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Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA

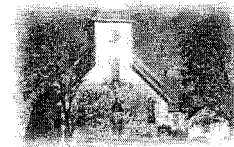
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Pastor's View

Easter - We enter March already on our walk of faith towards Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then Easter Celebration. Our Wednesdays in lent are a learning lesson in faith through the understanding of the theme of Water and the Witness. We end this journey faith with a Maundy Thursday service of scripture, washing of hands, Communion and then leaving in silence. This silence is a way to prepare for the worship of Good Friday. On Friday we will hear the message that it is our sinfulness that has put Christ on the Cross. It also shows us God's grace so we have the gift of relationship with God. We then move to Easter Celebration. We start Easter where Good Friday left us; at a tomb with no hope. But we soon worship with "He is Risen!" "He is Risen Indeed!" We also will see the best April Fools Day joke on Satan – Resurrection! I hope to see you in this Lenten/Easter journey.

Future Ministry Options for Calamus Parish

1. Multi-point Parish - Continue to add points to the parish structure. Take our two point parish and add more congregations. Has a low expectation pay off that may have a declining future.
2. Teaching and Learning Options.
 - a. Internship Site. This is what Bliedorn Congregation is doing now. Congregation applies for Intern at the Synod level and at the Seminary. Intern would serve for one year. This is the 3rd year of the Seminarians 4 year program. Would commute from Dubuque. Cost is housing; & \$30-40,000 for the year. Challenge is having nearby Pastoral supervisor, Congregational committee to provide feedback.
 - b. Collaborative Learning Program – Calamus Parish supports an "MDiv Collaborative Learning Program" with a person who wants to become a pastor in the ELCA. This person (from our congregation or another congregation) will serve as a "student-pastor" during the four years of academic online studies. The advantages for the "student-pastor" are: reduced student loans, real-time classroom participation, two campus workshops per year, and site congregational leadership. Calamus Parish becomes a teaching congregation; similar to an intern site. Candidates for the Collaborative Learning Program are nominated by their synods and approved by the ELCA. The student would spend all 4 years at the congregational site. This is a ½ time student at Seminary and ½ pastor in congregation at about 50 hours per week. Cost is about ½ time pastor

salary plus benefits and housing. The Challenge is the need for a mentoring pastor and a supervising pastor. The student generally would not receive a call to hosting congregation. This may fall under the same rules as TEEM candidate. (See below.) Challenge would be to find a person who will commit to this call. Contact and work with Synod and seminary to work out all the details.

- c. Calamus Parish uses the “Theological Education for Emerging Ministries” (TEEM) style. The TEEM program provides preparation for those who will provide pastoral ministry in emerging ministry contexts including inner city, multicultural, **rural**, and other communities. Candidates for the TEEM program are supported by their community and will complete a three-year program with Wartburg Seminary. Candidates for the TEEM program are nominated by their synods and approved by the ELCA. Normally TEEM candidates are age 40 or older. TEEM is a focused ministry that works with the needs of a special congregations. Rural small congregations fulfill the definition of a TEEM qualified site. The candidate will study ½ time and work ½ time. After completing all studies the candidate is ordained into the ministry of that congregation. (Student remains in congregation.)
- d. Geographical Parish – This is not a multi-point parish.(See 1. Above) This is a multi-point congregation that would mimic a large congregation. There would be a staff situation supporting many congregations. The goal would be to work under a unified mission; a unified Council and a unified program. The staff would reflect the needs of the geographic parish. There might be pastor(s), Deacon(s), Church Administrator, youth worker, musician, education director. Challenge would be the amount of change that would be required. Change causes greater risk. But a chance for greater growth in the ministry of the parish. One challenge is the amount of time needed to form a new parish with everyone willing to change, share and drive to where the ministry would be taking place. Challenge would be the fact that each congregation would not have church every Sunday in their building. Challenge would be
- e. the amount of trust that is needed to grow this into a Dynamic Model of a church.
- f. The last choice is that Calamus Parish does nothing. Calamus Parish would be hoping that the pastor does not retire or that the Synod provides a pastor right when the parish needs a pastor. The Synod does wonderful things, but that might be a little like a miracle in the making.

The point of this long explanation is that joint council is bringing these choices to the congregation on March 4, 2018. When the congregation makes a decision to go ahead with this method of “calling” a pastor then the PCC committee along with the joint council will take the next step in reaching the goal of having pastoral leadership for Calamus Parish in the coming years. The council and I will work with the Synod during this process. Please pray about our future. Please pray about our ministry. We have a lot to pray about, think about, and work towards a goal that will carry our congregations forward into the coming years.

Thank You for looking at this option.

Pastor Bill.

March

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



Wednesdays – March 7, 14, 21
Our Savior's Church – 7:00 p.m.



