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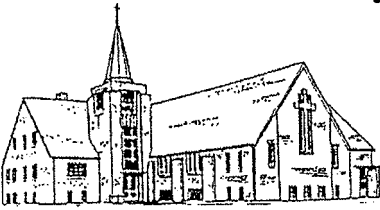
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Pastor Writes



“The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?”
-Psalm 27

Philip is obsessed with weather.

It doesn't help that we drove through some terribly severe weather back in March on our way home from Marshalltown. But even before that, for about a year now, the books Philip checks out from the library have to do with extreme weather—blizzards and hurricanes and dust storms and tornadoes. He checks the weather on my phone probably a dozen times a day. He peeks out the window and names the clouds (cumulus, cirrus, etc), he tells me what the day's high and low temps are expected to be. It's like living with a 7-year-old meteorologist.

He tells me that his biggest fear is seeing a tornado.

He then tells me he wants to be a storm chaser when he grows up.

We discussed this irony at breakfast today.

Why would you want to chase the very thing that scares you the most? I asked.

Because it's better for me to chase it than for it to chase me, Philip answered.

And off he ran.

How do kids do this? How do they drop a Little Truth at our feet, which so very often turns out to be a Big Truth? Theirs is truly a confounding wisdom.

Indeed, there is a Big Truth here, one that we adults can dig into. If we consider our own lives and all the things in our lives that scare us—financial insecurity, job uncertainty, feelings of stress and being overwhelmed, failing relationships, family

trouble, etc—we can honestly admit our instinct is to run from our fears. That's the innate fight-or-flight instinct we have within us. Over time, humans have excelled at running from whatever is chasing us, whether it be a saber-toothed lion or a smoking volcano. It's what has carried us to the top of the food chain.

And yet, Philip's comment makes me pause. I toy with the image of little, lisping Philip going up against a big, whirling tornado. I then think of little David going up against big Goliath. And I wonder, have we sold ourselves short in the bravery department? Have we only mastered half of what it means to be truly courageous? Maybe we've neglected the fight and focused on the flight.

Outrunning our fears is one thing, yes.

But running straight at them is quite another.

We have forgotten that we don't chase or face the tornadoes alone....God goes with us, God is our light when things are dark and our salvation when we are choked by fear. Maybe we've forgotten that little David didn't face Goliath alone...his aim and his slingshot and his sharp eye were guided by the Holy Spirit...his trembling arm was steadied by the One who gave him the strength he needed to face that big, scary Goliath.

Whenever I tend to worry myself into a mess, Doug asks me this question, “What's the very worst that can happen?” It's a simple question, yes, but it's sharp as an arrow. It makes me stare right into the tornado, right at my Goliath, and consider the worst-case-scenario, which, I suppose, is always death. But, for Christians, if death is the worst-case-scenario, and if God is indeed our light and salvation, then there truly is nothing to fear.

I wish you well, dear brothers and sisters, in your daily struggles, and even more than my well-
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wishes, I want you to know I pray for you daily. Pray for me, as well, and for my family. May our mutual prayers be for strength to not only be swift in outrunning our enemies, but for the eventual courage to turn and chase and face them, to look Goliath directly in the eye, to brace for the tornado's lashing wind. No fears... "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the LORD; open for me the gates of righteousness that I may enter them and give thanks to the LORD forever." (Psalm 118)

- Pastor Sarah Kretzmann

The Noisy Offering Will Be Received June 15

**July/August Combined 2014
Newsletter Items
due June 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

♪ Choir Rehearsal ♪

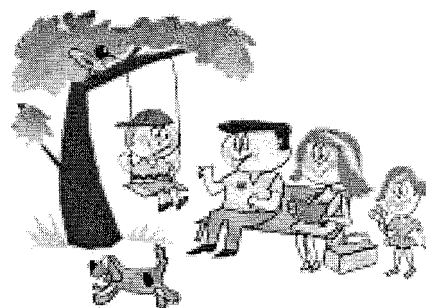
**Wednesday, June 4, 8:00 p.m.
Faith Church**

**Pentecost/Confirmation
Sunday, June 8**

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday and at Faith Church there is Confirmation! You are invited to wear the color red – symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Serina Carpenter, daughter of Brad and April Carpenter and Kristina Gonzales and Brianna Williams, daughter of Charity and Jeff Griebel and Chris Williams, will affirm their baptism vows. Please uphold them in prayer.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love,
Send us pow'r,
Send us grace.**



**Bible School Follow-up Activity
Family-friendly Field Day**

Sunday, June 8

Meet at the Calamus Park at 10:30



Fun and games for all ages!

