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**Faith and Our Savior's
Lutheran Churches (ELCA)
Calamus Lutheran Parish**

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Pastor's View

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I write this, four of our youth, Heather Grau, and myself are just days away from leaving for the ELCA Youth Gathering. I am so excited for this opportunity for us and I am expectant for how the Holy Spirit will move and direct us at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans and how the Spirit's movement there will cause movement here in our parish.

The theme for the Youth Gathering this year is "Created to Be." I will let our four young people who attended share more about what that theme means and has meant to them before, during, and after the gathering. However, in light of this theme, I wanted to touch on how all of us are "Created to Be."

When we were each born God created us with unique and particular gifts, and in baptism we are invited to share those gifts with the world for Jesus's sake as a response to what Jesus has done for us. The "fancy" sounding word for this is vocation, which just means all the roles we have in life. In each of our roles, or vocations, we get to share the love of Jesus with the world. We have all been created to be the church wherever we are, doing our best to follow Jesus in all that we say and do every moment of every day.

I'll say this again, we all—no matter our age or circumstance—are created to be the church out in the world every day. You have been created to be the church together, right now, in this place, in this moment, in this world that God so loves. None of us are the future of the church, nor are any of us the past of the church. We all are the church, together, right now. This is who God created you to be, this is who Jesus redeemed you by the cross to be.

As we approach the end of summer with the Iowa State Fair, Calamus-Wheatland Fun Days, and other end-of-summer events, let us not forget this truth and this promise. You have been created to be the church, and the world needs you to do so. Thanks be to God for the privilege of being the church together in this time and place. Thanks be to God for the faithful witness to the gospel that we in Calamus Lutheran Parish strive for in the world. Thanks be to God for each of you and the ways you live out who God created you to be in this world.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Leah



Faith Summer Worship

8:00 AM on the Sundays of August

- * Worship will be outdoors.
- * Please bring a lawn chair.
- * If it rains, the service will be inside.

Our Savior's Summer Worship

9:30AM on the Sundays of August

- * Worship is in the sanctuary.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 14
at Boussetot' Pond, rural Calamus



Session 3 of a 3-month summer study
exploring "After Certainty: Curiosity,
Community, Compassion"

is in the July/August issue of *Gather* magazine.

Noisy Offering – Sunday, August 18

The 2024 recipient is Calamus-Wheatland Schools.

Fun Days Basket Raffle

Baskets are being prepared for the fundraiser held in conjunction with Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days. Baskets, containers, and items to go in the baskets are needed. Put your donations on the designated tables downstairs at Faith. Check out notes for items needed to complete baskets. Monetary donations for supplies are also welcome. Please contact Mary Timmerman (563-940-0423) or Andrea Shelton (563-219-0047) with any questions and to offer help at the event. Thank you!

Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days

Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25

A three-day festival with events held in both towns.

Wheatland – Friday 6:00 cornhole tournament

and 7:00 street dance. **Saturday** 8:15 kids' run,
8:30 LincolnWay 5K and 1-mile race

Calamus – Saturday 10:00 bake sale, noon parade,
12:30 kids' activities in the park, (pedal pull, water
fights, carnival games), classic car show, basket raffle
and 7:00 street dance

Calamus – Sunday 10:00 worship in the park,
10:30 Calamus Volunteer Fire Department Beef Dinner,
and 1:30 alumni baseball game

Community Worship



Calamus Community Park

Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM

*Bring lawn chairs or blankets
(Rain Site – Faith Church)*

There will be NO worship services at
Faith Church or Our Savior's Church
on Sunday, August 25.

To contact Pastor Leah,
please use her cell phone number:
(262) 914-9392

Pastor will be out of the office August 12-15.
In case of an emergency, you may call
the pastor of Lost Nation and Oxford Junction,
Pastor Dan Pell **(360) 395-8868**

Please submit September newsletter items
to the church office (clparish@fbcom.net)
and to Marsha Witte (mkwitte@windstream.net)
by Monday, August 19.

Thank you for your cooperation!



July Council Meetings

~ Joint Council ~

Date: Thursday, July 11, at Faith

Present: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen; **Our Savior's:**

Jason Boussetot, Amy Glover, Neil Holmquist, Deb Detlefs; **Faith:** Mitch Christensen, Brittany Hoffmann, Luke Shelton, Ashley Steffens, Mark Witte

Pastor's Report

- Attended baseball and softball games.
- "Meet and Eat" at Buck's Corner on the first Tuesday of each month has had from 5-12 people in attendance.
- Will leave with Heather Grau and four youth on July 15 to travel to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, returning July 21.
- Contacted Pastor Tess Cavey of St. Paul UCC in Wheatland to help with the August 25 Calamus-Wheatland Fun Days worship service .
- Preparing for confirmation in the fall.

God Squad

- 35 items were donated to the Clinton County Humane Society. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- \$500 was raised by the can drive in May and June. Thank you for the help of Hal and Andrea Shelton and their grandsons, Brent and Caleb.
- Send-off at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 15, at Faith for the 4 youth and 2 adults who leave for Champaign, IL to catch the train to New Orleans, LA.
- People who bought shares to support the youth going to ELCA Youth Gathering will be treated to a meal and get a chance to hear about their experiences on Sunday, July 28; noon at Faith.

