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Pastor's View

After three months in Calamus I have been asked "How is the move going? Are you adjusting to living in Calamus? And not being asked out loud – "Do you like us?" "Can we trust you and like you?"

"How is the move going?" Parts of the move are going very well. The parsonage is nicely painted. The parsonage carpet is new. The parsonage is cleaned nicely. Some of the furniture is in its place. The beds are in the right places. The TV is in a place for us to watch someday. Parts of the move are going very slowly. Packing, moving and sorting two households of stuff takes a lot of energy and time. Jane and I (mostly Jane) have been trying to get the house ready for sale in Sumner. We have packed up more stuff. We have moved boxes of stuff that need to be sorted into keep, give away and throw away. Thank you to Brian Tully for the use of storage unit again.

"Are you adjusting to living in Calamus?" Yes we are adjusting to living in a new place. We have found Drs. for some of the family members. We know where to buy food and to plan ahead to get what we need. We have learned to look for the train when we are traveling to Our Saviors. We don't want to be late because the train stops to look Calamus over for awhile. I have not adjusted to the train whistles. I wake up after they have gone through town.

"Do you like us?" The answer is yes. Are you a perfect congregation? Yes you are. You are all children of God. You are redeemed in the love of God. You are a multifaceted diamond being handmade by God for God's glory. Are there things that God wants us to work on? Yes. God always wants us to grow to become like Jesus. We grow by letting God lead us into new

ministries for the congregation and by growing in areas that we would rather not look at.

"Can we trust you and like you?" I like living in Calamus because I needed to grow into the rest that God gives. I needed to be renewed by the life of the Holy Spirit. This is the place where God has put us to grow in faith. I am trustworthy and likeable. I will make mistakes and we can laugh at them in worship. I will preach sermons to myself and I will let you listen to what God is speaking to me. I will keep in mind all the members of the congregation. I will not have favorites because I am called to be Pastor to the whole church. That is why I can and have served many congregations. Can you like me? It is fun to be liked and loved but that will not guide my ministry. God calls me to preach and lead God's Church. I come from the outside so I will have no sides within the congregation.

"Can we be faithful to Jesus?" In adult bible study we have been looking at the gospel lessons and then add some other discussion topic. We are being faithful to Jesus. We look to what Jesus has taught and then we ask, "Are we doing what Jesus has done?" As we continue to do this work some wonderful things will happen. We will learn to trust what God will do with us. We will learn to trust each other. We will learn to trust our differences. We will learn to be a loving congregation because God has first loved us. We will learn to look to the future. We are developing a core of people who can talk and trust each other. You are invited to attend the adult bible study. We are being faithful.

~ Pastor Bill

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22

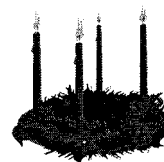
Faith Church ~ 5:00 p.m.

*(There is no monetary offering -
only paper and dry goods
for the Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland)*



Dessert Served following Worship

First Sunday of Advent - November 29



Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas. We focus on the long-awaited birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and to the second Advent, when Christ will return.

To help us prepare for the birth of Christ, in addition to Sunday worship, we will have mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings. A 6:00 p.m. served meal precedes the 7:00 worship service.

Midweek Advent Schedule:

December 2 and 9 – Faith Church

December 16 – Our Savior's Church

Join the Conversation with Bishop Burk

All are welcome as congregations of the Southeastern Iowa Synod gather for an evening meal and to share stories of life and ministry. Bishop Burk will share his own thoughts and hopes for our life together as church and facilitate conversation about how our connections to one another in Christ can bring to expression a bold and hopeful witness to our communities and to the whole world...all in the name of Jesus.

Sunday, November 8, 4:30–7:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran, Eldridge



This is a free event, dinner will be provided; please bring a can of soup to donate to the local food pantry or a financial donation for ELCA World Hunger. We encourage you all to attend.

"Treat the Pantries"



"Treat the Pantries" Sundays will be November 1, 8 and 15 at Faith and Our Savior's Churches. **Make your check payable to your congregation designated for "Treat the Pantries" and place it in the offering plate at Our Savior's Church or in the container in the narthex at Faith Church.** All monetary donations are due by November 22.

