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

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**Pastor's View**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

In May we wrapped up our education year with Bible School on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the last day of Sunday School on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and then on the following Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, four of our young folks made public affirmation of their baptisms. It was another wonderful year of Sunday School (for all ages!!!), Confirmation, and Bible School. One of our gifts and strengths as a parish is our shared commitment to education together. This is one of the ways we live out the promises of baptism. Depending on your age or station in life, participating in our life of Christian education means you are either fulfilling promises you made on behalf of your child, fulfilling promises you made as part of the assembly to care for a newly baptized person, living into the promises made at your baptism, fulfilling the promises you affirmed when you were confirmed to continue in Christian community and life, or some combination thereof!

I deeply mean it when I say that this matters. This is all of us being community together, this is all of us loving each other for the sake of the gospel. So very earnestly, thank you. Thank you for all the ways we live into these baptismal promises as a parish, but particularly in this moment as it pertains to our life of education together. Faith is nurtured and explored, questioned and pushed in this time together. Our community bears witness for each other, hears each other's highs and lows, and it strengthens us to go and bear witness in the world that God so loves. However, you participated in our education life together this year—teaching, dropping young folks off, attending, asking questions, you name it—you have lived out and lived into your baptismal promises. Thanks be to God.

Blessings to all for the summer. May you notice the presence of God with you each day.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Leah



**Calamus-Wheatland  
Community Fun Days**

**Basket Raffle**

**CW Fun Days will be held on  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Parish is in need volunteers, supplies and donations to make the Basket Raffle a success this year! If you would like to donate baskets, items for baskets or monetary donations it would be greatly appreciated it.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andrea Shelton or Nicole Easterday in the church office.

**God Squad Can Donation**

God Squad is collecting cans during the month of June. The donations will help support the Youth planning to attend the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The donation bin is located at Faith. Thank you for your donations and support!



**Naomi Circle Bible Study**

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am at Bousselot's Pond

Those attending please bring a sack lunch.

**In need of Personal Care Products**

The Christian Outreach Committee will be collecting personal care products during the month of June. The items will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the Referral Center in Dewitt.

Care products include: soap, shampoo, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body lotion, feminine hygiene products, etc.

The collection spot for donations will be at the back of each church.

**Worship Schedule for June/July**

**Faith**

**8:00 am Worship**

Indoor Services

Outdoor Services – (weather permitting)

Bring lawn chairs.

**Our Savior's**

**9:30 am Worship**

Indoor Services

Using Sung Morning Prayer at Worship





**July & August  
Church Office Closure Dates:**

**The church office will be closed:**  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Pastor Leah will out of the office:**  
July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Seeking New Committee Members:**

Two volunteers are needed to serve on the Education Committee – one from Our Savior's and one from Faith. One does not need to teach Sunday School to participate.

**2027 ELCA Youth Gathering**

**Location:** Minneapolis

**Dates of Gathering:** June 28<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2027

**Who can Attend:** Youth 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2026

The ELCA Youth Gathering is an amazing opportunity to see and experience our youth faith community.

Watch for upcoming announcements about informational meetings.

Please contact Heather or Pastor Leah if you have any questions or are interested in attending!

Please submit **August newsletter items** to the church office (cparish@fbcom.net) by Monday, **July 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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





# May Meetings

## ~~ Our Savior's Council ~~

Date: May 14, 2026  
Present: Deb, Jason, Dan

Minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved as presented.

Treasurer's & Financial Secretary's Report were distributed and reviewed:

- We received the insurance bill; went up to \$5000 for 6 months, so up about \$1500.

### Old Business

- Bathroom Update
  - Estes called about tax exempt status; we gave Estes our information and they are investigating.
- Parsonage
  - Renters expect to leave by end of June.
  - Have a couple of interested parties that we will get an application to.

### New Business

- Basket Raffle
  - Motion by Deb to approve up to \$100 to match last year's donation, seconded by Dan. Motion carried unanimously.

## ~~ Faith Council ~~

Date: May 14, 2026  
Present: Mitch Christensen, Brittany Hoffmann, Brian Tulley, Mark Witte, and John Baur.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion by Tulley to approve the April 2026 report. Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

### Financial Secretary's Report:

- Motion made by Baur to approve April 2026 report. Tulley seconded. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Shelton will take Faith blueprints to an Eldridge company which can scan/print them. No current update on this.
- Maintenance plan for boiler – submitted signed quote to Ryan and Associates, work is expected to start sometime in June.
- Installation of the heating/cooling in the sanctuary will occur when contractor is available.

### New Business

- Wet It & Forget It – was applied to the exterior of the church.
- Clean-Up Day for grounds and landscaping was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shrubs out front were pulled.
- Basket Raffle – asking for funds to help with getting started. Tulley made a motion to donate \$100 to basket raffle. Hoffmann seconded. Motion carried.
- Roof Repair needed – When looking for the robes for confirmation, Tulley saw a visible hole in the roof on the south side of the bell tower. White Roofing will be contacted to complete the repair.

