



Faith Lutheran Church

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Pastor's View

For I am convinced that neither ...things present nor things to come...can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

I'm writing this article the day after a meeting was held with the Calamus Parish joint council and the Worship committee. By the time you read this, you may have received the news that worship will remain online through June. There will be no in-house worship for the time being. I know this is not what most of us want to hear, but I want you to know that your council and worship committee made their decision thoughtfully and with much discussion.

I was pleased to watch this council and worship committee interact and prayerfully make a decision. All people were heard and their opinions were respectfully taken into consideration. Not everyone agreed and there were members who voted for each of the three options. In the end the majority decided we need one more month before considering changing the way we are doing worship. Another meeting will take place on June 14, so we can see how Covid-19 is affecting us now that businesses are beginning to open up.

I have attended many council meetings and have served on a church council and I want to thank all those who were in attendance at this meeting. This is one of the most respectful meetings I have attended when there has been a major decision to make and not all members were in agreement as to what should be done. Please know this was not an easy decision to make and these members need to be commended for their faithfulness.

When we do come back together for in-house worship, I think it is important to recognize that worship will not be as we remember. At least not for the foreseeable future. If we had begun in-house worship now there would be no communion, no singing, no passing the peace, and no greeting each other before or after worship. People would only sit with their immediate family in every third pew and would be seated from the front to the back as you come in. There would be no sitting in your favorite pew. With all these restrictions, it makes worship very different.

All that being said, I cannot wait for the time when we are together in worship, but until then, I am grateful that I can provide a weekly service for you. Thank you for listening and please know that I am available for a phone conversation at any time. I would welcome hearing from you. My cell phone is 406-478-9518. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Pastor Roberta

**Suspension of Worship Services
and Sunday School
at Calamus Lutheran Parish
continues through June**

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 through June. 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 for your own protection and the safety of others. Help one another through this difficult time 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 June calendar or monthly ministers list included in the newsletter.

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

Birdies for Charity 2020

The DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary annually participates in Birdies for Charity at the John Deere Golf Classic. The tournament is scheduled for July 6-12. If the tournament is cancelled, Birdies for Charity will proceed with a guaranteed 5% match for all contributions received.

100% of donations and the 5% matching amount will go toward the designated project which is a bladder scanner for the emergency department and an AED for the cardiac rehabilitation unit at the DeWitt Genesis Community Hospital. The estimated cost for these items is \$12,000.

Any size donation is welcomed. When compiled with those made by others, the impact is great. If you have questions, please call me at **563-659-2845** or send an email to terribushlow@hotmail.com.

If you would like to donate, follow these two steps-

1. Write a check to: **Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.**
2. Mail the check to Terri Bousselot **before June 20th.**

Terri Bousselot
2739 - 221st Street
DeWitt, IA 52742

The DeWitt Hospital is often the first place one goes if injured or ill. Even though transportation to other hospitals for care may be needed, it remains the closest facility to meet our emergency, general, or long term care needs. Thank you for supporting our local hospital.

Terri Bousselot

June Meeting - Worship Committee and Joint Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 14, at Faith Church.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the congregations. 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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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.

July newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, June 15.