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Pastor's View

Let us pray:

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures we cannot see the ending; by paths yet untrodden; through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supports us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We have been faithfully taking care of each other by physically distancing and taking precautions when we do need to go out among people. We have learned that COVID-19 will probably never completely go away and we need to continue to care for others and ourselves in ways we have not done before. Taking all this into consideration, the joint council of Calamus Lutheran Parish voted to begin worship on July 5.

Each council then decided how worship would look at their church. Faith decided to try outdoor worship for the month of July. You will receive a mailing with specific instructions on how the worship service will be conducted. Although face masks are optional since it is outdoor. I highly recommend you wear a mask, not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. If it rains worship is cancelled.

Our Savior's will have worship in the sanctuary. Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all who attend. Please follow the guidelines that you will receive. Face masks are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. If it was up to me, I would make face masks mandatory. If you do not have a face mask or forget yours at home, we will provide one for you. Face masks are an important way to protect each other. This is one way we can show our care for all of God's children.

Although worship is beginning, please don't feel you have to attend, especially if you are not feeling well or are not sure you are ready to be out among people. The service will be on the website on Sunday morning as it has been so you can worship with us.

Some members have been receiving written copies of the service. If you would like a written copy let Rebecca know and she will make sure you get one. There are many ways we can worship together. Please use the one that feels the most comfortable for you.

I am beginning to make home visits. If you would like a visit, please call me or Rebecca so we can set a time with you. If you do not feel comfortable having me come to your home, I understand. I will be glad to visit with you by phone.

I am blessed to be your interim pastor and I welcome your thoughts on how we can be the church together.

Pastor Roberta

July Newsletter

July Worship Services for Calamus Lutheran Parish

Joint Council, Worship Committee, Faith Council, and Our Savior's Council met on June 14th to discuss worship services in July. The group considered Synod recommendations, the well-being of parish members, and the preparation and implementation of various types of services. Worship services will begin on July 5th at both churches; however, each congregation determined its own way of doing so.

Faith Church 8:00AM July 5, 12, 19, 26

Pastor Roberta will use the Order of Service posted on the parish website. No hymnals or bulletins will be used. This allows limited use of materials and less contact between people and materials.

- Outdoor worship will be held in the church parking lot or a shaded area.
- Bring a lawn chair or sit in your vehicle.
- There will be no communion on July 5th.
- Communion will be offered on July 12, 19, 26. Individual sealed wafer/juice cups will be used.
- Face masks are encouraged, but not required.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- Please attend if you feel well and accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.
- The outdoor service is automatically cancelled if the weather does not permit outside seating.

Our Savior's Church 9:30AM July 5, 12, 19, 26

Pastor Roberta will use the Order of Service provided in a bulletin. Lectors will continue to lector on their designated week.

- Service will be held indoors.
- Seating will be designated by an usher and will be from front to back.
- Bulletins will be pre-arranged in the designated pews. No Hymnals or Bibles will be available.
- Coats should be kept in the pew you are sitting in.
- Families will be seated together if they arrive at the same time.
- Communion will be blessed during the service and completed outside at the conclusion of the service.
- Face masks are encouraged, but not required.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- Only the West and Southwest entrances will be open. Movement is restricted to entering and leaving church; do not enter the kitchen, Sunday school rooms, etc.
- The bathrooms are available for use in case of emergency; please flip sign to indicate that the bathroom has been used so it may be sanitized.
- Please attend if you feel well and accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.

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

If you are still uncomfortable attending worship in person, you can 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. You may also request a printed copy of the sermon. Please call the church office at **246-2622** with any questions.

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.

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.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will be held on Friday, August 7, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. A new bishop is to be elected at the assembly. Faith's delegates are Terri Bousset and Mark Witte. Our Savior's delegates are Brian Bousset and Mary Timmerman.

The **SE IA Synodical Women's Gathering** scheduled for June has been changed to October 16 and 17 at The Hotel at the Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids. **Please continue to save cancelled stamps.** They will be collected at that event. The stamps are given to a company that sells them to collectors and generously donates money to Lutheran World Relief.

Noisy Offering will be collected Sunday, July 19.

The noisy offering bucket for loose change will be next to the offering plate.



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

Thank you for your continued financial support of the congregations. You may put your envelope in the offering plate at worship services, in the 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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Education Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14, at Faith.

Faith Council and Faith's Worship

Committee members will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 23, to consider changes to Faith's worship guidelines for August.

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

August newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, July 20.

MINISTERS for July 2020

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Yale Christensen
Alan Lee
Hal Shelton
Ashley Steffens

Lectors:

July 5: Alan Lee
July 12: Shelley Gentile
July 19: Yale Christensen
July 26: Doreen Henning

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Lectors:

July 5: Melisa Jacobsen
July 12: Mark Olson
July 19: Amy Glover
July 26: Joyce McCutchen

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	13	14 Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith	15	16	17	18
19 Noisy Offering for U.S. Flood Relief 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	20	21	22	23 Faith Council and Faith’s Worship Committee members 7:00 pm at Faith	24	25
26 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	27	28	29	30	31	