The West Clinton County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring this Care Abounds in Communities project in the eleven congregations of the chapter. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1,600 to the amount collected. The money will be divided among the four food pantries serving the area: DeWitt, Elvira, Lost Nation and Wheatland. Thank you for your support of "Treat the Pantries," a project that has provided funds to the area food pantries since 1983.



At the October Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Worship Committee planned a Thanksgiving Service for Sunday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. with dessert following (no meal). Also discussed Hanging of the Greens, Advent, Lent and children's Holy Communion.

➤ Education Committee discussed the possibility of rearranging teachers due to the high numbers in your classes; Children's Christmas program is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 20 at Our Savior's.

➤ After much discussion a decision was made to invite children of all ages, with parental consent if needed, to Holy Communion after taking a First Communion class which will precede a Celebration Service. The celebration services will be offered twice a year on Reformation Sunday and the Sunday after Pentecost. Continued education on Holy Communion will be provided during confirmation class.

➤ Pastor will be keeping his current cell phone and will receive reimbursement from each congregation.

➤ A free-will offering for "Treat the Pantries" will be received the first three Sundays in November.

➤ There is an opportunity to meet Bishop Burk November 8 at 4:30—7:00 p.m. for Sunday Soup at Faith Lutheran in Eldridge.

➤ For clarification on meeting times: Committee Night will meet on the second Tuesday of the month with Joint Council meeting on the Thursday following Committee Night.

Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$351.87 and a working balance of \$45,452.27.

➤ Repair on the boiler line is done.

➤ Parsonage curtains and a side table and book case for Pastor's office have been purchased.

➤ Transfers of membership were accepted for Pastor William Runaas, Jane Runaas and Eric Runaas from St. John Lutheran, Sumer to Faith Lutheran.

➤ A request was granted for Pastor Sarah Goettsch to have her membership transferred from Faith Lutheran to Zion Lutheran, Iowa City.

➤ Permission was given to Megan Clark and

Isaac Chadwick to have their wedding at Faith Church on September 17, 2016.

➤ The boiler passed inspection but will need to make two repairs before next inspection.

➤ Parsonage hail damage repair reimbursement from the insurance provider has been received.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$1,265.86 which does not include the Portico payments.

➤ Approved request from Robert Barnard to have his membership transferred to Our Savior's from St. John Lutheran, Sumner.

➤ Permission was given to the Calamus-Wheatland High School to borrow an altar chair for the school musical.

➤ Brian Boussetot will solicit bids for placing a new water line between the church and the parsonage due to the line freezing two years ago and low water pressure due to sediment build-up.

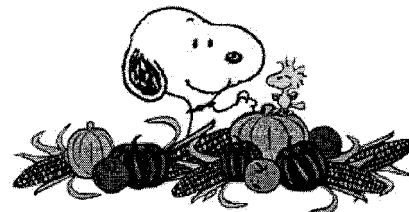
First Holy Communion

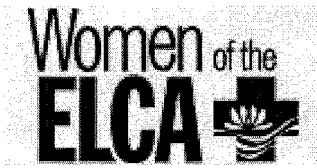


The following received their **First Holy Communion** on Reformation Sunday: from Our Savior's - David Burke, Eva Burke, Courtney Knoche, Brendan Olson, Calvin Steines, Noelle Steines, and Erica Will; from Faith - Ryan Dick, Emily Grau, Peyton Grau, Brenna Henning, Carter Henning, Lindsey Hewer, Chase Olson, Parker Olson, Valerie Olson, Kaiser Sands, Sarah Tulley, Kalloway Whitman and Kellen Whitman Welcome to the Lord's Table!

"Let the children come to me"

Matthew 19:14a





"SLOW FAITH"



"Tempo Gusto"

"But as for those who fell in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance."

- Luke 8:15

Wednesday, November 18 – 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Sharon Boussetot



Friday, November 20 – 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Diane Christensen

Leader: Jeannene Boussetot

Thank You for CROP Hunger Walk Donations



Thank you to all who contributed in some way to the CROP Walk either by walking or donating money to the cause. A total of \$760 was raised by the Calamus Lutheran Parish. This will be added to the donations from the Wheatland Walk which will then be combined with the DeWitt Walk donations. 15% of the total money collected goes to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt and 10% will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center. The remaining 75% is shared with the state, national and international levels to provide food for rural areas.

