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**Faith and Our Savior's  
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Lutheran Church  
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**Pastor's View**

*For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving.*  
(1 Timothy 4:4)

Everything we have is a gift from God; given to us because God loves us and entrusted to us because we are members of God's family. How often do we think about the world around us and how blessed we are to be living in God's beautiful kingdom?

There was a Native American who was riding through the countryside admiring the landscape, the beautiful trees, the wild flowers, the buffalo grazing in the tall grass and the birds picking berries off the wild blackberry bushes. He rode a little farther and came upon a settler and his sons chopping down trees and burning them in a pile. The smoke rose in the air and blotted out the beautiful blue sky. The men stopped their work as he rode up.

He asked them what they were doing. They replied that they were clearing the land so they could build a house. The Native American pointed to a flat piece of land not far from where they were working that would work perfect for the house and not disturb the land. The men laughed and said that they liked the view from here better and told him they had a right to do what they wanted on their land.

The Native American shook his head and was about to ride off when the men stopped him with this question, "Why do you care about this land?"

"This land was given to all of us to care for. We don't have the right to do whatever we want and destroy creation. Instead we have an obligation to do what is best for everyone and everything. How long will it be before our rights take over our obligations and our world is destroyed forever?" With those words he rode off, upset with what he just saw happening and even more upset, knowing that these men would continue to destroy what had been lovingly given to them, believing in their rights and ignoring their obligations.

How often do we see this happening in our world today? How sad when we let what we feel are our rights become more important than our obligations to God and to what God has given us. We are all a part of God's family and as members of the family we have an obligation to care for each other and all of creation. Don't let your rights overshadow your obligations.

Pastor Roberta

**NOTE:**

Please make plans to attend your congregation's **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31**, following worship at Our Savior's at 8:00 and Faith at 10:30. There is plenty of room to social distance at both churches. Remember to wear a face mask.



**Sunday School will resume!**

Join your class on Sunday, February 7.  
Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Faith.

**God Squad Bible Jam**

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesday, February 3  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's

No in-person, mid-week Lenten services will be held in 2021. Pastor Roberta will provide an online message each Wednesday of Lent. [www.clparish.org](http://www.clparish.org)

**Naomi Circle Bible Study**

Wednesday, February 10  
10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home



“Journeys with Angels” by Christa Von Zychlin  
Session two: Turnaround angels  
January/February issue of *Gather* magazine  
(pages 36-41)

**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 1/4 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 33<sup>rd</sup> SE IA SWO Gathering at The Hotel Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids.



**January Meetings**

~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

No meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Next council meeting: Thursday, February 4;  
7:00 pm at Our Savior's**

**Worship Committee**

- **Ash Wednesday** worship service on February 17; 6:30 pm at Our Savior's.
- No mid-week Lenten services. Pastor Roberta will provide an online message each Wednesday. ([www.clparish.org](http://www.clparish.org))
- Worship styles and safety protocols stay the same at both Our Savior's and Faith.
- Committee will not meet in February

**Education Committee**

- **Sunday School** classes will resume Sunday, February 7; 9:30 to 10:15 am at Faith.
- **Confirmation classes** will resume Wednesday, February 3; 6:00 pm at Faith. There will not be class on February 17, but students are required to attend the 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday worship service at Our Savior's.

~ ~ Our Savior's Council ~ ~

No meeting due to lack of quorum.

~ ~ Faith Council ~ ~

No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Please submit items for the March newsletter by Monday, February 15.

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

## MINISTERS for February 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:**

Diane Wilhelm  
Herb Wilhelm  
Adam Wilhelm  
Ethan Wilhelm  
Isaac Wilhelm

**Acolyte:**

Carter Henning

**Altar Ministry:**

Herb and Diane Wilhelm

**Communion Assistant:**

Sharyl Banowetz

**Lectors:**

February 7: Annette Braet  
February 14: Sharyl Banowetz  
February 21: Alan Lee  
February 28: Ruth Braet

### OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

**Usher:**

Shane Glover

**Acolyte:**

David Burke

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lectors:**

February 7: Jason Boussetot  
February 14: Neil Holmquist  
February 21: Marcia Edens  
February 28: Joe Morehead

**Cleaners:**

Marcia Edens & Mark Olson

# February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOTE:</b> <b>Sunday School</b> resumes at 9:30 am at Faith  <b>Confirmation</b> resumes at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays	1	2	3 <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	4 <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at OS	5	6
7  8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F	8	9	10 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Diane Christensen’s  <b>Education Committee</b> 6:00 pm at OS  <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith	11	12	13
14  8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>Valentine’s Day</b>	15  <b>Presidents Day</b>	16	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  Worship 6:30 pm at Our Savior’s	18	19	20
21 <b>Noisy Offering</b>  8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	22	23	24 <b>Confirmation</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Online Worship</b> <a href="http://www.clparish.org">www.clparish.org</a>	25	26	27
28  8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F  <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>						