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Pastor's View

It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming!

Although it has not been a particularly bad winter, by this time of the season people begin to become winter weary. The days are cold, cloudy and dark. This is the time of the year when people suffer from depression and mood-altering disorders. It is not always easy to find the good in these dark days. All I can say is, *it's Friday, but Sunday's coming!*

I heard that in a speech at a religious gathering. The speaker was Pastor Tony Campolo. He was referring to Good Friday and Easter. He was reminding us that no matter how bad things seem at the moment, it does get better. Just think of how the people felt on Good Friday. Jesus, whom they trusted to free them from oppression, was dead. All they had hoped for died that Friday with Jesus. They were devastated. Then comes Sunday and suddenly their devastation turns to rejoicing. Jesus was not dead. Jesus was raised from the dead to save everyone. It was an Alleluia moment.

I invite you to join me during this season of Lent as we walk with Jesus to the cross. It begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Then for the next five Wednesdays we will come together for a meal at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. Our worship will focus on the Hands of Lent. The service will conclude by 7:00 p.m., so if you have young children there will be time to get them home and ready for the next day.

We will conclude Lent with Holy Week services. Maundy Thursday is April 9, 6:30 p.m. at Faith and Good Friday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. Our Easter Sunday services are 7:00 a.m. at Faith and 9:30 a.m. at Our Savior's. Don't forget to enjoy the delicious Easter Breakfast served by our youth at 8:00 a.m. at Faith.

I encourage you to come to the services each Wednesday and Holy Week. The Easter Sunday celebration is much more meaningful when you have walked with Jesus to the cross and are at the foot of the cross when he dies. We can get through this together if we remember, *it's Friday, but Sunday's coming!*

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta



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 Bousset, Barb Johnson, June Reimers, George Tulley, Ethan Friedrich, and Vicki Sharp.

The homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Ed Meadows, Oscar Shelton, Norman Bousset, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, and Myrna Kay Petersen.



WEDNESDAYS

**March 4 and 11
at Faith Church**

Meal at 6:00 pm and Worship at 6:30 pm
(Faith Council will serve casseroles on the 4th)
(God Squad will serve on the 11th)
Choir practice after service

**March 18 and 25 and April 1
at Our Savior's Church**

Meal at 6:00 pm and Worship at 6:30 pm
Choir practice after service

Noisy Offering to be collected Sunday, March 15



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

The musical “**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**” is being presented by St. John Vianney Catholic Church at 4097 - 18th Street in Bettendorf. Evening performances are at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 5, Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. There is a 2:00 matinee on Sunday, March 8.

Tickets are FREE, but seats can be reserved by calling 563-332-7910. Free-will offerings will be taken at performances and proceeds will benefit Humility Homes and Services.

FYI Faith Lutheran's accompanist Rachel Bousset is using her talents by playing the piano for the production!



We are Called!
Session Three: Called to serve
By Kathryn A. Kleinhans
January/February issue of *Gather* magazine



Lydia Circle
Wednesday, March 18, noon
Crossroads Garden Café – DeWitt

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Naomi Circle
Friday, March 27, 9:30 am
Crossroads Garden Café – DeWitt

CALCO Breakfast
Served by Calamus Lutheran Parish
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Our Savior's members will serve from 7:30-10:00 am
Faith members will serve from 10:00-end

~ GOD SQUAD NEWS ~

Summer schedules are now posted for **Riverside Bible Camp** in Story City (riversidelbc.org) and **EWALU Bible Camp** near Strawberry Point (ewalu.org). There are great opportunities for youth of all ages to experience these Lutheran camps.

If a week seems too long, consider some short stays at EWALU: Elementary Retreat for grades 3-6 (March 14-15), Dirty Feet Retreat for grades 6-9 (April 17-19), and Grandparent Camp for kids ages 6-12 accompanied by a grandparent (June 17-19).

Register early to save money!

To contact Pastor Roberta please use her cell phone number: **406-478-9518**

April newsletter items are due Monday, March 16. Thanks for your cooperation!

Feeding the Children - There is a need for single-serve items; pop-open cans of chicken, tuna, pasta, soup, and snacks to put in the bags that go home with five Cal/Wheat elementary students every Friday. Call Rebecca Hurt at the church office with questions.

Cancelled Stamps - The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is collecting cancelled stamps to raise funds for Lutheran World Relief. Cut the stamp off the envelope leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch around it. Place the stamps in the containers by the guest registers at both churches.

God Squad Youth Committee Meeting is at noon on Sunday, March 1, at Faith. All of the Spring activities will be discussed: Game Night, Lenten Meal, Youth-led Worship and Lunch, Escape Room, Easter Breakfast, and Egg Hunt. All Junior High & High School youth are welcome to come to the meeting for planning, lunch, and games!

Teen Game Night is Friday, March 6, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Faith. All JH & HS Youth are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and food. If there are questions, contact Heather Grau at 563.424.0507. Bring a friend and a snack to share!

Junior High and High School Youth will be leading worship at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 22, at Our Savior's. The Sunday School children will be singing the Call to Worship. The JH & HS Youth will also host a luncheon in the Our Savior's basement following the March 22 service. Save the Date!