Food and drink provided!

Come and participate!

Come and watch!

Come and eat!



The offering for the day is items for Calamus/Wheatland Elementary: tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes

Christians and Pentecost



Lutherans and other Christians celebrate a principal festival of the church year, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples fifty days after Easter (Acts 2:1—4). Pentecost is the final day of the Easter season. This festival commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of 3,000 converts.

When we gather for devotions or when we pray the Lord's Prayer together, we experience a little Pentecost. Luther's words in the Small Catechism continue to come true in our midst: the Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth" on Pentecost and every day.



At the May Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Worship Committee rescheduled the monthly meeting to May 15, 6:00 p.m. at Faith.
- The Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee will assist with food preparation for the Family Fun Day on June 8.
- The Education Committee reported the May 6 VBS attendance included 62 children, 9 adults and 5 youth helpers. The VBS closing will be a Family Fun Day on June 8 at the Calamus Park. The offering request is for care items for the C/W Schools related to health and wellness – tissues, bandages, hand sanitizer, etc.
- Heather Grau explained benefits of the congregations having a Facebook Page. She will obtain additional information from the Synod and report to Joint Council in June.
- Dan Burke took photos of the three councils and will update the parish webpage.

Faith Council:

- Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$4,093.89 and a working balance of \$17,623.30.
- The elevator has been repaired.
- Keith Gasper will order and install one air conditioning unit to serve Pastor's Office, Secretary's Office and the Preschool Classroom. Existing funds designated for air conditioning will cover almost all costs incurred.

Our Savior's Council:

- The financial reports were approved as presented. A representative from Edward Jones Investment was present to review different investment options for the monetary donation from the Carrie Olson estate. Brian Boussetot motioned to follow recommendation of representative to invest into six different accounts. Seconded by Deb Detlefs.
- Yale Christensen is going to mow church and cemetery lawns. Parsonage renters said they will mow parsonage lawn.
- Jason Boussetot reviewed email clarifying pastoral compensation for utilities/housing allowance. Synod clarified that when a pastor does not live in parsonage the housing allowance is figured as 30% of base salary. This will not affect budget as this is already figured into current budget.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report April 2014

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,859.91
Deposits	\$5,189.16
Disbursements.....	\$(6,506.24)
Ending Balance.....	\$1,542.73

The following is a portion of an email Jason Boussetot received from a couple who had visited Our Savior's.

Hi Jason,

How interesting it was to read about the founding of the church and the entire Calamus area. Although other parts of the United States were settled by neighbors, I have to wonder if Calamus isn't a bit unusual in that the Norwegian settlement all came from one specific area (and relatively small area) of a country? I have to imagine that seeing friends and relatives so far from home must have been a wonderful boon and a help against homesickness. Steve and I were looking in the anniversary book you had given us, and noted the picture of the George Johnson house. Wow! Although it is impressive today, it was spectacular back in the day--especially with all the trees around it!

We have shared the story of our Easter meeting far and wide with our former church in Michigan as well as, Apostle's Lutheran, the church here in Virginia. All of you quite overwhelmed us with your hospitality, your generous sharing of your time, your memories, your knowledge, and the historical records! How unbelievably welcoming you all were---you did your ancestors proud.

Again, thank you for an Easter none of us will ever forget. Our daughter is simply thrilled to know the story of her namesake!

We have a few more trips to Iowa in our future, so we will be sure to drop in and say hi. If any of you find yourselves in Michigan (the Detroit area) or Virginia, please don't hesitate to give a call and drop by. We would love to show you the area.

Take care--
Lorna

"What we say does not matter, only what God says to souls through us." – Mother Theresa

News About Our People



On May 11, **Samuel Douglas**, son of Matthew and Ellen Mueller, through Holy Baptism was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Samuel's sponsors were Andy and Amanda Kahl.