Lenten Meal – 6:00 p.m.

March 7 (Potluck), 14(Potluck), 21 (God Squad)



Noisy Offering to be Collected March 18



The 2018 recipient of the Noisy Offering, selected by the joint council and committees, is *The Water and The Witness*.

Holy Week Schedule



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7:00 p.m.
Faith Church



Good Friday

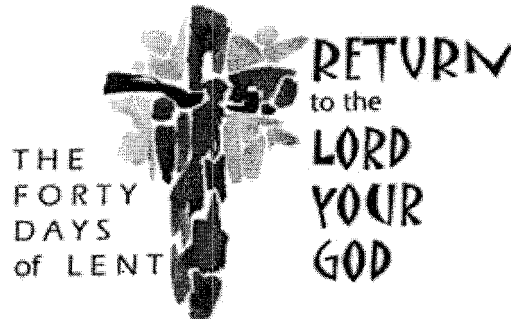
March 30, 7:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Church



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

7:00 a.m. Worship at Faith
8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Faith
8:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Faith
9:30 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's



Newsletter

Calamus Lutheran Parish is thinking of changing how you get this newsletter. This is due to a couple of reasons. First, the 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 considering posting the email on the church website. Then every month when the newsletter is ready, I 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. If you wish to have a hard copy, please let me know and I will place it in your box at church. For those who cannot make it to the church, the newsletter could still be mailed to you.

In order to change how you get the newsletter, I need to know if you would like an email link, or a hard copy in your box at church, or a copy mailed to you.

Please contact the church office at **563-246-2622** or **clparish@fbcom.net** and make sure I have your preference and your correct email address. The change will be made soon because the mailing permit expires March 1.

Thank you for your prompt attention!
Rebecca Hurt, Secretary

Notice of Parish Meeting

**Future Pastoral Care
Sunday, March 4, 2018**

2:00 p.m.

Faith Church

All members of Faith and Our Savior's are invited and encouraged to attend and share their opinions about the direction the parish should consider in securing future pastoral care. Specific information is available at each church and will be distributed at the meeting. Pastor Bill will lead this initial discussion. Thank you for attending. The future of our church and parish depends on your participation.

Ellen Friedrich will be here on March 4th to talk about her YAGM experience. She will speak during both services and at adult class. We will be collecting a free will offer for her.

Chili Cook-off

Do you think you make the best Chili. Well come prove it in our Chili Cook-off on March 18 at 4:00 at Faith Church. A signup sheet will be provided. Cost is 5:00 per person or \$10.00 a family. The funds raised will be give to the God Squad.

♪ **March Choir Rehearsals** ♪

Wednesdays - March 7, 14, 21

at Our Savior's

Following Lenten Worship



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

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
March 6 – 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



Women of the
ELCA 

Multiple meanings: Learning from other
interpretations

Session three: The Good Samaritan
(Luke 10:30-37)



Naomi Circle

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

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, March 21, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

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).

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



February Council Meetings

Joint Council

Pastor's report:

- Five pastors will participate in a round-robin format for Lenten worship services.
- Pastor will use three weeks of vacation in July.
- Ellen Friedrich will share her YAGM experience on March 4 during worship and adult Bible class. A free will offering will be collected.
- Pastor will lead the upcoming parish meeting on future pastoral care.

Worship Committee:

- Discussed Palm Sunday.
- Groups hosting Lenten meals may determine how the donations are used.
- God Squad will help serve and clean up at all Lenten meals as a "Thank You" to the parish for their support.
- Made recommendation for joint services on May 27 and September 2.

Stewardship/Christian Outreach Committee:

- A Chili Contest and Meal will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for contestants who will make the chili. The committee will provide all other food items. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. The funds will go to God Squad to be used for attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Old Business:

- Motion was approved to designate Noisy Offering and Lenten Worship offering of cash and envelopes to SE IA Synod's *The Water and The Witness* program.

New Business:

- Postcards are being placed in church mail boxes to allow members to indicate their choice of how they want to receive the newsletter. The church secretary will mail out post cards and then call members who do not respond.
- All members are invited and encouraged to share their opinions on the direction the parish should take in new pastoral care. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 pm at Faith Church. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting.
- The parish will serve the CALCO breakfast on Sunday, March 11. Our Saviors will serve the early shift from 8:00 – 9:30 and Faith will serve from 9:30 to the end.
- Joint Services on May 27 at 9:00 am at Our Savior's and September 2 at 9:00 am at Faith

Faith Council

- Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$1,601.15 and a working balance of \$31,272.19.

Old Business:

- Property and Management committee and Gasper will determine best options for window repair or replacement and possible porch structure repair at parsonage.
- Bids for double hung porch windows are as follows:
Spahn and Rose \$2,249.79
ABC Supply #1 \$2,539.37
ABC Supply #2 \$1,679.64
- Item tabled
- Gasper will begin siding the parsonage and garage in April.

