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## Pastor's View

**New Year 2019** - I 'm not ready to start writing or saying "2019." I have a feeling that this year will go by very fast. I have just started to deal with the real event of "retirement." In 13 months, I will have a new career and a new personality not based on my being a Pastor. I will learn to fall back on the most important personality trait there is - a baptized child of God. I have preached about this my whole life. Now I will live it in a new way. It is good for all of us to remember that we are called "child of God."

**PCC** - The following will be presented to the annual meeting of both congregations for a vote. *The PCC recommended to the joint council: First choice is to apply for a Collaborative student from Wartburg Seminary. The second choice is to seek a traditional called pastor.* This motion was adopted by the joint councils.

**Baptism of Our Lord** - On January 13 we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord with a special worship action of lighting candles and ringing a bell for all the Baptized people we know. There will be signup sheets for you to name your baptized person for the worship service. We are looking for all people (not just members) who have been baptized since last year mid-January. This service is the other bookend to All Saints Sunday.

**Thank You** - Jane and I would like to thank the congregations for their Christmas gifts. We would also like to thank you for all the other gifts that have been given through the year and at Christmas time. Most of all we would like to thank you for being such a wonderful congregation. You work very hard at living your Christian life for one another. That is a wonderful gift to the town and to the Lutheran Church. Thank You.

May God Bless You

Pastor Bill

# JANUARY

Sunday School, God Squad, and Adult Classes resume January 6, 2019  
Confirmation classes resume  
Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 at Faith

## "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.

### No January Meeting

February Topic: The Canaanite Women,  
When Great Faith Meets Great Action.

Reading – Matthew 15:21-29 & Mark 7:225-30

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus

February 5 – 9:00 a.m.



If interested, please email me

[grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Bible Study

All are welcome!



**Mondays, January 7 and 21**

**6:30 p.m.** at Faith Lutheran Church

"Paul: A Biography" By N.T. Wright



## Meetings with Jesus

Session one: Come and see:  
Seeking and finding faith

By Julie A. Kanarr

(John 1:1 – John 2:23)



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, January 16, Noon  
Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, January 18, 9:30 a.m.  
Crossroads Garden Cafe – DeWitt



## 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 17, 2019. Thank You!

## **Our Savior's CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**Following 8:00 a.m. Worship**



## **Faith CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**Following 10:30 a.m. Worship**

### **Child Watch**

God Squad Youth will be available to watch your children so you may attend the Annual Meeting at your church.

February Newsletter items are due by January 15.  
Thanks for your cooperation!

### **Noisy Offering Collected January 20**



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 2019 lists for lectors, ushers, communion assistants, greeters (Faith only), altar ministry (Faith only) and cleaners (Our Savior's 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 Bousselot, Deb Detlefs, and Linda Whitman; and at **Faith**: Diane Christensen, Andrea Shelton, and Terri Bousselot.

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

### **Confirmation Class**

Will begin again on January 9  
at 6:00 p.m. at Faith

### **Meals of Love**



Working together to spread Jesus' love, by providing homemade meals to those in our church who are experiencing life changing events:

new moms, surgery, illness/injury recovery, death in the family, etc.

If you would be interested in being contacted to make a freezable meal please contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or [grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com), and provide your name and best means to contact.



# December Council Minutes

## Joint Council

### Pastor's report:

- PCC recommended the following plan of action to the joint council.
  - Start process with Wartburg Seminary for a student pastor in the MDiv Collaborative Learning Program.
  - If a student pastor is not available, then initiate call process for a full-time pastor.
  - Pastor Bill intends on retiring in January of 2020.
  - If a new ministry option is not in place by January 2020, Pastor Bill has offered to serve as interim pastor.
- Each congregation will vote on the joint council recommendation at their respective Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019

### Worship Committee:

- December 23 will be one worship at 9 am at Faith
- Christmas Eve worship will be at 9 pm at Our Savior's
- Christmas Day worship will be at 9 am at Faith
- December 30 will be Our Savior's at 8 am and Faith at 10:30 am; no Sunday School
- January 6 services will be a celebration of those baptized in 2018 by lighting of candles.
- Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019

### Christian Outreach Committee:

- Did not meet.

### Education Committee:

- Discussed authors of various reports to be submitted by Dec. 17.
- Discussed gift bags contents for Sunday School Program on Dec. 16
- Discussed gifts for confirmands.

### God Squad:

- Provided gifts for 10 children through the Angel Tree Project.
- Received a \$100 donation from Karen Ehlers Michaud.
- Donated \$250 to Our Savior's for recovery from the robbery.
- Offered to lead March 24, 2019 worship service at Faith at 10:30
- Donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Shared balances of various God Squad accounts.
- Soup-mix Jars and Cookie sales raised \$ 800.

### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- The Annual Meetings will be held on January 27, 2019, immediately following respective worship services.

## Faith Council

- No meeting held.

## Our Savior's Council

- Siding project is done it came in at \$17,350. We received a donation of \$10,000 for the siding. We received memorial money for the memorial account. An AED has been purchased and is in the sanctuary.

### Old Business:

- Renters have moved out of the parsonage. The few things they left behind will be moved to the garage.
- There is an electronic lock on the Sunday school door.

### New Business:

- New renters will be moving in. Changing wording to lease to include a pet.
- Will agree to waive the first month rent in lieu of them cleaning up the place.
- Thank you cards for donations have been signed and are being sent out.
- Plan on painting the old church in the spring. Will discuss at a future meeting.

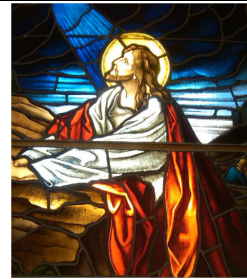


## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Goetsch  
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



**Check out the parish web site:**

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

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

**MINISTERS for January 2019**

**FAITH**

**Ushers:**

Daryl Henning  
Doreen Henning  
Blaine Henning  
Kayla Henning

**Acolyte:**

Cheyenne Katzenburger

**Altar Ministry:**

Diane Christensen

**Communion Assistant:**

Doreen Henning

**Greeters:**

January 6: Doreen Henning  
January 13: Ashley Steffens  
January 20: Heather Whitman  
January 27: Sharyl Banowetz

**Lectors:**

January 6: Doreen Henning  
January 13: Ashley Steffens  
January 20: Heather Whitman  
January 27: Alan Lee

**OUR SAVIOR'S**

**Ushers:**

Joe Morehead  
Brian Bousselot

**Acolyte:**

Brendan Olson

**Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

**Lectors:**

January 6: Melisa Jacobsen  
January 13: Joe Morehead  
January 20: Cindy Burke  
January 27: Deb Detlefs

**Cleaners:**

Brian Bousselot & Mary Timmerman

**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.**

# January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	<b>7</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm at Faith	<b>8</b> <b>Committee Night</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>9</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	<b>10</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS/GS/AC_F 10:30 Worship – F	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Lyndia Circle</b> Noon - Garden Café in DeWitt <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Naomi Circle</b> 9:30 am in DeWitt at Garden Café	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F	<b>21</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm at Faith	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:00 Worship – OS  10:30 Worship – F	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	<b>31</b>		