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Pastor's View

Confirmation 2019 - You may not realize that this class of confirmation students have chosen a very hard way to have confirmation this year. They (parents and students) made a decision that they wanted me to have the joy of completing their class work so they can take part in the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) before I retire. Thank you for your support of me as your Pastor. The class work means that they are meeting on Wednesday night and Sunday morning for class work. That means they are doing twice as much work as last year's class. Please pray for them and me. They will complete the classroom work by early December. Then the eighth graders will write their "Statement of Faith" papers before mid-January. They are working hard. Give them a pat on the back for doing the hard work.

Synod Exit Interview - In the past few weeks I have been asked when I am retiring. I will officially be retired on February 1, 2020. There will be an exit interview with the Synod on December 12, 2019. This is the normal council meeting night. I will answer questions for the synod and the congregation and then will be dismissed from the meeting. Paul Ostrem will continue to meet with the council members informing them of the steps needed for starting a call process and what to expect to happen in the near future.

Tri-Syndical Fall Conference- The speakers at the Fall Conference focused on being the church for our neighbor and the faith needed to do this mission work.

The speakers spoke about this theme, "Faith formation is the mission of the church. It is a responsibility we all share regardless of age, abilities, and gifts. Historically, faith formation has started *inside* the congregation: in our core beliefs, in our worship, in our stories. We are in a new day and age in which faith formation must begin *outside* our congregation, in our communities as we seek to proclaim good news in the public square for the common good." The conference had four sessions:

- Proclaiming Good News (Faith Formation as forming people to receive, trust, and share the good news)
- Proclaiming Good News in Public (Faith formation as a public act)

- Proclaiming Good News in Public Together (Faith formation as an intergenerational/congregational endeavor)
- Proclaiming Good News in Public Together in New Ways (Faith formation as innovation and risk-taking)

I found the theme about neighbor to be the most helpful. We in a small town often think we know what is best for our neighbor. With that in mind we make a program that we like and present it to our community. It often doesn't work or not very well. The conference wanted us to name our neighbor. Talk to our neighbor. Know who our neighbor is and then ask our neighbor what needs do they have. It sounds simple, but for one thing. The one thing is that we don't always know our neighbor. We know the neighbor that we grew up with; but not the neighbor who moved in or is the young family neighbor that have grown up to be adults. The church has not changed as much as our society has changed. Our faith has not changed. Let us share that faith with our neighbor.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill



“Coffee & A Little Jesus”



You are invited to a Women's/Mom's Bible Study that meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome!

Topic: The Meaning of a Natural Disaster
Reading: Book of Joel

Tuesday, October 1 - 9:00 a.m.
at Heather Grau's, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus



If interested, please email Heather grau.heather@gmail.com or call her [563-424-0507](tel:563-424-0507)

You can also follow on Facebook at Coffee & A Little Jesus

Confirmation Classes for all 7th and 8th grade students



Wednesdays at Faith Church
6:00 p.m.
Sundays at Our Savior's
9:25 a.m.

God Squad JH-HS Youth Committee
Meeting and Lunch
Sunday, October 6, Noon at Our Savior's

All are welcome to participate in the **CROP Hunger Walk** as part of the Calamus Lutheran Parish team on Sunday, October 6. The walk starts at St. Paul in Grand Mound at 1:30 pm. Registration is at 1:00.

You may donate online at www.crophungerwalk.org/dewittia

Calamus Octoberfest

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Downtown Calamus

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Calamus Lutheran Parish Basket Raffle, Food, Pies, Games, Street Dance and More!

Circle Bible Studies

“No Hard Feelings”

By Anna Madsen

in October issue of *Gather* magazine

Session Two

“The ache of grief”



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, October 16, Noon
Crossroads Garden Café - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.
Crossroads Garden Café - DeWitt

Noisy Offering to be Collected October 20



The recipient of the 2019 Noisy Offerings is the the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

First Communion Classes



First Communion classes will be offered at Faith on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 and Thursday, October 24, at 6:30.

People of all ages are welcome. It is recommended that all children attend class before receiving communion.

First Communion will be on Sunday, October 27, as part of the Reformation Celebration.

Please call the office at 563-246-2622 if you plan to attend the classes.



**REFORMATION
Sunday**

**Sunday, October 27
Worship at Our Savior's
9:00 a.m.
One service only!**



**Reformation Sunday
October 27
Pancakes and Sausages served by
Christian Outreach Committee
at Our Savior's Church following the
9:00 a.m. worship service.**

Eats-B4-Treats

Halloween Supper

Served by God Squad
Thursday, October 31, at Faith
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Sunday November 3

On Sunday, November 3, the Christian Church celebrates "All Saints Sunday." On this day, we remember with thanksgiving those saints who have gone before us. At our baptism, God made us saints as well, and wrapped us in the pure, white robes of eternal life.

There will be a sign-up sheet in both churches to add the names of those dear to you who have died this past year. Or you may phone the names in to the church office (246-2622).

Thanksgiving Worship & Soup Super

Sunday, November 24
5:00 p.m. Worship at Faith
Meal will follow.

The offering will be non-perishable items to donate to the Carroll Assistance Center.

Please submit items for the November newsletter to the church office by

October 21.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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

Faith Conversations

How does faith fit into today's world and my life?

