

Calamus Lutheran Parish
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8:00 AM Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Calamus IA 52729



9:25 AM Sunday School

Faith Lutheran Church



10:30 AM Sunday Worship

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Pastor's View

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Every time the sacrament of baptism takes place in our midst, we hear these promises again and anew

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. (ELW pg. 236)

These are the promises that you made or were made for you and to you in your baptism, and they are the promises we make to the newly baptized in our midst, that we would join together in this baptismal life of living, hearing, proclaiming, serving, and striving.

Each day we live out our baptismal promises in the many and various vocations God gives to us, and it makes all of our ordinary days and moments and tasks into holy ones. As we move into the school year, harvest season, and into the rhythms of Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Jam we show up as God's beloved people among God's beloved people to live, hear, proclaim, serve, and strive together for the sake of the world that God so loves.

This time of year brings a lot of feelings. There is familiarity in the routines, and newness in the transitions to a different grade or school. There is anticipation for things to start, for the weather to cooperate. There is hope as we once again encounter the abundance of God's provision for us. There is joy in being together in these particular ways again. In all of it, we are formed together by each other to continue to be God's faithful people in the world. A gift of our baptismal life together.

What a joy it is for me, and hopefully for us all, to share in these rhythms of life together, to live into our baptisms together, to be the Body of Christ together. I pray that we would continue to strengthen our baptismal identity in community: in our worship, in our learning, and in our camaraderie together. Thanks be to God for the gift of changing seasons and the gift of each other.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Leah



June/July/August Cover Page – Art Work

*Thank you for the wonderful artwork for the
June, July, & August Newsletters*

**2027 ELCA Youth Gathering
Informational Meeting**

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering
Informational Meeting will be held on
September 2nd at 6:30 pm at Faith,
following the Parent/Youth Confirmation Meeting.

Confirmation

Confirmation Meeting

Parents & Youth meeting is scheduled for
September 2nd at 6:00 pm at Faith

Confirmation and Bible Jam

Confirmation and Bible Jam will begin on
September 9th at 6:00 pm.

Confirmation

6:00 pm
at Faith

Bible Jam

7:00 pm
at Faith



Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9th

10:00 am at Boussetot's Pond

Those attending please bring a sack lunch.

Joint Worship

9:00 AM Worship

September 6th at Faith

Fall Schedule

Beginning September 13th



8:00 AM Worship

Our Savior's

2589 – 190th Avenue, Calamus



9:25 AM Sunday School

Faith

505 Second Street, Calamus



10:30 AM Worship

Faith

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Sunday School

All ages are invited!

The Calamus Lutheran Parish

Sunday School year begins

on September 13th

at 9:25 am

at Faith Lutheran Church

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 Pastor Leah (262-914-9392)
if you would be willing to help.



***Blessing of backpacks/school year and
Sunday School students/ teachers***

On Sunday, September 13th Pastor Leah
will bless the
backpacks/school year, and
Sunday School students/teachers.
at both Worship Services.

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 28th- July 2nd, 2027

Who can Attend: Youth 8th to 12th 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.

**If you are interested in attending the
2027 ELCA Youth Gathering,
please contact Heather or Pastor Leah.**

Please submit **October newsletter items**
to the church office (clparish@fbcom.net)
by Monday, September 21st
Thank you for your cooperation!

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

Next Meetings Scheduled:

Education Committee Meeting:

Date: September 9th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Faith

Outreach Committee Meeting:

Date: September 10th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Our Savior's

Worship Committee Meeting:

Date: September 10th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Our Savior's

Joint Council Meeting:

Date: September 10th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Our Savior's

**Special Meeting
Carpet Cleaning Bid
at Faith**

Date: August 23, 2026

Present: Luke Shelton, Brian Tulley, Mark Witte and
Terri Boussetot.

Witte received two bids for cleaning of all stairways and
hallway carpets, Church office, Pastor's office, and all
classrooms.

Unanimous approval to accept the bid from Stanley
Steamer for about \$400. This will include applying
Scotchgard to all areas.

Furniture will be removed from these areas before the
carpet cleaning.

Painting of the last two upstairs classrooms will be
completed before August 29th.



August Meetings

~ ~ Our Savior's Council ~ ~

Date: August 13, 2026

New Business

- Reviewed Rental Applications.

