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Pastor's View

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

Unfortunately, a lot of people do not follow the advice in Ephesians. People lie, they lie to others and they lie to themselves. I think it would be safe to say that we have all lied at least once in our lives. Most of us can probably say we have lied more than once. I recently read an interesting article entitled, “The Truth About Lies” written by Doug Shadel.

This article caught my attention because we hear so much these days about people falling for scams and losing a lot of money. I, along with many other pastors, have been targets of scammers who use our names to ask people for gift cards to help people in need. This kind of dishonesty upsets me and I pray that no one will believe the scam is real and actually send the gift cards.

In Shadel’s article he says that those most likely to fall for a scam are those who have lived and worked around honest people. If you live in an environment where you feel you can trust everyone, then you just assume everyone is someone you can trust. Also, people who lie less assume that others do not lie often. Pastors are thought of as honest people, so if you receive an email from a pastor, you would probably assume their request was legitimate. That is just what the scammers are hoping you will do. It is only in realizing that it is not the pastor who is contacting you that may save you from the scam.

It would be wonderful if we could assume everyone is honest and wants the best for us. But we cannot make that assumption. It is up to us to be aware of what is happening around us. Never make a rushed decision about money. If you receive an email or a phone call that doesn’t seem quite right, don’t rush into fulfilling the demands. Step back, think through what you are being asked to do and if you are still not sure call someone you can trust to discuss what is happening.

Shadel has spent 40 years chasing dishonest scammers and he suggests we all use this as a way to assess what is being asked of us, “Guilty until proven innocent.” Stay safe!

Pastor Roberta

God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays, March 3 & 24
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

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



Journeys with Angels by Christa Von Zychlin
Session Three:
“Comforting, Encouraging, Protecting Angels”
March issue of *Gather* magazine
(pages 20 - 26)

40 Days of Giving

During the 40 Days of Lent, Calamus Lutheran Parish will be gathering 40 Jars of Peanut Butter (chunky or smooth, any size, any brand) for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 28

8:00 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Faith
10:30 a.m. Worship at Faith

Maundy Thursday – April 1

6:30 p.m. Worship at Our Savior's Church

Good Friday – April 2

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith Church

Easter Sunday – April 4

7:00 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's
9:30 a.m. Worship at Faith

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 33rd SE IA SWO Gathering at The Hotel Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids.

Our Savior's Annual Meeting

Reports were reviewed. Motion to approve by Brian Bousselot and seconded by Bill Morehead. Motion was approved unanimously.

The 2021 Budget was reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mary Timmerman and seconded by Dan Burke. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- **Nominations:** Joe Morehead is going off the council. Deb Detlefs self-nominated, seconded by Mary Timmerman.
- **Synod Delegates:** Mary Timmerman and Brian Bousselot volunteered on a provisional basis as they need to review their schedules.
- **Organ Chimes:** Old chimes installed in the remodel in 1950 were vacuum-tube based. New chimes would be brass-tube based. Currently have 21 notes. 21 notes are 9k. 25 notes are 11k and would fit in the current organ. Currently sitting at 510k in investment accounts from Carrie Olson. Motion was made by Deb Detlefs to repair the organ with 21 brass-tube chimes. Bill Morehead seconded. Motion carried.
- **God Squad:** Heather Grau spoke to the congregation about God Squad. Enrollment has dropped as the years have gone on. God Squad is not budgeted as part of the church budgets. The last ELCA Youth Gathering cost was \$700/person. Heather would also like to have leadership assistance. Deb Detlefs offered the idea of a call list to help with baking for fundraisers. Motion to add a line item of \$500 for God Squad this upcoming year made by Neil Holmquist, seconded by Brian Bousselot. Motion carried unanimously.

Faith Annual Meeting

All committee reports and financial reports were accepted.

2021 Proposed Budget:

Doreen Henning explained revisions were made to the 2020 Treasurer's Report after the Annual Report was printed. She also explained salary numbers and Compassion International.

- The proposed pastoral salary is based on that of an interim pastor.
- Compassion International has been removed as a line item because it is no longer a supported mission.

Heather Grau requested the God Squad be a new line item in the 2021 budget. Decreased attendance has made fund-raising and service opportunities difficult. The group would benefit from financial support and is seeking funding from Our Savior's Church and Faith Church.

