



Faith Lutheran Church
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Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA

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Our Savior's Church
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Pastor's View

Thank You – I would like to thank everyone who attended the joint congregational meeting on March 4. Some of the comments were helpful; “It was good to get my questions answered.” “I thought the meeting repeated the same information you gave before.” “I think it was good we could look into the future and make some plans.” “I was impressed with the questions people asked yesterday.” “You gave good answers to all the questions.” “I thought the meeting had a positive vibe.” “Faith and Our Savior’s have faced tough situations in the past and found ways to continue a vibrant ministry.”

I would like to thank the core members of the congregation who have taken the time to listen to the dreams of their pastor for the future of this congregation. Both congregations are in favor of looking into TEEM ministry and Collaborate Ministry. Also on the table for discussion is the standard call process for a minister and the choice of asking to be an internship site. The parish coordinating committees will work through the steps needed to come to a decision for the congregations.

(Thank you to M.W. for the following notes:)

Thirty members of Faith and Our Savior’s met on Sunday, March 4, to discuss the future ministry options for Calamus Lutheran Parish. Those options were first outlined in the July 2017 newsletter. Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson of Wartburg Seminary explained the alternatives at a meeting with the members on September 19. The different options were printed in the September and October newsletters and again in March. The joint council has been discussing the options. Pastor Bill has been in contact with Rev. Paul Ostrem on the staff of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. All of this is being done to prepare for the possibility that there will not be ordained ELCA pastors available for call when Pastor Bill retires.

The purpose of the March 4 meeting was to give direction to the Parish Coordinating Committee. Good questions were asked and answered. The group made the decision to move forward with exploring alternative models for pastoral leadership with the hope that there will be candidates to consider in the traditional call process.

Since the future ministry model may be different from the current situation, it is important for each member to consider the following questions:

What do I expect, need, want from a pastor?

Why do I come to worship?

How do I participate in and contribute to that worship experience?

Why am I a member of this parish?

What gifts and talents do I have to share?

What can I do to make this parish the best it can be?

What can I do to make this a welcoming community of faith?

How do we reach out to those members who are not attending worship?

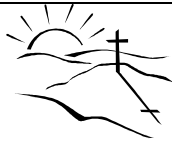
How do we make church relevant to the community of Calamus?

Are we a living, breathing embodiment of Christ's love in the world?

Please continue to pray about, think about, and work towards ministry that will carry Faith and Our Savior's forward into the coming years. Share your concerns and ideas with Pastor Bill and the members of the PCC: Pat Grau, Brittany Hoffmann, Deb Tulley, Mark Witte, Dan Burke, Deb Detlefs, Megan Will, and Joe Morehead.

This process is not just about finding a Pastor. It is redefining what we are as a church in our neighborhood. Thank you for working on this.

Pastor Bill.



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

Easter Morning Activities



The God Squad will be preparing a breakfast that will be served from 8:00—8:45 a.m. following the 7:00 Easter Worship Service at Faith. There will be a free-will offering for the breakfast.



An Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the God Squad will be held at 8:45 a.m. following the Easter Breakfast at Faith. Bring the little ones and watch the fun and excitement!

Noisy Offering to be Collected April 15



The 2018 recipient of the Noisy Offering is *The Water and The Witness*, a project of the SE IA Synod.

God's Saving Water



Bible School

Three Mondays in May - 7, 14, 21

From 3:30-5:00

Kindergarten-Grade 5

If anyone is willing to help, please contact an education committee member or the church office or sign up for a specific task in the back of the church. Needed: help in the kitchen, story time readers, snack providers, and supervisors/helpers. A registration form is included in this newsletter.



School Supply Drive

During the Month of May

The God Squad and the Youth of CLP will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Cal/Wheat School. There will be a list of items need and a basket to put them in at both churches.

Please help the kids out if you can.

T-Shirts

During the month of April, God Squad will be selling "Calamus Lutheran Parish" T-Shirts.

They will be \$10.00 for one or two for \$15.00
Sizes are Youth Med. and Adult Sm. Med. Lg. X-Lg.

A portion of the proceeds will buy items for the Cal/Wheat School Supply Drive.

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
April 3 – 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



Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations

Session four: The Prodigal Son

(Luke 15:11-32)



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, April 18, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Check out the parish web site:

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

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



March Council Meetings

Joint Council

Pastor's report:

- Update on computer: The old computer could not handle the update Windows 10 was trying to make. Rebecca spent 3 out of her 4 hours just trying to reboot the computer. Pastor gave authorization to purchase a new computer. The old computer will be repurposed for Pastor. The new computer cost about \$500. Labor cost will be incurred and some of these may be disputed.
- Pastor discussed the review of the parish meeting on March 4 concerning future pastoral leadership.
- Pastor wanted to confirm who is on the PCC committee. Our Savior's - Dan Burke, Joe Morehead, Megan Will, and Deb Detlefs; Faith - Pat Grau, Mark Witte, Brittany Hoffmann, and Deb Tulley.
- At the April meeting, Pastor will present Haley Glover for confirmation.

Worship Committee

- Reviewed Easter Sunday Service
- One confirmation student at Our Savior's Service will be on April 29, 2018
- Discussed confusion around meals during Lent. Will clarify meal responsibilities before Advent.
- Discussed using Holden Evening Prayer during select Sunday Service. One idea is to use it on Sundays during Pastor's vacation. Will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Stewardship/Christian Outreach Committee

- No Meeting

Education Committee

- No Meeting

Old Business:

- Review of Parish Meeting - Done during Pastor's report
- Update on newsletter email addresses - Rebecca is working through the list and getting a good response. Around 12-15 want them mailed.