~ ~ Faith Council ~ ~

Date: August 13, 2026

Present: John Baur, Mitch Christensen, Luke Shelton, Mark Witte and Terri Bousselot.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion by Bousselot to approve the July 2026 report. Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Motion made by Shelton to approve July 2026 report. Baur seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Council will review the church blueprints at the September meeting and determine which blueprints need to be saved and/or printed. \$7 per sheet is printing cost. Items must be printed before the end of December.
- Bat control continues to be addressed. One-way exits have been installed on the west eaves. The east Sunday School room storage closet has been cleaned by Council members. The entry location has been difficult to find.
- A down payment has been made to White Roofing for replacement of the roof near the bell tower. Provider said the overall roof should last another 20 years.

New Business

- Both broilers passed inspection. Next inspection will be October 2027.
- The carpet in the stairways and entrance needs to be cleaned. Witte and Bousselot will search for providers.
- Faith has not had a choir for two years. The designated money in the Choir fund could be used for other purposes. Motion by Christensen to redirect the funds to the Feeding the Children program. Baur seconded. Motion carried. Witte will inform Yale Christensen and Doreen Henning.

~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

Date: August 13, 2026

Present: Our Saviors: Jason Bousselot, Deb Detlefs, **Faith:** John Baur, Mitch Christensen, Luke Shelton, Mark Witte and Terri Bousselot.

Pastor's Report

- Resumed visits to Wheatland Manor. Continues other regular duties.
- Preparing for fall services.
- Pastor Tessa and Pastor Derrick will assist with worship in the park on August 30th at 10:00 am. Pastor Derrick will preach. The loose offering will be donated to the CW Elementary School.
- Preparing for Mary Ann and Loren Christensen funeral service at Our Savior's on September 19th.

Old Business:

- Paper shredder for the Church office was tabled. Dan Burke is researching options.

New Business

- None

Worship Committee

- Worship in the park is confirmed for August 30th. Dirk Braet will manage speaker system. A podium and offering plates will be used. Service will be held at Faith if it rains.
- Setting 10 will be used in September through end of December.
- One service will be held on December 27th at 9am at Our Savior's. Lessons and Carols will be used.

Christian Outreach Committee

- The donated personal care items were well received.
- July food donations were delivered to Carroll Assistance Center.
- Christian Outreach Committee will provide beverages and donuts for worship in the park at 9:30 am. Service is at 10:00 am.

God Squad: Pastor Leah

- A meeting for the 2027 Youth Gathering will be held September 2nd at 6:30 pm. Youth entering 8th grade in the fall of 2027 will be eligible to attend.

Education Committee:

- Cindy Burke and Pastor Leah moved Sunday School materials to Faith.

MINSTERS for September 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.

FEEDING THE CHILDREN: Mark & Marsha Witte

Preparing and delivering seven bags of food to Cal-Wheat Elementary on Friday mornings.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Andrea Shelton
Terri Bousselet

Acolyte:

Brent Shelton

Communion Assistant:

Brian Tulley

Lectors:

September 6: Annette Braet
September 13: Sharyl Banowetz
September 20: Mark Witte
September 27: Andrea Shelton

Altar Ministry:

Sharyl & Larry Banowetz

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Dan Burke

Acolyte:

William Burke

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lectors:

September 6: Joint Worship at Faith
September 13: Cindy Burke
September 20: Amy Glover
September 27: Eva Burke

Cleaners:

Brian Bousselet & Mary Timmerman

September 2026 Calamus Lutheran Parish

NOTE: Check the website www.clparish.org for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church (outdoors) OS = Our Savior's Church		1	2 Confirmation Meeting 6:00 pm at Faith 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Meeting 6:30 pm at Faith	3	4	5
6 Joint Worship 9:00 am at Faith	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 Meet and Eat" Noon at Buck's Corner in Calamus	9 Naomi Circle 10:00 am Bousselot's Pond Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith Confirmation 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	10 Outreach Committee 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Worship Committee 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	11	12
13 Sunday School begins 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School - F 10:30 Worship - F Backpack Blessing	14	15	16 Confirmation 6:00 pm Bible Jam 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School - F 10:30 Worship - F	21 October newsletter items are due.	22	23 Confirmation 6:00 pm Bible Jam 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27 8:00 Worship – OS 9:25 Sunday School - F 10:30 Worship - F	28	29	30 Confirmation 6:00 pm Bible Jam 7:00 pm			