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Pastor's View

Confirmation 2019 - Students will be finished with their work in early December. Please continue to pray for them. They are working hard.

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.

Thanksgiving- On November 24 we will host a community thanksgiving worship service and diner. Worship service will be at Faith Lutheran church at 5 pm. Dinner will follow at about 6 pm. Please take the time to invite some of your friends and neighbors. Faith congregation will serve soup and other great foods. The other congregations are asked to bring cookies, bars and cake. The youth will be selling whole pies for a fundraiser.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill



Reminder - God Squad is serving "Eats B4 Treats" at Faith from 5:30 to 7:00 on **Thursday, October 31.**

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).

Please NOTE:

Our Savior's Congregational Meeting following worship Sunday, November 3.

God Squad JH-HS Youth Committee

Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, November 3, Noon at Our Savior's

"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: Justice! Taking on a Materialistic Nation
Reading: Book of Amos

Tuesday, November 5 - 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)

Next Bible Study: December 3

Topic: Light in a Dark Time

Reading: Book of Micah

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

Circle Bible Studies

"No Hard Feelings?"

By Anna Madsen

in November issue of *Gather* magazine

Session 3

"Stewarding the Gift of Joy"



Naomi Circle

Friday, November 15, 9:30 a.m.
Crossroads Garden Café - DeWitt



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, November 20, Noon
Crossroads Garden Café - DeWitt

Noisy Offering to be Collected

November 17



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

Thanksgiving Worship & Soup Super



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

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

A soup supper served by the Outreach Committee
will follow.

God Squad will be selling whole pies.

An ELCA Youth Gathering

Informational Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. Youth currently in grades 7 through 11 and their parents are invited to attend.

T-Shirt Sale - God Squad Committee is selling t-shirts for \$15 each. Order forms are available at both churches. Proceeds raised will help send youth to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Teen Game Night - All high school and junior high youth are invited to an evening of food, games and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, at Faith. You are welcome to bring a friend.

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 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. 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!” Call Diane Christensen at 563-246-2322 or 563-219-0737 with any questions you may have.

The Worship Committee has come to the understanding that there is confusion between the Prayer Chain and the Prayer List. Both are methods to invite prayer for concerns for individuals.

The Prayer List is printed in the bulletin each week. Those added to the list will remain on it until they are asked to be removed. Those on the prayer list will be specifically mentioned during the prayers of the church during worship on Sunday mornings.

The Prayer Chain is a private (unpublished) list. Each day those who wish to be on the prayer chain will receive the name of someone specific to pray for that day. Those who wish to have their name distributed to the prayer chain will not need to request to have their name removed since it is for a single day.

If you wish to be added to the prayer list or to the prayer chain please contact the Church Office or Pastor Bill.



September Meetings

Joint Council

God Squad:

- Financial Report for September:
Beginning Balance \$ 5,144.17
Ending Balance \$ 5,206.55
- Served ice cream to thirty people following worship at Our Savior's on Sunday, September 8.
- Hosting a Halloween meal and desserts on Thursday, October 31, 5:30 –7:00 at Faith.
- Holding a Bake Sale on Reformation Sunday at Our Savior's.
- Holding a Pie Sale at Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 24, at Faith
- \$660.27 was raised for CROP Hunger Walk on September 22. There were three walkers from our church. Request for Calamus Lutheran Parish to host the CROP Hunger Walk for 2020 and 2021.
- Teen Game Night will be 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 16, at Faith.

Pastor's report:

- Pastor attended a former intern's ordination anniversary at his former parish in Garnavillo on October 6. Thank you, Joe Morehead, for leading worship services.
- Confirmation class continues to proceed though sport events on Sunday morning make it challenging.

Worship Committee:

- Confirmed All Saints Day activities. Committee members will light /extinguish candles. Sign-up sheets are at each church.
- The four Sunday Advent Services will include an introductory litany entitled "Christ Be Our Light."
- The prayer chain list and bulletin prayer list will be reviewed for accuracy. The call list for funeral luncheon food will also be reviewed.

Christian Outreach Committee:

- The committee will serve breakfast following the 9:00 am Reformation Celebration at Our Savior's on Sunday, October 27.
- The committee will serve a soup and sandwich supper following the 5:00 pm Thanksgiving worship at Faith on Sunday, November 24.

Education Committee:

No meeting

Faith Council

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$1,661.60 and a working balance of \$14,068.42.

New Business:

- Michael Hughes and Samantha Burke request having a wedding at Faith on May 30, 2020. Motion by Shelton to allow the wedding per the established fees. Seconded by Gasper. Approved.

Our Savior's Council

Old Business:

- Estimate from O'Donnell Painting is \$18,200 if they move the pews; \$16,845 if we remove pews. Price is for entire ceiling including alter area and above/below balcony. It includes removal and reapplication of two layers of paint. Due to price, it will need a congregational vote for approval. A special meeting is set for Sunday, November 3.
- Siding on old church – still waiting on the Amish to come out.
- Floor in old church – Melisa knows a man who would be willing to look at the hole.
- Gutters on parsonage – will get an estimate for the parsonage and some on church.
- Furnace – company out of Lowden come and did some maintenance.

Please submit items for the December newsletter to the church office by Tuesday, November 19.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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

MINISTERS for November 2019

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm

Acolyte:

Kellen Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Larry and Marilyn Schau

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

Greeter:

November 3: Jeannene Boussetot
November 10: Donna Petersen
November 17: Duane Petersen
November 24: Keith Steward

Lectors:

November 3: Andrea Shelton
November 10: Heather Whitman
November 17: Yale Christensen
November 24: Alan Lee

OUR SAVIOR'S

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Macailah Jacobsen

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

November 3: Deb Detlefs
November 10: Melisa Jacobsen
November 17: Mark Olsen
November 24: Amy Glover

Cleaners:

Jason and 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.

November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Our Savior’s meeting God Squad Meeting Noon at OS	4	5 Coffee & Little Jesus 9:00 am at Heather Grau’s	6 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	7	8	9
10 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	11	12 Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at OS	13 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	14 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	15 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Garden Café - DeWitt	16 Teen Game Night 6:00 pm at Faith
17 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	18	19	20 Lydia Circle at Noon Garden Café - DeWitt Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	21	22	23
24 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/CC/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Thanksgiving Worship 5:00 pm at Faith Meal to follow	25	26	27	28 	29	30