Dana Jacobsen passed away on Monday, May 12, in her home.



Shelbey Koester, through Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 22.



Brynlee Mae Sean, daughter of William and Meghan Berger, through Holy Baptism, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 24. Brynlee's sponsors were Zach Brown and Shelbey Koester.



Audrey Witte is now living at Westwing Place, 1118 – 11th Street, Stop #1, DeWitt, IA 52742



Malinda Malmanger's new address is 320 E. Lincolnway #106, Wheatland IA 52777



Brian Lindaman has transferred his membership from Faith Lutheran to Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

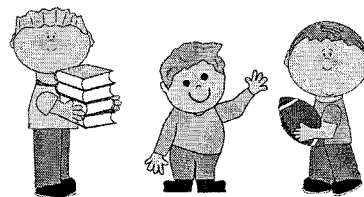


Ben Lindaman has transferred his membership to Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

Thank You!

To the members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish, I want to say a big "Thank you" for your prayers and concerns at the time of my recent surgery. All of the results are positive and I am doing well. To God be the Glory! Thanks again and God Bless You. – Carol Schunter

Sunday Morning Child Care for Christian, Jacob & Philip



June 1: Boys with Nate

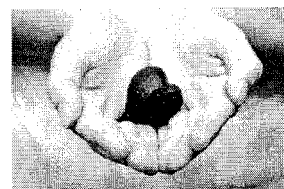
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June 15: Boys with Nate

June 22: Boys with Nate

June 29: Hal and Andrea Shelton

2014 Bible School is a Huge Success!

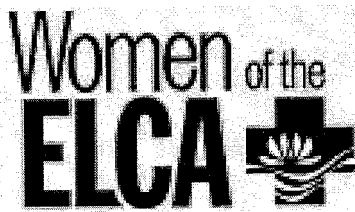


Wednesday Bible School was a huge success. Over sixty children attended from 3:30 – 5:30 after school on the four Wednesdays of May. The theme of Bible School was "A Spirit of Generosity." The Bible study was based on "The Feeding of the 5000" in Matthew 14. The focus for each week was healing, feeding, sharing, and caring. The children made first-aid kits for themselves, soup mix to share with others, placemats and cards for nursing home residents, and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

There were lots of adult leaders, a great group of youth helpers, and many donations of food and supplies. All the help and the donations of food and money to cover material expenses were greatly appreciated. Thank you! This event was a tremendous witness to the community!

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

- Sir John Lubbock



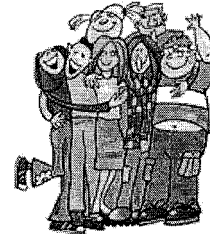
Of Many Generations: "Mary, Elizabeth and Lydia"

"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." – Isaiah 58:12



Naomi Circle
Friday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Marsha Witte
Leader: Jeannene Boussetot

God Squad Monthly Meeting



**God Squad Welcomes all Junior High and
High School Youth!**

Where: Faith Church, in the Kitchen
When: June 1, 9:00 a.m.

God Squad Lounge!



Who? All 7-12 graders
**When? 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays –
June 4 and 18**
Where? Faith Church

Women's Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study



Wednesdays, June 4 and 18
7:30 p.m. ♦ Faith Church
(Questions? Call Ashley Steffens 659-3133)

It's Basket Time Again!



It's that time of year again to be thinking about our annual Basket Raffle which is held in conjunction with Calamus Fun Days. This year it will be Saturday, July 12.

If you have any empty baskets you would like to donate, please drop them off in the basement at Faith. We prefer medium to large size baskets.

Anybody may donate items to be put into baskets we have at the church. Please drop your donated basket items off at Faith. If you need any ideas for putting together a basket, please call me, as I have a list compiled. We would rather wrap a few baskets at a time as we go, than be overwhelmed with this task the week before the raffle.

Andrea Shelton will, again, be my co-chair for this committee. It's really fun to see how creative you can be!

