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Pastor's View

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Recently a friend and I were discussing the question “how do we slow down from the busyness of life each day?” We both found the question a little hard to answer. Between work and families and activities and schedules, we found that sometimes the only time we paused in a day was when we went to sleep at night. At the end of our conversation, we both agreed that we would commit ourselves to pausing a bit more. Hopefully to pause at least once a day from the busyness of life, but if not every day, then certainly three to four times a week. She and I have been holding each other accountable to it and it’s gone pretty well! For Stephen and me this looks like getting up early enough each day to play a game of cribbage over breakfast together, and watching a little less TV, or using our phones less at the end of the day.

This time of year fall always brings out a particular kind of busyness to our lives. We have the busyness of harvest, going back to school, sports and school activities, work, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Jam. The demands on our time are very real and it can sometimes feel overwhelming. It is my hope and my prayer that we all would find ways to pause throughout our weeks, to slow down, and to find joy in all that God has given us. It is my hope and my prayer that worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Jam can be a part of your pausing from the busyness of life. It is my hope and my prayer that these would be times and places where we re-center ourselves in God’s word and Jesus’s love for us, that these would be times and places where we can hear the promises of God spoken over us reminding us that in Jesus we are all enough and loved just as we are.

The good news, dear ones, is that Jesus has already saved the world, and Jesus took some time to rest in his ministry as well (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; John 4:6; and many others). We too need time to pause and rest and be restored by God’s promises for us.

God’s blessings to each and every one of you as we move into the fall.

In Christ’s Peace,

September

Sunday, September 1 ONE Service Only!

9:00 AM Worship at Faith

Fall Schedule begins Sunday, September 8

8:00 AM Worship at Our Savior's
9:25 AM Sunday School at Faith
10:30 AM Worship at Faith

Education Opportunities

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At 9:25 AM every Sunday morning, there are classes for children age 3 through 12th grade and adults of all ages. Sunday School is at Faith starting September 8.

CONFIRMATION

6:00 PM Wednesday, September 4 – Confirmands and their parents meet with Pastor Leah at Faith.

6:00 PM Wednesday, September 11 – Confirmation classes begin at Faith.

BIBLE JAM

7:00 PM Wednesday, September 11 – All 7th - 12th graders are invited to Faith for food, fellowship, and fun following confirmation classes. * **Meals:** Contact Heather Grau (563-424-0507) if you are willing to prepare and serve a meal to the youth on a Wednesday.

* Meals for Youth attending Bible Jam

Do you enjoy cooking or have a favorite meal you would like to share with our youth? We are looking for volunteers to help prepare meals on Wednesday nights. Contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 for more information or to sign up.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11
10:00 AM at Marsha Witte's home in DeWitt



Gather magazine

“Receiving Grace: A Study of Ephesians”
by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

Noisy Offering - - Sunday, September 15
The 2024 recipient is Calamus-Wheatland Schools.

Feeding the Children



Calamus Wheatland

Faith and Our Savior's will again be packing food bags to provide weekend meals for Cal-Wheat students selected by the school counselor.

The Christian Outreach Committee is coordinating the project and asking for volunteers to help. There are sign-up sheets and directions in the church office.

- You can put together the eight bags. Directions for assembly are on the pantry shelves in the basement at Faith.
- You can deliver the bags to the elementary school on Friday mornings.
- You can donate non-perishable food. A list of needed items will be in the bulletins.

Thank you for considering how you can help with this worthwhile Christian Outreach project. The project worked smoothly last school year thanks to dedicated volunteers!



Sadie Lyn Goetsch, daughter of Landon and Gabby Goetsch and sister of Wallen, was baptized on Sunday, July 28. Welcome to the family of God, Sadie.

Membership Directory

The Calamus Lutheran Parish is creating a membership directory. You are respectfully requested to submit family information using an online Google Form **OR** a hard copy paper form. The hard copy form was included in the printed newsletter. Submit the completed form to Pastor Leah, an usher, or place in the office at Faith. The online Google Form will be sent by email to all members on September 1st. Please submit the hard copy form **OR** the online form by September 20th. The goal is to publish the directory online October 1st. Once the directory is active, members will have access to the directory, be able to edit their information, and print a hard copy. If you have any questions, contact the church office 563-246-2622. Thank you for your cooperation.



August Meetings

~~ Joint Council ~~

Date: Thursday, August 15, at Our Savior's

Present: Pastor Leah Holloway-Nilsen;

Our Savior's: Jason Boussetot, Amy Glover, Joe Morehead; **Faith:** Terri Boussetot, Ashley Steffens, Brian Tulley, Mark Witte

Pastor's Report

- Thought the Youth Gathering in New Orleans was extremely beneficial to the four youth and two adults who attended.
- Performed the baptism of Sadie Goettsch, daughter of Landon and Gabby Goettsch, on Sunday, July 28.
- Continues to visit the homebound.
- Consulting with a couple who will be married in the fall.
- Will volunteer at C-W Elementary School again this year.
- Expects three youth from the parish and two youth from St. John's Lutheran Church, Bliedorn to participate in confirmation classes.