### **\*\*Next Meetings Scheduled\*\***

#### **Outreach Committee Meeting**

Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Where: Our Savior's

#### **Worship Committee Meeting**

Will not meet in June

#### **Joint Council**

Date: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Where: Faith

#### **Education Committee Meeting**

Date: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Where: Faith



# May Meetings

## ~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

**Date: May 14, 2026**

**Present: Our Saviors:** Jason Bousselot, Deb Detlefs, and Dan Burke.

**Faith:** Brittany Hoffmann, Mark Witte, and Brian Tulley.

### Pastor's Report

- Continuing normal visits and activities.
- Presided at a funeral for Karen Eschbach.
- Sunday School finished on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who attended and engaged in learning.
- Confirmation has wrapped up.
- Working on Summer bulletins with Nicole.
- Pastor will be gone on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pulpit Supply has been arranged for both Sundays.

### Old Business:

- Calamus Fun Days Basket Raffle
  - Faith and Our Savior's will discuss in individual Council Meetings regarding providing a donation.

### New Business

- Church office will be closed from July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Leah and Nicole have a plan in place during the office closure.
- CW Concession Stand – Scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday) at 4:15. Will need 4 to 6 people to volunteer to work the stand.

### Worship Committee – May 14, 2026

**Present:** Deb, Brittany, Jason and Dan

- Summer Worship
  - Reviewed Faith and Our Savior's bulletins for the summer.
  - No meeting in June

### Christian Outreach Committee

- May
  - Deb Tulley and Amy Glover will serve freezer pops to C-W students on May 22<sup>nd</sup> Clean-up Day.
- June,
  - Personal care items will be gathered during the month of June, these items will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center and the Dewitt Referral Center.
- July
  - Food items will be gathered during the month of July. These will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center and the Dewitt Referral Center.
- August
  - Will serve coffee and donuts at Church in the Park service if/when scheduled.

### God Squad:

- No report given

### Education Committee:

**Date: May 13, 2026**

**Present: Cindy Burke, Pastor Leah, John Baur**

**Seeking new Committee Members:** Two volunteers are needed to serve on the Education Committee – one from Our Savior's and one from Faith. One does not need to teach Sunday School to participate.

- Vacation Bible School
  - VBS was held on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - 16 children attended
  - Will shorten sessions next year.
- Sunday School
  - Will renew Spark House subscription.

## **MINSTERS for June 2026**

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:**

Alan Lee  
Hal Shelton

**Acolyte:**

Emily Grau

**Communion Assistant:**

Marsha Witte

**Lectors:**

June 7: Peyton Grau  
June 14: Dirk Braet  
June 21: Doreen Henning  
June 28: Terri Boussetot

**Altar Ministry:**

Marsha & Mark Witte

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH**

**Usher:** Neil Holmquist

**Acolyte:**

William Burke

**Communion Assistant:**

David Burke

**Lector:**

June 7: Deb Detlefs  
June 14: Neil Holmquist  
June 21: Cindy Burke  
June 28: Amy Glover

**Cleaners:**

Dan and Cindy Burke

# June 2026 Calamus Lutheran Parish

**NOTE: Check the website [www.clp parish.org](http://www.clp parish.org) for more information.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church	1	2	3	4	5 <b>Church office closed</b>	6
7 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship– OS  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	8	9 <b>“Meet and Eat”</b> Noon at Buck’s Corner in Calamus	10  <b>Education Committee</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	11  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	12	13
14 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	15	16	17 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am Bousselot’s Pond  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	18  <b>Outreach Committee</b> 6:00 pm at OS  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	19  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	20  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>
21 <b>Noisy Offering</b> <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS <b>Father’s Day</b>	22  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	23  <b>Pastor Leah out of the office</b>	24	25	26	27
28 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship - OS	29	30				

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**God Squad’s fundraiser is collecting cans in the bin located in the yard at Faith Church. Thank you for your donations!**

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### **FAITH CHURCH**

#### **Ushers:**

Eric Hoffmann  
Grant Hoffmann

#### **Acolyte:**

Lucas Shorter

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Andrea Shelton

#### **Lectors:**

July 5: Joint Worship at Our Savior's  
July 12: Marsha Witte  
July 19: Terri Boussetot  
July 26: Yale Christensen

#### **Altar Ministry:**

Andrea & Hal Shelton

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH**

**Usher:** Rachel Burke

#### **Acolyte:**

David Burke

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Dan Burke

#### **Lectors:**

July 5: Eva Burke  
July 12: Joe Morehead  
July 19: Rachel Burke  
July 26: Brian Boussetot

#### **Cleaners:**

Deb Detlefs

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church (outdoors) OS = Our Savior's Church			1	2	3  Office Closed	4  Independence Day
5  Joint Worship 9:00 am at Our Savior's	6	7	8  Naomi Circle 10:00 am Bousselot's Pond  Education Committee 7:00 at Our Savior's	9  Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at Faith	10	11
12 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	13  August newsletter items are due	14  “Meet and Eat” Noon at Buck's Corner	15	16 Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Faith  Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith	17	18
19 Noisy Offering  8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	20	21	22	23	24  Church office closed	25
26 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	27 Pastor Leah out of the office  Church office closed	28 Pastor Leah out of the office  Church office closed	29 Pastor Leah out of the office  Church office closed	30 Pastor Leah out of the office  Church office closed	31 Pastor Leah out of the office  Church office closed	

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