Education

- Sunday School materials are in and teachers are in place for the fall start.
- Substitutes for teaching classes and leading music are needed.
- Sunday School offering from September through December will go to the same place as Noisy Offering (Calamus-Wheatland Schools).
- Parents of confirmands meet Wednesday, September 4; 6:00 pm at Faith.
- Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, September 11, at Faith.
- First Communion class will be Tuesday, October 9; 5:30 pm at Faith

Christian Outreach

- Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served at the August 25 worship in the park.
- Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served on the first day of Sunday School September 8.
- "Feeding the Children" project will start back up the first full week of September. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers to fill food bags and deliver to the school.
- The synod chose October as the month to highlight ELCA World Hunger on its 50th anniversary and encourages every congregation to donate \$50. Outreach suggests the October loose offering also go to World Hunger.
- Pie and ice cream will be served after the Thanksgiving service in November.
- Winter coats, hats, and mittens will be collected in December for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

Worship Committee

- Communion will not be served on July 21 because Pastor will be at the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pastor has prepared a sermon for the lay leaders at Faith and Our Savior's.
- Calamus-Wheatland Community Fun Days Worship is in the Calamus Park on Sunday, August 25; 10:00 am. NO services at Faith or Our Savior's that day.
- There will be ONE service only on Sunday, September 1; 9:00 am at Faith.
- Discussed ways to incorporate special music into worship. Dan suggested youth play prelude music before mid-week services.
- Dan shared a service called "Land and Seasons" to possibly try at Thanksgiving or next spring.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Parish Directory – The committee of John Baur, Terri Boussetot, Neil Holmquist (via email), and Julie Steines met with Pastor Leah on June 12. The committee found the Instant Church Directory to be an efficient and inexpensive tool that would work well for the parish. Total cost is \$10 per month (\$5 for each congregation). Ashley made a motion to have the committee move forward with plans for the directory, seconded by Neil, motion carried.

~ Faith Council ~

Old Business

- Parsonage Steps – The deck and steps by the back entry are in and need only the finishing touches.

New Business

None

~ Our Savior's Council ~

Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 3

- Lift Project – The company with the approved \$80,000 bid backed out. Dan Burke made a motion to accept the bid of \$120,000 from Estes Construction which would also include upgrading the electrical panel, seconded by Mary Timmerman, motion carried. 16 voting members were present.

Old Business

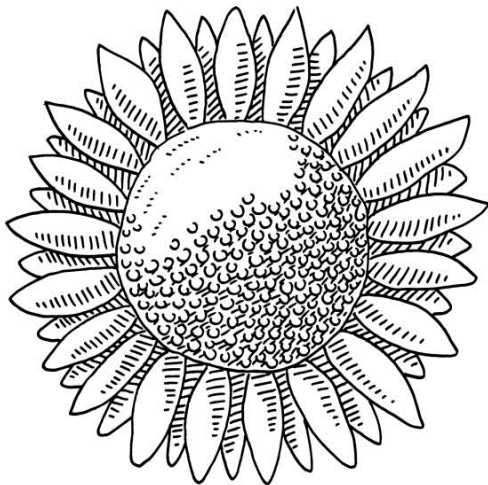
- Movie Set – Jason has not heard anything further from Cocoon Productions about using Our Savior's as a location for a movie.

New Business

- ELCA World Hunger – Neil made a motion to donate \$50, seconded by Deb, motion carried.

August meetings

- **Education:** Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 pm
- **Outreach:** Thursday, August 15, 6:00 pm
- **Worship:** Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm
- **Joint Council:** Thursday, August 15, 7:00 pm
- **All meetings are at Our Savior's in August.**
- Note dates and times for August meetings!



Planning for September . . .

Calamus Lutheran Parish
will have
One Worship Service Only
on
Sunday, September 1
at
9:00 AM
at
Faith

Sunday School

Sunday School will return September 8.
Classes will be at Faith.

Staff is already in place, but the education committee is looking for volunteers to substitute for the teachers and music leader when they are absent.

The lessons will be prepared for you!

Please contact Cindy Burke (563-468-8149)
or Ashley Steffens (563-210-2540)
if you would be willing to help.

Fall Schedule

Beginning September 8



8:00 AM Worship

Our Savior's Church

2589 – 190th Avenue, Calamus



9:25 AM Sunday School

(classes for ages 3 through 93)

Faith Church



10:30 AM Worship

Faith Church

505 Second Street, Calamus

MINSTERS for August 2024

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:

Andrea and Hal Shelton

Acolyte:

Olivia Hoffmann

Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

Lectors:

August 4: Shelley Witt-Gentile

August 11: Sarah Tulley

August 18: Mark Witte

August 25: Worship in the park

Altar Ministry:

Doreen Henning and Ashley Steffens

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Wyatt Easterday

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lectors:

August 4: Melisa Jacobsen

August 11: Jason Boussetot

August 18: Eva Burke

August 25: Worship in the park

Cleaner:

Marcia Edens

August 2024 Calamus Lutheran Parish

NOTE: Check the website www.clp parish.org for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church (outdoors) OS = Our Savior's Church				1	2	3
4 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	5	6	7 Education Committee 7:00 at OS	8	9	10
11 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	12	13 “Meet and Eat” Noon at Buck’s Corner in Calamus	14 Naomi Circle 10:00 am Bousselot’s Pond	15 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at OS Worship Committee 6:30 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	16	17 QC Symphony Riverfront Pops <i>Music of Led Zeppelin</i> 7:30 pm LeClaire Park Davenport
18 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	19 September newsletter items are due.	20	21	22	23 Calamus Fun	24 Wheatland Days
25 Community Worship 10:00 am in the Calamus Park Calamus Volunteer Fire Department Beef Dinner at the CALCO 10:30 am	26	27	28	29	30	31

Worship at Faith will be outdoors. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the service will be in the sanctuary.

There will be ONE service only on Sunday, September 1; 9:00 AM Worship at Faith

Fall schedule begins on Sunday, September 8; 8:00 Worship at Our Savior’s, 9:25 Sunday School at Faith, 10:30 Worship at Faith