Escape Room - God Squad Committee invites JH & HS youth to join us on an adventure Friday, April 3, as we work together to pass an Escape Room and celebrate our success with pizza. Please make reservations with Heather at 563.424.0507 by March 8 if you are planning to attend. Join the fun!

T-shirts are for sale. Order sheets are at the back of the churches. Proceeds will be used for youth attending the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering. Thanks for your support!

February Council Meetings

Joint Council

God Squad:

- Serve Lenten meal on March 11 at Faith
- Lead worship on March 22
 - 10:30 am at Our Savior's
 - Sunday School children will be invited to sing.
- Serve a lunch after the service on March 22
- Serve Easter breakfast on April 12

Pastor's report:

- Will use a series called "Hands of Lent" for mid-week Lenten worship services.

Worship Committee:

- Ash Wednesday
 - February 26 at Faith, 7:00 pm
 - No meal will be served.
- Mid-week Lenten Services on Wednesdays
 - March 4, 11 at Faith
 - March 18, 25, April 1 at Our Savior's
 - Meals will begin at 6:00 pm
 - Worship will begin at 6:30 pm
- Maundy Thursday
 - April 9 at Faith, 6:30 pm
 - No meal will be served.
- Good Friday
 - April 10 at Our Savior's, 6:30 pm
 - No meal will be served.
 - Worship will include a collaborative reading of the Gospel.
- Committee will revise ministry servers list in the bulletin to show those serving the following week.

Christian Outreach Committee: No report

Education Committee:

- Sunday School offerings have been part of the Compassion International funding since 1996. It was \$192 per congregation in 2019. The third child sponsored through Compassion was Vanessa Madrid. Vanessa has aged out of the program. The committee recommends these funds now be used for the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Sunday School students would select the livestock gift for the people in need to increase self-sufficiency and improve their lives. Joint Council approved.
- Bible School will be held on three Mondays in May.
 - May 3, 10, 17
 - 3:15-5:15 pm
 - Parents are invited to the daily closing from 5:00-5:15 pm.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The parish will serve the CALCO breakfast on Sunday, March 8. Our Savior's members will serve the 7:30-10:00 am shift. Faith members will serve 10:00 am until the end.
- Council directed Rebecca Hurt to seek bids for paper purchases and delivery from Sam's Club, Amazon, and Staples.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Faith.

Faith Council

Old Business:

- Property and Management Committee will schedule a meeting to walk through the parsonage. They will determine the repairs, cleaning, and updates needed. The gutter on the northwest corner is leaking onto the entry steps.
- Faith Church purchased a plaque for Pastor Bill and Jane Runaas as a parting gift.

New Business:

- March 4 - Faith Council will serve casseroles for Lenten meal.
- March 11 - God Squad will serve the Lenten meal at Faith.
- Thank you notes were sent to Doreen Henning, Yale Christensen, and an anonymous donor.

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 12, at Faith following Joint Council.

Our Savior's Council

Old Business:

- Carpet Cleaning – Mary called Steam Pro. They took measurements and quoted \$725 for all carpet except the steps to the balcony. Currently penciled in for Monday.

New Business:

- Youth-led Service to be held March 22.
- Lenten Meals – Need to figure out March 18, 25, and April 1. Will place sign-up sheet and see the response.
- Parsonage Floor – Renters replaced laminate flooring on the first level that was worn out.
- Cemetery Spraying – Price is same as last year; around \$650 for the year.
- According to the constitution, the Audit Committee is to be three non-council members. Deb Detlefs, David Olson, Linda Whitman, and Brian Bousselot will be contacted about serving. Decision at next meeting.

MINISTERS for March 2020

FAITH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Hal Shelton
Pat Grau
Alan Lee

Acolyte:

Isabella Gentile

Altar Ministry:

Lonny & Diane Sievers

Communion Assistant:

Yale Christensen

Greeters:

March 1: Yale Christensen
March 8: Jeannene Boussetot
March 15: Rebecca Hurt
March 22: Duane Petersen
March 29: Donna Petersen

Lectors:

March 1: Yale Christensen
March 8: Diane Christensen
March 15: Doreen Henning
March 22: Alan Lee
March 29: Shelley Gentile

OUR SAVIOR'S

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

March 1: Jason Boussetot
March 8: Joe Morehead
March 15: Cindy Burke
March 22: Brian Boussetot
March 29: Marcia Edens

Cleaners:

Shane & Amy Glover

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.

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Youth Meeting noon at Faith	2	3	4 Lent at Faith Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir after	5	6 Teen Game Night 6:00-9:00 pm at Faith	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins CALCO breakfast 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	9	10 Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at Faith	11 Lent at Faith Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir after	12 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	13	14
15 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Noisy Offering for Lutheran Disaster Response to U.S. Flooding	16	17	18 Lydia Circle Noon in DeWitt at Garden Café Lent at Our Savior's Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir after	19	20	21
22 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS youth-led service – OS Lunch served by youth after service at OS	23	24	25 Lent at Our Savior's Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir after	26	27 Naomi Circle 9:30 am in DeWitt at Garden Café	28
29 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	30	31	April 1 Lent at Our Savior's Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Choir after			