God Squad

- The four youth had a terrific experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They expressed their gratitude to the parish for supporting them financially and spiritually. They shared their experience at a worship service and with shareholders at a meal.
- The first night of Bible Jam is Wednesday, September 11; 7:00 pm following confirmation.
- Will seek volunteers to prepare and serve meals at Bible Jam on Wednesdays.

Christian Outreach

- Refreshments will be served at 9:30 am in the park on August 25 before 10:00 am worship.
- Refreshments will be served on the first day of Sunday School, September 8.
- Organizing the "Feeding the Children" program; starting delivery September 13. Will seek helpers to prepare and deliver 8 bags to the elementary school on Fridays.

Worship

- Pastor Leah and Pastor Tessa Cavey of St. Paul UCC in Wheatland organized the community worship service for Sunday, August 25; 10:00 am in Calamus City Park. (Calamus Wheatland Fun Days weekend)
- One service only on Sunday, September 1; 9:00 am at Faith (Labor Day weekend) using *With One Voice* Setting 5.
- *ELW* Setting 3 will be used for fall worship services beginning September 8.

Education

- Confirmation Meeting – Confirmands and their parents meet with Pastor Leah on Wednesday, September 4; 6:00 pm at Faith.

- Confirmation Classes – The first confirmation class is Wednesday, September 11; 6:00 pm at Faith.
- Sunday School
 - Pastor and Rebecca Shorter moved the Sunday School materials from Our Savior's to Faith and organized the supplies.
 - First day of classes is September 8; 9:25 am at Faith. The committee is grateful to the staff that is in place and to those who have volunteered to substitute for teachers and music leader. There is still a need for a preschool room helper.

Old Business none

New Business

- Basket Raffle Proceeds – Brian made a motion to disperse the income to two recipients: the Calamus Park for renovations/upkeep and Calamus Historical Project at City Hall. Seconded and carried.
- Community Worship Offering – Ashley made a motion to give the August 25 offering to a local food-related ministry. Seconded and carried.

~~ Faith Council ~~

Old Business

- Exterior Sign – Council members will review the TV Liquidator website for more information.
- Parsonage Steps – Luke will confirm the work needed to finish the steps.
- Bats – Luke and his sons sealed several areas where bats were entering the church building.
- Damaged Ceilings – Daehn Construction will repair the upstairs ceilings in August.
- Boiler – Ashley moved to approve the \$20,755 bid from Ryan and Associates for boiler line repair. Seconded and carried.

New Business

- ELCA World Hunger – Terri made a motion to donate \$50 in honor of the 50th anniversary. Seconded and carried.
- Faith Constitution – It will be reviewed by council members at a special meeting in September.
- Monthly Mailings – Copies of all monthly readings and pastor's sermons will be available at the back of the church on the last Sunday of each month. Volunteers may deliver the packets in person to the homebound. Items not delivered will be mailed from the church office using money designated for shut-ins to cover postage.

~~ Our Savior's Council ~~

No Business

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 12; 7:00 pm at Faith

MINSTERS for September 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:

Yale Christensen
Mitch Christensen

Acolyte:

Kinnick Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Lori Storjohann

Lectors:

September 1: Marsha Witte
September 8: Dirk Braet
September 15: Tysen Steffens
September 22: Terri Boussetlot
September 29: Annette Braet

Altar Ministry:

Deb and Brian Tulley

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

David Burke

Acolyte:

Rachel Burke

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lectors:

September 1: Worship at Faith
September 8: Joyce McCutcheon
September 15: Rachel Burke
September 22: Deb Detlefs
September 29: Dan Burke

Cleaners:

Amy and Shane Glover

September 2024 Calamus Lutheran Parish

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

OS = Our Savior's Church
F = Faith Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 One Service Only 9:00 am at Faith	2 Labor Day	3	4 Confirmands and their Parents meet with Pastor Leah 6:00 pm at Faith	5	6	7
8 Fall Schedule Begins 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	9	10 “Meet and Eat” Noon at Buck's Corner in Calamus	11 Naomi Circle 10:00 am Marsha Witte's home Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith	12 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at Faith Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	13	14
15 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	16 October newsletter items are due.	17	18 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	19	20	21
22 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	23	24	25 Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	26	27	28
29 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School – F 10:30 Worship – F	30					

Sunday, September 8, is the first day of Sunday School. All ages are welcome to attend the classes at 9:25 am at Faith.