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Lutheran Church
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**Faith and Our Savior's
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Calamus Lutheran Parish**

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Pastor's View

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. (Deuteronomy 3:23)

As we begin a new year together, I look forward to finding new ways to serve the Lord through the ministries of Calamus Lutheran Parish. Unlike a lot of people, I enjoy change. Through change we can find better ways to do what we have been doing the same way for years. Suddenly things can be seen in a new way, ideas can blossom, and there is new energy that comes from letting go of the old.

As you wait for a new pastor to be called to the parish, let us look carefully at what is happening at Faith and Our Saviors. What is good, what could be improved, what needs to be discarded and what needs to be added. It is too easy to get into a rut. We get complacent when things are going smoothly.

One thing I hear from people is that they wish more people would attend worship. COVID-19 has put a halt to many church events and worship has suffered from this pandemic. Once we get a vaccine, will everything go back to church life as we remember it? Maybe. The lives of people are changing and I think it is time for the life of the church to change. Instead of expecting people to embrace “this is the way we have always done it,” maybe we need to stop being so stubborn and realize that change is good and necessary to meet the needs of the people.

I hope you will give this some thought. I hope you will prayerfully consider ways to change to meet the needs of people. I hope you know that we are all in this together. I really want to hear your ideas. Let's go into a new year knowing that God goes with us.

God shook up the world when he sent Jesus Christ into our lives. Jesus shook up the world when he went against the norm of the day and then left us to carry on his ministry. Let us find ways to shake up the world with some fresh ideas on how to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.

Pastor Roberta

God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays, January 6 & 20
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, January 13
10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home



“Journeys with Angels” by Christa Von Zychlin
January/February issue of *Gather* magazine
(pages 24-29)

Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports
for the congregations are due in the church office
by Monday, January 18, 2021.

~ ~ ~ **Annual Meetings** ~ ~ ~
Faith and Our Savior's
Sunday, January 31, 2021

Cancelled Stamps - The Southeastern Iowa
Synodical Women's Organization asks that you
continue to save cancelled stamps to raise funds for
Lutheran World Relief. Cut the stamp off the
envelope leaving ¼ inch around it. Place the stamps
in the containers by the guest registers at both
churches. Stamps will be turned in September 10-11
at the 33rd SE IA SWO Gathering at The Hotel
Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids.



November Meetings

~ ~ **Joint Council** ~ ~

Pastor's report:

- Continues to contact homebound members by phone rather than home visits.
- Confirmation students are helping with themes for Wednesday online Advent services.
- Bishop Amy Current is offering Zoom meetings to visit with church councils and key leaders within congregations.

God Squad did not meet.

Christian Outreach Committee did not meet.

Worship Committee

- Discussed December services.
- Instrumental soloists contact the committee if they wish to offer special music.

Education Committee.

- Decided to not hold Sunday School in January. Will revisit again at next meeting.
- No Confirmation classes through January, but will have homework assignments.

Feeding the Children.

- Raised \$700 online to qualify for \$500 matching grant from ELCA.
- Number of students served will increase from 7 to 15 in January.
- Received an anonymous donation of vouchers to be used at the Wheatland grocery store.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

~ ~ **Our Savior's Council** ~ ~

Old Business:

- No update for siding or roof repair.
- Shingles over Mothers Room were repaired by Brian.

New Business:

- Chimes for Organ
 - Chimes are vacuumed tube type.
 - Were redone in 1994
 - They are making crackling noise and most likely not serviceable.
 - Cost around \$8-\$9 K.
 - Will present at annual meeting

~ ~ **Faith Council** ~ ~

Old Business:

- Boussetot informed Nominating Committee of the need for one council member. Gasper does not want to serve a second term.
- No report on bell tower project.

New Business:

- Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company inspected the boiler and found only three minor issues to be fixed by Ryan and Associates in next eight months.

Please submit items for the February newsletter and all committee reports to the church office by Monday, January 18.

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

MINISTERS for January 2021

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:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning

Acolyte:

Kalloway Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Diane Christensen
Ryan Dick

Communion Assistant:

Doreen Henning

Lectors:

January 3: Doreen Henning
January 10: Ashley Steffens
January 17: Terri Boussetot
January 24: Dirk Braet
January 31: Marsha Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Brian Boussetot

Acolyte:

Erica Will

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lectors:

January 3: Amy Glover
January 10: Joyce McCutcheon
January 17: Dan Burke
January 24: Cindy Burke
January 31: Brian Boussetot

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

January 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|---|--|-------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 New Year's Day | 2 |
| 3 8:00 Worship – OS 10:30 Worship – F | 4 | 5 | 6 Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Epiphany | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:00 Worship – OS 10:30 Worship – F | 11 | 12 | 13 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home Education Committee 6:00 pm at Faith | 14 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 10:30 Worship – F | 18 Financial Reports are due in the office. February newsletter items are due in the office. | 19 | 20 Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 8:00 Worship – OS 10:30 Worship – F | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 8:00 Worship – OS Our Savior's Annual Meeting 10:30 Worship – F Faith's Annual Meeting | | | | | | |