Dawn Dosland 563-212-3352
Basket Raffle Co-Chair



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 1: Cameron Garrett
Avery Jacobi

June 2: Alicia Rock
Megan Will
Haley Sullivan

June 3: Doug Henning
Makenna Christensen

June 4: Ryan Rock
Karen Whitman
Amber Claussen

June 5: Shirley Ferguson
Larry Hayes
Eric Sands

June 6: Benjamin Carstensen
Noah Gronewold

June 7: Sheri Fitzgerald

June 8: Shawn O'Donnell
Tara Dillon

June 9: Fred Wilhelm
Daniel Will

June 10: Ashley Steffens
Caleb Carpenter

June 11: Joshua Gronewold

June 15: Amy Wilhelm
Don Boussetot
Lonny Sievers

June 17: Brian Boussetot
Barb Johnson
Stephanie Maske

June 18: Leonard Olson
Caleb Banowetz

June 21: Harold Olson
Gary Schutt
Christian Montover

June 22: Mark Hesse
Jim Lahann

June 23: Shane Glover
Michael McDevitt
Nicole Easterday

June 24: Janice Berger

June 25: Ellen Mueller

June 26: Courtney McMahan
Barbara Nunn
Lawson Perrone

June 27: Sherri Boussetot

June 28: Colin Grau

June 29: Tait Steines

June 30: Pastor Solveig Zamzow
Deb Detlefs

June 3: Larry & Brenda Hayes
Holly & Robert Dwyer
Doug & Meryne Henning

June 5: Ashlee & Steve Trafford

June 7: Kenneth & Theresa Eschbach
Larry & Marilyn Schau
Bobbi & Dick Hesse

June 11: Eric & Kari Myrold

June 15: Keith & Marilyn Steward

June 16: Blaine & Kayla Henning
Herb & Diane Wilhelm

June 18: Art & Sharon Boussetot

June 20: Adam & Rebecca Wilhelm

June 21: Pastor Marv & Bev Robeck

June 22: Kim & Kevin Miller

June 26: Josh & Teisha Jacobi

June 27: Junior & Louise Homrighausen (71 years!)

June 29: Gary & Ruth Braet

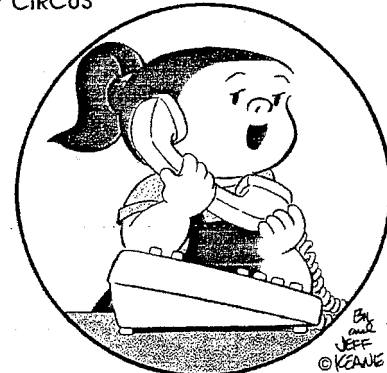
Recreation Flag Football

Strengthening Young Athletes
Mentally, Athletically,
Spiritually and Socially



Boys in 1st - 4th Grades
Registration due July 12, 2014
For forms or information, call:
George Dixon 563-659-5698
DeWitt Evangelical Free Church
(Forms are also available at Faith Church)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Hi, Grandma! I'm calling 'cause
I thought you might like to smile."

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MINISTERS FOR JUNE 2014

FAITH

Ushers:

Hal Shelton
Eric Sands
Diane Sievers
Lonny Sievers

Acolytes:

Brianna Williams
Caleb Banowetz

Altar Ministry:

Ruth Braet, Annette Braet

Communion Assistant:

Ruth Braet

Greeter:

June 1: Hal Shelton
June 8: Meryne Henning
June 15: Oscar Shelton
June 22: Lonny Sievers
June 29: Diane Sievers

Lectors:

June 1: Annette Braet
June 8: Pastor Sarah
June 15: Lois Wessels
June 22: Kevin Henning
June 29: Andrea Shelton

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Art Boussetot
Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Riley Bruns

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:

June 1: Cindy Burke
June 8: Pastor Sarah
June 15: Katrina Harkness
June 22: Marcia Edens
June 29: Dan Burke

Cleaners:

Jason and Chad Boussetot

Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

June 1: Boys with Nate
June 8:
June 15: Boys with Nate
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If You Cannot Do Your Assigned Task On That Particular Day, It Is Your Responsibility To Trade With Someone Or To Find Your Own Substitute And Notify The Church Office Of The Change.

