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Pastor's View

The Israelites became impatient on the way. The people spoke out against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest the food." (Numbers 21:4b-5)

These words were spoken after Moses freed the people from the Egyptians, but before they had reached the promised land. They were in what we would call a liminal state. Liminality is the time between an ending and a new beginning. A modern day example of liminality is an airport. When you are in the airport, you are in the in-between time. You have left your home, but have not yet arrived at your destination.

Our Savior's and Faith churches are in a liminal time. The time between the retirement of their pastor and the new pastor arriving. Susan Beaumont in her book, "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going," says that "in organizational settings predictable behaviors emerge in the neutral space: anxiety rises; motivation falls; attendance drops off; old weaknesses reemerge; old conflict issues reemerge; personnel are overloaded; people in the organization are easily polarized between those who want to rush forward into the new thing and those who long to return to the old familiar ways."

As your interim pastor, I want to invite you to take this liminal time to step back and think about what you see as the future ministry in these congregations. What are your hopes and dreams for the years to come? This is an ideal time to get a clear idea of your identity as a church and as a parish. There is no reason to be anxious about the future. God is in charge and is here guiding you.

When I worked in the Southeastern Iowa Synod office, I interacted with many pastors who were waiting for a new call. They, too, became anxious when their wait became longer than they had hoped. My advice to them was to be patient. Each pastor has a call waiting for them and each congregation has a pastor that will be well-matched for their needs, it is knowing how to live in that liminal time until God brings the match together. I had pastors come to me after they received a call and tell me that it was worth the wait and they thanked me for my words of encouragement.

In our liminal time, I invite you to be an active voice as the councils look at how to move forward and how to plan for future ministry in Calamus, in the Southeastern Iowa Synod and in the world. If you have not been to worship for a while, I hope you will come and join us. I'd love to get to know you and we would welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you are unable to join us, call me and I would be glad to come and visit you. We are the church together.

Pastor Roberta



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

Good Friday – April 2

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Easter Sunday – April 4

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

9:30 a.m. Worship at Faith

God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays: April 7 and April 21

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, April 14

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



Journeys with Angels by Christa Von Zychlin

Session Four:

“Feasting, Funny, Alleluia Angels”

April issue of *Gather* magazine

(pages 20 - 26)

**Get excited for Bible School after school
on the first four Mondays of May!**

**Invite your friends and neighbors in
kindergarten through fifth grade to join the
fun as we “Follow the Jesus-Built Road.”**

Noisy Offering

The Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland will be the recipient of 2021 Noisy Offerings. The offering is collected by the children during worship on the third Sunday of each month.

Peanut Butter

Jars of peanut butter for the Carroll Assistance Center will be collected through Easter Sunday. The peanut butter can be any brand, any size, chunky or smooth.

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



March Council Meetings

~~ **Joint Council** ~~

Pastor's Report:

Pastor read an excerpt from “How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You are Going” by Susan Beaumont.

- The main point was to think about what we can do to move forward as a parish while we wait for a full-time pastor. What can we improve?

Worship Committee:

All Holy Week worship services were reviewed.

- Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Our Savior's
10:30 a.m. at Faith
- Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's
- Good Friday 6:30 p.m. at Faith
- Easter 7:00 a.m. at Our Savior's
9:30 a.m. at Faith

No Sunday School will be held Easter Sunday.

Setting 3 in ELW will be used beginning Easter Sunday. Hymnals may be used.

Each congregation will determine their own bulletin format and content.

Feeding the Children:

Hurt purchased \$34 in supplies and will submit a credit card statement to Henning for payment due to lost receipt.

Education Committee:

Bible School will be held on the first four Mondays in May immediately after school from 3:15 – 5:00 at Faith for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

- Registration forms will be due April 12.
- Masks will be required.
- Children will remain in rooms and teachers will rotate.
- Cash donations will be sought for packaged snacks and bottled water.

Old Business:

Effectiveness of the Emergency Notification Text System was discussed.

- Federal time frame restrictions require the message be sent after 8:00 a.m. and prior to 9:00 p.m. It is important decisions be made one day ahead in order to be effective.
- Parish members will again be asked for current cell phone numbers and emails.
- The parish text number is 940-310-8531. All members should put this number in their Contacts.
- In the future, Burke will send texts and Hurt will send emails.

Each congregation will adapt their own safety protocol for worship services.

New Business:

Motion made by Boussetot to send Noisy Offering funds to Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. Burke seconded. Motion carried.

The summer worship schedule was discussed.

- One proposal was to hold one joint service during several/alternating summer months beginning at 9:00 a.m. Councils will discuss individually.
- Item was tabled and will be added to April Joint Council Agenda.

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

Old Business:

Steeple repair will be done by Tyler Eschbaum of Dixon.

- It will be after planting season
- May do steel this time
- May need to get someone to repair woodwork that has chipping/falling paint

New Business

Revision of Worship Safety and Noisy Offering

- No longer disinfecting surfaces
- No longer isolating pews
- Suggested taking the cords off the pews for Easter
- Will return to a communion assistant and acolyte
- Will find bigger buckets for Noisy Offering and let the kids collect in person

A card of thanks was passed for Nila Mason.

Cleanup Day

- Saturday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m.
Rain date: April 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- Flowers need to be split/replanted
- Bushes need to be trimmed
- Overgrown evergreens need to be taken down on west side
- May want to take out bushes on the side of the stairs
- Cemetery - Anything not on monuments can be removed

~~ **Faith Council** ~~

Old Business:

- The Worship Committee will revise the safety standards used during worship services beginning with Easter Sunday.
- Liturgy and Setting 3 will be used beginning on Easter Sunday. Psalms will be printed in bulletin. Other readings will be listed, but not printed.
- Offering plate will be brought forward by ushers during service.
- Bulletins, offering plate, etc. will be placed on table outside of office door.
- Noisy Offering will be gathered by children with one family sharing a bucket.

New Business:

- If the God Squad decides to host an Easter Egg Hunt at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday at Faith, they may use the basement if it is raining.
- Council will reflect on Joint Council discussion of having one combined worship service during some of the summer months. Tabled until April meeting.

Next meetings: Thursday, April 15, at Our Savior's

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Norman Boussetot
Art Boussetot
Brian Boussetot
Dion Olson

MINISTERS for April 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:

Donna Petersen
Ashley Steffens

Acolyte:

Lawson Perrone

Altar Ministry:

Ruth Braet
Annette Braet

Communion Assistant:

Ruth Braet

Lectors:

April 4: Ruth Braet
April 11: Andrea Shelton
April 18: Heather Whitman
April 25: Shelley Gentile

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Neil Holmquist

Acolyte:

Ryan Olson

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

April 4: Deb Detlefs
April 11: Melisa Jacobsen
April 18: Mark Olson
April 25: Amy Glover

Cleaners:

Deb and Ray Detlefs

April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTE: Sunday Services are also online at www.clparrish.org				1 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 pm at Our Savior's	2 Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm at Faith	3
4 Easter Sunday 7:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F Egg Hunt 8:30 at Faith	5	6	7 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	8	9	10
11 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	12 Bible School Registration Forms are due today in the church office.	13	14 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home Education 6:00 pm at OS Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	15 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	13	17
18 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	19 May newsletter items are due today in the church office.	20	21 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	22	23	24
25 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	26 Bible School Staff Meeting 6:00 pm at Faith	27	28 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith	29	30	

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