- Motion made by Ashley Steffens to make the following adjustments to the 2021 Proposed Budget. Rebecca Hurt seconded. Motion carried.
 - Move \$200 from the Education line to the Parish Youth Support line.
 - Move \$300 from the Bible Camp Support line to the Parish Youth Support line.
 - Add \$500 to the Parish Youth Support line.
 - Approve a total of \$1,000 in the proposed 2021 budget for the Parish Youth Support line.

Members expressed appreciation to Heather Grau for her leadership with the God Squad.

Nominating Report:

Larry Schau and Hal Shelton volunteered to serve second three-year terms on Faith Council. Keith Gasper is retiring from the council. One person is needed to serve. The Nominating Committee presented Mark Witte as a candidate for Faith Council. Ruth Braet moved nominations cease and the ballot be approved as presented. Brian Tulley seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Grau thanked Keith Gasper for his service as a council member.

As a retiring council member, Keith Gasper will serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee. Brian Tulley, Rebecca Hurt, and Ashley Steffens volunteered to serve on the four-person committee.

2021 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly:

Terri Bousselot and Mark Witte volunteered to serve as delegates to the assembly which will be a one-day digital format held on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Pastor Roberta Pierce offered to serve as the clergy representative.

Parish Coordinating Committee:

Parish Coordinating Committee (PCC) representative Mark Witte said Paul Ostrem of the Southeastern Iowa Synod office has retired and Erica Uthe will fill the position as contact for pastoral candidates. No new information is available on the call for a full-time pastor.

Pastor Roberta Pierce will continue to serve as interim pastor in 2021.

Our Savior's and Faith Annual Report booklets with all committee and financial reports are available at both churches.



February Council Meetings

Pastor's report:

- Genesis offers a service to assist congregations in learning which members are hospitalized. Rebecca Hurt will be the contact person and she will then inform Pastor Roberta.
- Confirmation students helped determine the themes for online Lenten worship services.

Old Business:

- The Emergency Notification Text System is now functioning. 32 parish members who provided their cell phone numbers will receive a text when immediate information about cancelled services, etc. needs to be shared. Dan Burke will be the contact person. Cost is \$2 per month and the account must show monthly activity to continue.
- 2021 Committee assignments will be confirmed and lists sent to Rebecca Hurt, parish secretary.

New Business:

- No CALCO breakfast in March, the month when Calamus Lutheran Parish usually serves.

~~ Our Savior's Council ~~

Old Business:

- Seeing about bids for an elevator. It will go in the corner of the church where the mother's room is, with a ground entrance.
- Will be giving God Squad \$500. Jason will talk with Heather Grau about how to do this.

New Business:

- Committee assignments were reviewed.

~~ Faith Council ~~

Old Business:

- The terms of the Audit Committee were discussed. The Constitution indicates one serves a 3-year term and then, if willing, may begin another 3-year term. Term expirations will be noted on the Committees document for future reference.
- The PCC Committee will maintain its current membership of four people due to the active call for a pastor. In the future, the committee should consist of three people from each congregation. Each congregation will provide two council members and one congregational member. The congregational representative serves a 3-year term.

New Business:

- Future worship safety protocol was discussed. The Worship Committee and Pastor Roberta will review and revise worship services to coincide with current safety standards.
- Rebecca Hurt provided a brief overview of the "Feeding the Children" program.

Please submit items for the April newsletter
by Monday, March 15

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

MINISTERS for March 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:

Yale Christensen
Pat Grau
Alan Lee

Acolyte:

Tysen Steffens

Altar Ministry:

Diane and Llonny Sievers

Communion Assistant:

Yale Christensen

Lectors:

March 7: Yale Christensen
March 14: Diane Christensen
March 21: Heather Grau
March 28: Brian Tulley

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Faith Will

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

March 7: Deb Detlefs
March 14: Melisa Jacobsen
March 21: Mark Olson
March 28: Amy Glover

Cleaners:

Amy and Shane Glover

March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTE: Wednesday Lenten Services online at www.clparish.org	1	2	3 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	4	5	6
7 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Third Sunday in Lent	8	9	10 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home Education Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	11 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Fourth Sunday in Lent	15	16	17 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	18	19	20
21 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Fifth Sunday in Lent	22	23	24 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	25	26	27
28 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith		Maundy Thursday	Good Friday