**December Newsletter Items
Due November 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

Noisy Offering Collected November 15



This year's Noisy Offering has been designated for ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water. The goal of this project is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger supported water projects around the world in 2015.

In Appreciation

Dear Calamus Lutheran Parish,

It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we send you this letter of thanks and a certificate of appreciation. Thank you for all of the ways you helped the ELCA Malaria Campaign reach its fundraising goal of \$15 million. You played a crucial role in the success of this campaign and were among the top 250 congregational supporters of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Through your support of the Campaign, Calamus Lutheran Parish has made a contribution to the global movement against malaria, a movement that saves an estimated 700 lives every day! Your support and leadership have made a huge difference as the ELCA walks with our companions in Africa, working together to make malaria history. **Thank you!**

With gratitude,

Jessica Nipp Hacker

Allison Beebe

ELCA Malaria Campaign

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Choir Rehearsal



Faith Church

Wednesday, November 18,

8:00 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- November 1: John Ihns
 November 4: Ryan Olson
 November 5: Magnus Sands
 Benjamin Harkness
 November 7: Brodina Boussetot
 November 8: Joe Bruckman
 Lance Seastrand
 Jason Wilhelm
 Scott Peters
 Matt Olson
 Tammy Olive
 November 9: Braeden Hayes
 November 10: Terri Boussetot
 November 12: Wendi Seastrand
 Nathaniel Cunningham
 Jacob Montover
 November 13: David Lahann
 November 15: Brandon Septer
 November 18: Adam Wilhelm
 November 20: Chayse Griebel
 November 21: Florence Petersen
 Colette Christensen
 November 23: Sherri Brady
 Debra Dillon
 November 24: Linda Lindaman
 Conrad Dosland
 Makenzie Garrett
 November 25: David Burke
 November 26: Vera St. John
 Shelley Weiss
 November 27: Eldon Pewe
 November 28: Macailah Jacobsen
 November 29: Tina Braet-Thomas
 Julie Olson
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 November 11: Terry & Julie Steines
 November 12: Leonard & Linda Elsner
 David & Hilda Hellyer
 November 18: William & Janice Berger
 November 22: Pr. Rick & Marlene Miller
 November 28: Dave & Linda Lindaman

If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office.

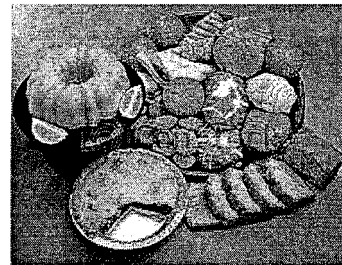


News About Our People



On October 25, Evelyn Jane, daughter of Josh and Kristi Jacobs, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Evelyn's sponsors were Melissa Long and Brock and Ali Houston. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Evelyn

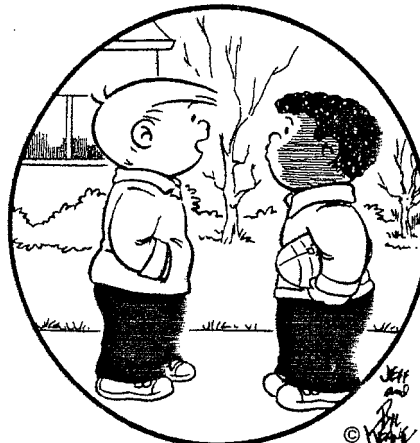
God Squad Bake Sale



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Sunday, November 1

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"I was REALLY thankful yesterday.
I didn't have to eat dinner at the card table."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Thanks to the enthusiasm of our youth and the generous support of many, ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water fundraising challenge of \$500,000 was met – and now it will be doubled!

To date, more than \$500,000 has been received in support of this effort, and thanks to a generous family in the ELCA, \$500,000 will be matched – **totaling more than \$1 million in gifts for ELCA World Hunger-supported water projects.**

Your gifts are making a difference! By supporting water-related projects, together, we are helping to create healthier families and stronger economies through projects that provide clean drinking water through spring boxes and boreholes, support for irrigation systems, education about sanitation in rural villages, and so much more, in 36 countries around the world. **Thank you!**

This is critical progress toward ELCA World Hunger's commitment to helping communities around the world break the cycle of hunger and poverty. In 2015, we're working toward nearly \$21 million of projects and services (of which over \$5 million includes water- and sanitation-related efforts) helping communities here at home and abroad.