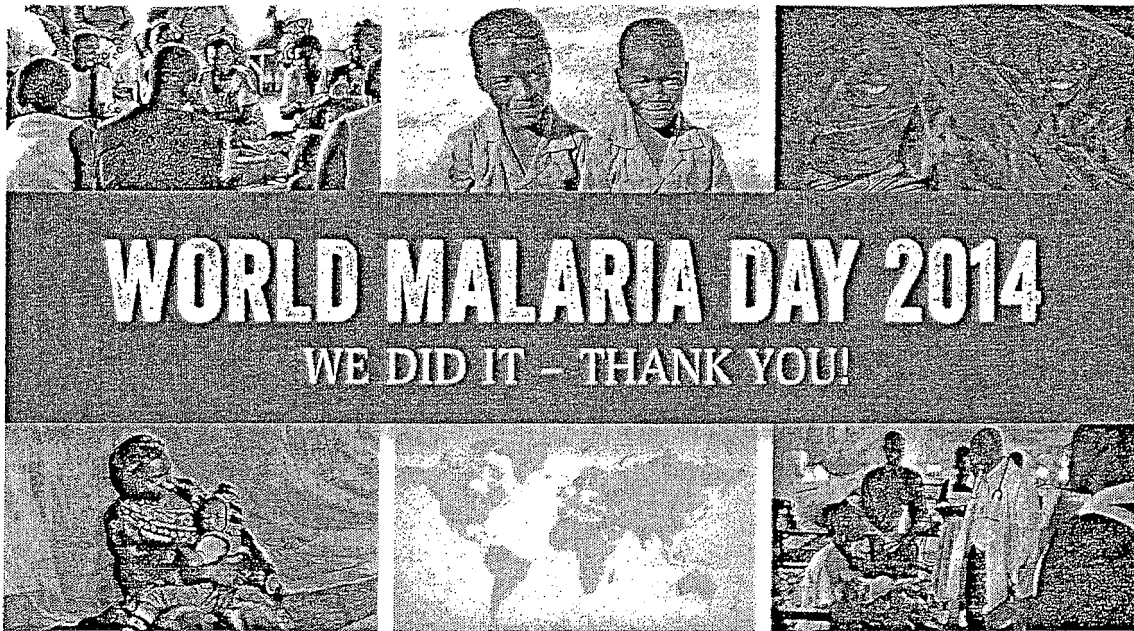
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Family-friendly Field Day
Sunday, June 8, Calamus Park, 10:30**



**Food & Drink Provided – Fun for All ages
Offering for the day is items for Calamus School:
tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes**

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 God Squad Bake Sale 8:00 Worship - F 9:00 God Squad - F 9:30 Worship - OS SEIA Synod Assembly - Coralville	2	3	4 6:30 God Squad - F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F 8:00 Choir - F	5	6	7
8 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS in "Old Church" 10:30 Family Field Day @ Calamus Park	9	10 8:00 Committee Night - OS (Note time change) <i>(There is no Education Committee meeting)</i>	11	12 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:30 Joint Council - OS	13	14
15 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	16	17	18 6:30 God Squad - F 7:30 Women's Bible Study - F	19	20 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Marsha Witte L-Jeannene Bousselet	21 SEIA SWO Gathering - Bethesda Lutheran, Ames
22 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:00 Worship - F 9:30 Worship - OS	30					



WORLD MALARIA DAY 2014

WE DID IT – THANK YOU!

Thanks to you and thousands of supporters like you, together we surpassed our goal of \$250,000 for World Malaria Day. Because of your overwhelming generosity, gifts for the ELCA Malaria Campaign totaled \$300,000, given in addition to \$100,000 of matching funds. **We are able to launch work in Namibia this year. Thank you!**

In Namibia, our primary companion in malaria work is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia. The church is present mainly in the northern part of Namibia, where the threat of malaria is most severe. Right now, start-up plans are being finalized, and thanks in part to your gifts, these plans are able to become reality.

Starting work in Namibia is just one example of the amazing things our church can accomplish together. When each of us contributes toward a shared purpose, our gifts are multiplied and magnified. **Thank you!**

Moving forward in faith together, we are well on our way to meeting our 2015 goal of \$15 million to support ongoing malaria programs of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Africa. Find out more by visiting www.ELCA.org/Malaria.



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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Summer Sunday Worship Schedule**



8:00 A.M. Worship

Faith Church

505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship

Our Savior's Church

2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus



Sunday School/Adult Class

Resumes September 7

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