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Pastor's View

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

What time is it? Or during this time of isolation, some of us may even be asking, "What day is it?" In ancient Greek there were two words for time – chronos and kairos.

Chronos is the time in which we live. It is chronological or sequential time. Our calendars and clocks are all synched to chronos time. This is important for us. It is how we know what year it is, what month it is, what day it is and what time it is. We also recognize the day of the week or the time of the day by our activities. It is a new week of school or work, so it must be Monday. We are watching the clock to make sure we get to our destination on time and we keep watching the clock so we know what time to leave and go home. It is a day to sleep in and find fun things to do, so it must be Saturday. It is time to go to church, so it must be Sunday. Unfortunately with all activities cancelled, it becomes harder to keep track of the days. Our chronos time is harder to keep straight and, if you are like me, I sometimes wake up in the morning and I have to think extra hard to remember the day. Our patience is failing as we feel that we have lost control over our chronos time.

If you remember I said there were two Greek words for time. The other word is kairos. Kairos time means the right or opportune moment for action. God works in kairos time. It was the opportune time for action when God sent Jesus to live among us and show the authorities what it meant to follow God. It was the right moment for Jesus to be arrested and die on the cross for us and it was the opportune moment for Jesus to rise again to give us the promise of eternal life. What God does for us is deliberate and planned out in God's time. When we pray to God, we expect immediate results. We forget that our time (chronos) and God's time (kairos) are different. When our patience is wearing out, God is asking us to continue to be patient and all will happen when it is the right or opportune moment.

As we wait for Covid-19 to subside and for our lives to get back to what was normal before the outbreak, I pray that we can all find a way to live in God's kairos time.

See you in worship when the time is right!
Pastor Roberta

Suspension of Worship Services and Sunday School at Calamus Lutheran Parish

Based on State of Iowa guidelines and recommendations of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, the Joint Council of the Calamus Lutheran Parish voted to suspend Sunday worship, Sunday School, and other church activities until further notice. Please inform anyone who may not receive email that all services and activities are cancelled.

Check the Calamus Lutheran Parish website <http://clparish.org> and Facebook page for current information as state guidelines continue to change. Group emails will be sent when there is news for all parish members.

You are invited to listen to Pastor Roberta's sermons by going to the Calamus Lutheran Parish website <http://clparish.org> and locating the date. A Sunday "bulletin" with an order of worship will be emailed each Friday until worship in the church resumes.

Faith Church will remain open Monday through Friday from 10:00-2:30 for anyone wishing to pray in the sanctuary. The front pews are reserved, cleaned daily, and cleaned after each visitor. Please call the church office at 246-2622 with any questions.

Continue safe health practices during this time of pause. Help one another by phoning a friend or neighbor, sending notes in the mail or by email, and praying for our faith community.

Because of cancelled services and activities, there is no May calendar or monthly ministers list included in the newsletter.

Monday Bible School in May has been cancelled. The education committee will keep you up dated on decisions about Bible School in 2020.

SE IA Synod Assembly scheduled for May 1-3 has been postponed to August.

Thank you for your continued financial support. You may put your envelope in the offering plate on the table outside the secretary's office, mail your offering to the church, or mail it to the Financial Secretary of each church.

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Congratulations to our high school seniors! Maia Glover is graduating from North Scott. Caleb Banowetz, Drake Olson, Karragan Whitman, and Riley Bruns are graduating from Calamus-Wheatland.

Are you in need of a face mask to protect yourself when you leave your home?

Please contact Rebecca at **246-2622** or clparish@fbcom.net to order a cloth mask. You may collect your mask at Faith during office hours (Monday-Friday; 10:00-2:30). Reusable, washable cloth face masks are on the table outside the secretary's office. In order to maintain sanitary conditions, the masks may not be tried on before making your selection. Masks cannot be mailed to you.

Note that contact information for members serving on **Congregation Councils and Committees** is part of the May newsletter. Pray for these people as they make decisions regarding the parish.

June newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, May 18.

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