New Business:

- Motion was made and approved to accept the following slate of officers for Faith Council:
President - Pat Grau
Vice President - Eric Hoffman
Secretary - Terri Boussetot
- Council members will contact members on committees to see if they are still willing to serve.
- Motion was made and approved to accept the Annual Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2018.
- Lenten meals at Faith will be as follows:
February 21 - Faith Council will serve soup, cheese sandwiches, and dessert bars.
February 28 - Parish Potluck

Our Savior's Council

- Jason will meet with Will Froeschle at Edward Jones to review the investments. We maintained a conservative growth investment plan.
- Lenten meal sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. March 7 and 14 will be potluck and on March 21 the God Squad will prepare the meal.
- Ellen Friedrich will share her YAGM experience on March 4 during worship and adult Bible class. \$100.00 donation will be given to her.
- Committee assignments were reviewed. The PCC was expanded to four members in conjunction with Faith. The list was sent to Rebecca to be updated.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report January 2018

Beginning Balance.....	\$7,139.05
Deposits	\$ 3,822.12
Disbursements.....	\$(5,139.31)
Ending Balance	\$5,821.86

**April Newsletter items
are due March 19.**

Thanks for your cooperation!

March 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 Ellen Fredrick to speak on YGEM during Church	5	6 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau's	7 Lent Worship at O.S. (Potluck) 6:00 pm Meal 7pm Worship	8	9	10
2:00 pm Church Council. Pastor Care in the future.						
11 CALCO Breakfast (Calamus Lutheran Church is in charge)	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 F	14 Lent Worship at O.S. (Potluck) 6:00 pm Meal 7pm Worship	15 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at F Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	16 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Cafe in DeWitt	17
8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	19 Newsletter items due in office.	20	21 Lydia Circle - Noon Garden Cafe in DeWitt Lent Worship at O.S. (God Squad) 6:00 pm Meal 7pm Worship	22	23	24
18 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS Chili Cook-off 4:00 pm at F	26 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F	27 Bible Study "Power Thoughts" 6:30 pm at F	28	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm at F	30 Good Friday 7:00 pm at O.S.	31
25 Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS						

MINISTERS FOR March 2018

FAITH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Hal Shelton
Pat Grau
Eric Sands

Acolytes:

Isabelle Gentile

Altar Ministry:

Lonny & Diane Sievers

Communion Assistant:

Yale Christensen

Greeter:

March 4: Yale Christensen
March 11: Annette Braet
March 18: Jeannene Boussetot
March 25: Diane Christensen

Lectors:

March 4: Yale Christensen
March 11: Annette Braet
March 18: Jeannene Boussetot
March 25: Sharyl Banowetz

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Art Boussetot
Mark Olson

Acolyte:

Hailey Glover
Nora Glover

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lector:

March 4: Jason Boussetot
March 11: Mark Olson
March 18: Brian Boussetot
March 25: Marcia Edens

Cleaners:

Deb and Ray Detlefs

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

March 1: Ruth Braet
Linda Whitman
Kate Lindaman

March 3: Rory Petersen
Neil Mason
Kinnick Olson
Lynn Olson

March 5: Carsyn Gronewold

March 7: Makayla Allen

March 8: Austin Seastrand
Brenna Henning
Brendan Williams

March 9: Oscar Shelton
Tom McMahon, Sr.
Steven Berger

March 11: Sherwood Lahann
Jessica Seastrand

March 12: Alice Fitzgerald
Laurie Storjohann
Mason Easterday

March 13: Dalton Braet

March 14: Alecia Garrett

March 15: Heather Whitman
Grant Harkness
Shelbey Koester

March 16: Luanne Malmanger
Jamie Knoche
Olevia Olson

March 17: Marsha Witte
Jessica Steines
Kelly Olson

March 18: Andrea Shelton
Kellen Whitman

March 19: Miranda Mayerhofer
Mikaela Crossen

March 21: Angela Rickels
Keith Gasper

March 22: Hannah Perrone

March 23: Caleb Shelton
Diana Samuel

March 27: Daniel Braet
Alan Olson
Britney McMahon
Olivia Hoffmann

March 29: Kayla Henning
Valerie Olson

March 30: Joe Morehead
Jessica Elsner
Joette Thomas

March 31: Kaitlynn Tripp



March 14: Shelly & Drake Mayerhofer

March 17: Donnie & Janelle Boussetot

March 24: Daryl & Doreen Henning

March 26: Hal & Andrea Shelton
Tom & Judy McMahon

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



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✠
8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Faith Lutheran Church
505 Second Street, town of Calamus

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

✠
10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
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