliver Barnes
Lester Peters, Jr.
February 14: Billy Duke
February 15: Christopher Henning
February 16: Kevin Peters
Hannah Braet
Pat Grau
February 17: Blaine Henning
Sabrina Schutt
Katrina Harkness
February 18: Abigail Grau
February 19: Brianna Williams
Nate Olson
Diane Sievers
Amber Hesse
February 20: Travis Willet
February 21: Michael Easterday
February 22: Kinnick Christensen
February 23: Brad Johnson
Katie Banowetz
Kodi Gasper
February 25: Robin Costello Smith
Melisa Jacobsen
Carol Christensen
February 26: Allison Cunningham
Brennan Koch
February 27: Sharyl Banowetz
Tim Hellyer
Delores Lahann
February 28: Samantha Wingate
Brandon Wingate

February 7: Kendra & Dave Rock
February 15: Kathy & Jim Willet
February 17: Sherry & Delores Lahann
February 18: Lynn & Katie Olson
February 20: Heather & Mike Whitman

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.

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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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