If you had fun and were inspired, we invite you to continue the momentum of the Walk for Water challenge by staying with us on the journey of supporting great water and sanitation projects that help our friends around the world break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your gifts,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

FAITH

Ushers:

Marilyn Schau
Larry Schau
Diane Wilhelm
Herb Wilhelm

Acolytes:

Austin Henning
Ethan Wilhelm

Altar Ministry:

Larry and Marilyn Schau

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

Greeter:

November 1: Judy McMahon
November 8: Mark Witte
November 15: Lois Wessels
November 22: Marilyn Steward
November 29: Keith Steward

Lectors:

November 1: Kevin Henning
November 8: Andrea Shelton
November 15: Lois Wessels
November 22: Heather Whitman
November 29: Marsha Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Mark Olson
Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Chase Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Brian Boussetot

Lector:

November 1: Mark Olson
November 8: Jason Boussetot
November 15: Brian Boussetot
November 22: Marcia Edens
November 29: David Olson

Cleaners:

Shane and Amy Glover

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.

Thanksgiving Service


Sunday, November 22, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

**GIVE
THANKS**
FAMILY · FRIENDS · GRATITUDE

Worship Service

Fellowship and Dessert Follows

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY TREAT THE PANTRIES 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	2	3	4 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith	5 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith	6	7
8 TREAT THE PANTRIES 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS 4:30 Bishop Burk at Faith/Eldridge	9	10 7:00 Committee Night at Faith	11 6:00 Confirmation Class – Faith 7:30 Choir - Faith	12 6:00 Worship Committee – Faith 7:00 – Joint Council - Faith	13	14
15 TREAT THE PANTRIES 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	16	17	18 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Sharon Boussetot 6:00 Confirmation Class – Faith	19	20 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Diane Christensen L-Jeannene Boussetot	21
22 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS 5:00 Thanksgiving Service – Faith followed by dessert	23	24	25 6:00 Confirmation Class - Faith	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	30	31				

The Gathering Day

By Lois Wessels

In a little cabin in the woods
Where falling leaves float gently by
The ladies of the circle gather
Under the clear blue autumn sky

They gather together, as always
To do their monthly bible study.
They come each year in October
As long as the lane is not too muddy

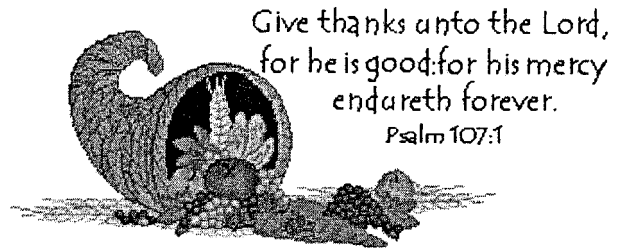
They come here in the fall
To enjoy the lovely Autumn leaves
And listen and learn about Jesus
And share the things that each believes

They come for the fellowship
And to share together a meal
To sit by the fireplace and talk
Sometimes, to help each other heal

The Bible study is over now
The ladies drive slowly away
The little cabin sits alone again
Waiting for next year's "Gathering day".



Lois Wessels wrote this poem to read the day
Naomi Circle met at Mueller's Cabin for our regular
Bible Study group.



Give thanks unto the Lord,
for he is good: for his mercy
endureth forever.

Psalm 107:1

Thanks Giving

By Lois Wessels

Thanks for life for each of us.
Thanks for ears to hear the sounds,
Of birds and bees and wind in trees.
Thanks for eyes to see this world
Filled with family and friends.
Thanks for laughter and for tears
When we need to make amends.
Thanks for always being with me,
To help me give myself to others.
With your guidance from above,
To share the simple joy of living,
Always grateful for your love.
Thank you for the trees and flowers,
That color the beauty of this earth.
I thank you every single day
For the moment of my birth.
This, Oh Lord, is my Thanksgiving.
For all that I am, all that I will be,
Thank you Lord for loving me.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Worship Schedule**



8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship

Faith Lutheran Church

505 Second Street, town of Calamus



9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus

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If the only prayer you said
in your whole life was, "thank you,"
that would suffice.

~Meister Eckhart

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