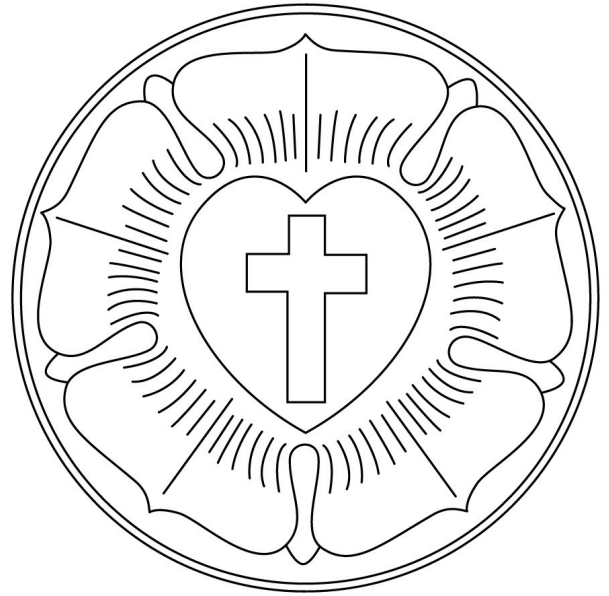
Why should I gather with others and reflect on what I believe? Is it really necessary?

Join the conversation on Sunday mornings from 9:30AM – 10:15AM. A casual conversation will focus on current events and how they impact us as individuals. A new topic from the Faith Lens website is discussed each week. [Faith Lens Website](#)

Are you waiting for a child attending Sunday School? Can you only attend on occasional Sundays? Are you seeking a simple way to reflect on your own faith? Are you curious about how others use faith in their lives? We look forward to sharing this time with you. Welcome to the Faith Conversation.

Something to Think About:

Our Church choir is welcoming more voices – maybe yours? We had a few families move away and graduates off to college ... and we would like to refill those seats! We practice once a month and sing at both churches the following Sunday. During Advent & Lent we have a short rehearsal after each service in preparation for Christmas & Easter. You do not have to try out – you just need to show up to help us “make a joyful noise to the Lord!” Choir practice Wednesday Oct 16 at Faith at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane Christensen with any questions you may have. 563-246-2322
Or 563-219-0737





September Meetings

Joint Council

God Squad:

- Served ice cream to 30 people following worship at Our Savior's on Sunday, September 8.
- Is hosting a Soup Supper on Thursday, October 31, at Faith.
- Is holding a Bake Sale on Reformation Sunday at Our Savior's.

Pastor's report:

- Presented receipts for the Back Pack Food Program. Food items purchased by Rebecca Hurt totaled \$77.00
- Paul Ostrem will lead an exit interview meeting with Pastor Bill on Thursday, December 12, at 7 pm at Our Savior's. Council members will be present.

Worship Committee:

- One service will be held on Reformations Sunday, October 27; 9 am at Our Savior's. No Sunday School will be held.
- "Now the Feast and Celebration" and hymns from the ELW will be used for worship services through the end of 2019.
- Two regular services will be held December 29. "Festival of Lessons and Carols" will be used. No Sunday School.

Christian Outreach Committee:

- Will serve breakfast after the 9 am Reformation Service at Our Savior's on October 27.

Education Committee:

- There is a Sunday School class for all children age 3 – 12th grade and adults.
- Preschool – 6th grade students are singing together to begin Sunday School.
- Six children attended the P/K Sunday School Preview on Saturday, September 7.
- Sunday School Children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 am at Our Savior's.
- Christmas program practices will be before the two Advent Services at Our Savior's on December 4 and 11 and on Saturday, December 14.
- Sunday School material is being downloaded by teachers to reduce waste.

Faith Council

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$1,078.80 and a working balance of \$16,461.23.
- Gasper painted the two exterior doors.
- Doreen Henning purchased new AED Pads. Previous ones were retained.
- Key pad for the front door has been replaced; same code as before.
- Boussetot purchased long arm stapler for the office.
- Motion was approved to use \$50 from the fund designated for shut-ins to cover the cost of sending Heather Grau, Ashley Steffens, and Rebecca Hurt to the Stephens Ministry Workshop on October 26 in Des Moines.

New Business:

- Heather Grau will donate a small chest freezer for the kitchen. It will store pre-made freezer meals for parish members and food for youth gathering, etc.

Our Savior's Council

Old Business:

- Painting ceiling tabled.

New Business:

- Will review gutters and install if needed.

MINISTERS for October 2019

FAITH

Ushers:

David Boussetot
Terri Boussetot
Hannah Perrone
Garrette Perrone

Acolyte:

Tysen Steffens

Altar Ministry:

Rebecca Hurt and Heather Grau

Communion Assistant:

Terri Boussetot

Greeters:

October 6: Sharyl Banowetz
October 13: Ashley Steffens
October 20: Doreen Henning

Lectors:

October 6: Terri Boussetot
October 13: Ashley Steffens
October 20: Doreen Henning

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lectors:

October 6: Jason Boussetot
October 13: Cindy Burke
October 20: Brian Boussetot
October 27: 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.

October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau's	2 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS God Squad Meeting Noon at OS CROP Walk in GM 1:30	7	8 Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at OS	9 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	10 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	11	12 Octoberfest downtown Calamus 11:00 am – 11:00 pm Basket raffle, food, pie, games, street dance, and more!
13 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	14	15	16 Lydia Circle at Noon Garden Cafè - DeWitt Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	17	18 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Cafè - DeWitt	19
20 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	21	22 First Communion Class 6:30 pm at Faith	23 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	24 First Communion Class 6:30 pm at Faith	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday First Communion 9:00 Worship – OS 10:00 Breakfast – OS	28	29	30 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	31 Halloween Supper Eats-B4-Treats 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Faith		