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Pastor's View

I am pleased to welcome Pastor Roberta Pierce to the Calamus Lutheran Parish. She will serve as our interim pastor starting February 1, 2020. Pastor Pierce has served in various capacities in the Lutheran church before becoming an ordained minister. She served as the church secretary and volunteer coordinator at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. Pastor Pierce was then called by Bishop Philip Hougen to become his administrative assistant at the Southeastern Iowa Synod office. She worked in that capacity for twelve years. After Bishop Hougen retired, Pastor Pierce embarked on a new and challenging career and enrolled at Wartburg Seminary. After completing her studies, she did her internship in northern North Dakota at a three-point parish. Pastor Pierce was then called to Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Montana, where she served for seven years. She has retired and returned to Marion, Iowa. Pastor Pierce will be in Calamus on Sundays and Wednesdays, unless an additional need arises.

Pastor Paul Ostrem, assistant to the bishop, attended the December 12 joint council meeting at Our Savior's. At that meeting, he suggested Pastor Roberta Pierce be considered as interim for our parish. The Parish Coordinating Committee met with her on January 6 and decided to recommend her to the joint councils. At the January 16 meeting, the joint councils voted to extend an invitation to Pastor Pierce to serve as our interim pastor. She agreed to work in Calamus two days a week and will do her preparation work at her home. Pastor Ostrem said the synod is searching for candidates to become our full-time pastor.

Mark Witte

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

For Calamus Lutheran Parish, now is the time to grieve the changes that are happening with the retirement of your pastor and a time to look forward to a new chapter in the life of the parish as you discern who will be your next pastor. During this “interim” time, I have been blessed to be called by the parish council to serve as your pastor.

My name is Roberta Pierce. I prefer to be called Pastor Roberta. I live in Marion with my husband. We recently moved back to Iowa after being in Montana for seven years where I served a church in Fairview. I grew up in Cedar Rapids and we raised our son and two daughters there. It is good to be home. Our daughters still live in the area along with seven wonderful grandchildren. Now you understand why I’m so glad to be back.

I look forward to meeting all of you. I will be in Calamus on Wednesdays and Sundays. I will do my preparation for Sundays in my home office, so when I am here on Wednesdays, I can concentrate on meeting people and making visits to the homebound. I look forward to getting to know all of you and to help you during this time of transition.

See you in worship!

Pastor Roberta

February

People to keep in your prayers!

Kim Steffens, Rebecca Hurt, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Coral Hesse, Velda Holloman, Nan Waldorf, Ray Johnson, Ruth Braet, Dale Jacobs, Ellen Bauer, Glenda Oldaker, Michele Scheper, Chance Dexter, Darcy Aune, Bruce Aune, Kelly Meyer, Donna Ploog, Joyce McCutcheon, Colleen Clausen Olson, Christian Boussetot, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich, and Vicki Sharp.
The homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Boussetot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.

Noisy Offering to be collected February 16



Recipient for 2020 is
Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. Flooding



We are Called!
Session Two: Disciples of Christ
January/February issue of *Gather* magazine



Lydia Circle
Wednesday, February 19, noon
Crossroads Garden Café – DeWitt

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Naomi Circle
Friday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.
Crossroads Garden Café – DeWitt

Please welcome Interim Pastor Roberta Pierce as she begins her pastoral leadership at Calamus Lutheran Parish starting Sunday, February 2.

Pastor Roberta will be in the church office at Faith on Wednesdays and in Calamus on Sundays for worship services at both Faith and Our Savior's.

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020



Worship at Faith Church
(Time to be determined)



Wednesdays

March 4 and 11

at Faith Church

(Meal and worship time to be determined)

Wednesdays

March 18 and 25 and April 1

at Our Savior's Church

(Meal and worship time to be determined)



At the January Council Meetings

Joint Council

God Squad: No Report

Pastor's report:

- Final reports are being completed by Pastor.
- Joyce McCutcheon requested membership in both congregations. Synod guidelines require a person to select one church. Pastor will inform her and Pastor Roberta Pierce will hold a follow-up session with McCutcheon.
- Ashley Steffens and Heather Grau will provide communion to shut-ins when needed. Pastor will order two sets of travel communion ware.

Worship Committee:

- Confirmation was rescheduled due to weather and will be held at 10:30 Sunday, January 19, at Our Savior's.
- Mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays; meal and worship times are to be determined.
 - Ash Wednesday, February 26, at Faith. No meal will be served.
 - March 4 and 11 at Faith
 - March 18 and 25 and April 1 at Our Savior's
- Pastor Roberta will lead all mid-week Lenten services.
- ELW Setting 3 will be used for Sunday worship beginning February 2.

Christian Outreach Committee: No Report

Education Committee: No Report

Old Business:

- Confirmation was rescheduled due to weather.
- Farewell Gathering for Pastor Runaas will be held Sunday, January 26, at 12:30 at Our Savior's.
 - Mark Olson is providing the meat.
 - Congregation members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

New Business:

- Motion made by Dan Burke to hire Pastor Roberta Pierce as Interim Pastor. Motion carried.
Pastor Roberta will begin work on February 2. Office hours will be Wednesdays and Sundays. She will lead Adult Bible class at Sunday School. Salary has been confirmed with the PCC at \$3,000.00 per month, plus mileage.
- Motion made by Terri Boussetot to donate the 2020 Noisy Offerings to U.S. Flooding, a program of ELCA Disaster Response. Motion carried.

Faith Council

New Business:

- Motion by Ashley Steffens to transfer membership of Ellen, Henry and Samuel Mueller to First Lutheran, Cedar Rapids. Motion Carried.
- Pat Grau will inform Property and Management Committee that the gutters on the northwest corner of parsonage are leaking water onto the steps.

Our Savior's Council

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Bathrooms - Mary Timmerman proposed we "freshen" them up by possibly painting and retiling. Discussed taking them down to one stall to help with disability access and change lock location. Will check on metal stall walls.
- Review of 2020 budget passed. It will go to the annual meeting for approval.
- Old Church - Discussed what uses we have in mind for the old church. This will dictate what repairs to do. Need to have a group help prepare old church for services since it takes effort. Will discuss fixing floor and doing new siding at the annual meeting.
- Pastor's Farewell Party - We will use real table clothes, silverware and plates. Deb will bring buns and condiments. Dan will bring juice and milk. Set-up will be at 9:30.

MINISTERS for February 2020

FAITH

Ushers:

Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm
Adam Wilhelm
Ethan Wilhelm

Acolytes:

Isaac Wilhelm

Altar Ministry:

Diane and Herb Wilhelm

Communion Assistant:

Sharyl Banowetz

Greeters:

February 2: Annette Braet
February 9: Diane Christensen
February 16: Brian Tulley
February 23: Ruth Braet

Lectors:

February 2: Annette Braet
February 9: Terri Boussetot
February 16:
February 23:

OUR SAVIOR'S

Usher:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Nora Glover

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lectors:

February 2: Mark Olson
February 9: Amy Glover
February 16: Dan Burke
February 23: Neil Holmquist

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens and Mark Olson

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.

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	10	11 Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at Our Savior’s	12	13 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at Our Savior’s Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior’s	14	15
16 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	17	18	19 Lydia Circle Noon in DeWitt at Garden Café	20	21 Naomi Circle 9:30 am in DeWitt at Garden Café	22
23 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	24	25	26 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship at Faith	27	28	29