New Business:

- CW After Prom Donation - This will be discussed by each congregation.

Faith Council No Report

Our Savior's Council

- **CW After Prom Donation:** A donation of \$25 was agreed upon.
- **Building updates:** Art Boussetot has contacted White Roofing. They will remove the chimney. He also talked with Window World and the windows are on order. We will be replacing 14; the 7 in the Sunday school room upstairs and the basement Sunday school, kitchen, furnace room, and restrooms. The 14, excluding the restrooms, will be \$5,000. The restrooms will be a separate contract. They should be here in 5-6 weeks and should take only a day to install. Art also met with the Amish Crew for siding options. They wanted to do it after the chimney and window work has been completed. They will do the south side, east side, and Sunday school addition. There is no estimate yet.
- Deb asked about progress on the **Elevator** quotes and so far, there are none.
- **Edward Jones Review:** church name and tax id number needed to be updated. Jason was approved to sign the forms on 3/4. We also need to transfer some money out of the account to cover the upcoming building expenses.
- **Clean-up date:** Looking for some time in April. Tentatively set date as April 7 and rain/cold day as April 14; starting at 8:30

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report February 2018

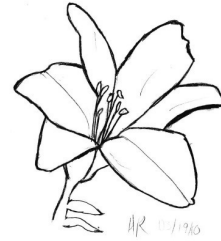
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,821.86
Deposits	\$ 4,355.84
Disbursements.....	\$ (7,416.56)
Ending Balance	\$ 2,761.14

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 1: Trina Knoche
Karlee Rock
April 2: Daryl Henning
April 4: Lindsey Hewer
Aleisha Haag
April 6: Mallory Boussetot
Terry Cunningham
April 9: Rebecca Shorter
April 10: Norman Boussetot
Hans Olson
April 11: Brittany Hoffmann
James Koch
April 12: Jeremy Koch
April 13: Nila Mason
April 14: Geri Schutt
April 15: Jeff Henning
April 17: Nancy Olson
April 18: Matthew Gronewold
April 20: Hal Shelton
Bus Seastrand
April 21: Michael Hoker
April 22: Angela Ihns
April 23: Will Burke
April 24: Brandon Knudtsen
Mickenzie Allen
April 25: Larry Schau
Brayden Boussetot
April 28: Marcella Husen
April 29: Bryce Erickson



April 6: Oscar and Joan Shelton
April 7: Paul and Carla Olson
April 8: Chris and Tara Sersig
April 9: Pastor Solveig and Michael Zamzow
April 11: Mitchel and Melissa Christensen
April 13: Lonny and Diane Sievers
April 22: Yale and Brenda Christensen
April 26: Hally and Dennis Haley
April 30: Jeremy and Sarah Koch



An Easter Prayer

Almighty God,
you give us the joy of
celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life
in your service,
and bring us at last
to full joy of life eternal;
through your son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit forever.
Amen



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Calamus Lutheran Parish

is now on Facebook.

Find Us! Like Us! Comment Us!

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

MINISTERS FOR April 2018

FAITH

Ushers:

Ruth Braet
Donna Petersen
Joyce Sands
Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Colin Grau
Ryan Dick

Altar Ministry:

Ruth Braet and Annette Braet

Communion Assistant:

Ruth Braet

Greeter:

April 1: Donna Petersen
April 8: Ashley Steffens
April 15: Keith Steward
April 22: Marilyn Steward
April 29: Dirk Braet

Lectors:

April 1: Ruth Braet
April 8: Ashley Steffens
April 15: Shirley Ferguson
April 22: Marsha Witte
April 29: Diane Christensen

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Joe Morehead
Brian Boussetot

Acolyte:

Noelle Steines

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:

April 1: Joe Morehead
April 8: Cindy Burke
April 15: Dan Burke
April 22: Amy Glover
April 29: Deb Detlefs

Cleaners:

Jason & Chad 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.

April 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:00 Worship – F 8:00-Breakfast-f 8:45-Easter Egg Hunt-F 9:30 Worship - OS	2 Church office will be closed	3 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau's	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	9	10 Committee Night 7:00 pm at O.S.	11	12 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at O.S. Joint Council 7:00 pm at O.S.	13	14
15 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	16 Newsletter items due in office.	17	18 Lydia Circle -Noon Garden Cafe in DeWitt	19	20 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Cafe in DeWitt	21
22 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	30					

Monday Bible School – “God’s Saving Waters”
Faith Lutheran Church, 505 2nd Street in Calamus
3:30 to 5:00 on May 7, May 14, and May 21
For children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

You may make arrangements with the school to have children ride the bus to the church.

In order to make plans for snacks and supplies,
this registration must be turned in to the church office or school office by April 23, 2018.
You may use one form for a family. * It is important to have permission and emergency contact information.
The registration form must be on file for all the children attending Bible School.

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Bible School Registration Form

Child’s Name _____

Birth date _____ School grade just completing _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Child’s Name _____

Birth date _____ School grade just completing _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Child’s Name _____

Birth date _____ School grade just completing _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Parental Permission

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Address _____ Town _____

Work phone _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ for _____ Phone _____ for _____

*Signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Emergency Information

In case of emergency, there should be someone to contact from 3:30 to 5:00 who can respond immediately.

*Contact _____

Relationship to child _____

*Phone _____