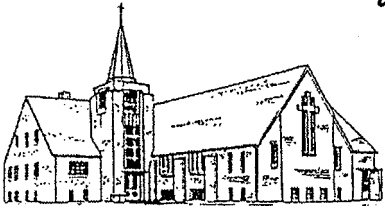


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## **Pastor's View**

**Seeking God** – I was reading a book that asked the question: are we seeking God in an active way in our lives? Are we looking for God as much as God is looking for us? His answer was that as a Christian we must be in a state of renewed interest in God's Word and Sacraments. Contact with God is made first through God's self-revelation. The hidden God makes himself known through his Word. For our time this is the Bible. It is a sad fact of the modern church that so few members are immersed in the Holy Scriptures. The Ancient Word that we read, mark, and learn evokes little response among the majority of church members. This leads to some distorted views of God and God's teachings. To know and understand what God is calling us to do can be only be understood in the background of the Word. This is where we learn the heart and center of our faith: the forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ. Here we build on the foundation of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ, apart for works of the Law. The spiritual strength of the sacraments are given to us to use. Baptism and Holy Communion are the

nourishment for the soul, and are needed to sustain a spiritual life. This is the power of community supporting one another in each other's faith.

**Synod Assembly Thoughts** – The church of the future is in good hands of the young leaders that are moving into positions of power within the Church. We who were at the Assembly saw the energy, new ideas, and the use of new technology to reach more people than were possible in our generation. Please pray for new leaders and pastors for the church. By 2018 or so there will be a need for 1,000 pastors in the ELCA. Talk to your sons and daughters about being ministers. Support young leaders in reducing their college and seminary debt load.

**VBS Thoughts** – What a great three meetings we had with the kids. Each week was better than the week before. The children became more involved each time they met. Thank you for all who helped, donated and supported this program.

- Pastor Bill

## 2016 Synod Assembly

May 10, 2016

The 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held May 6 – May 7, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Coralville, Iowa. Over 400 voting members and visitors gathered around the theme “Drawn to the Light of God.”

Pastor Ruben Duran served as the churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA. The primary business of this year’s assembly was election of synod council members, the synod consultation committee, and synod discipline committee, as well as several resolutions.

Bishop Michael Burk presided over the assembly, including the Friday evening service of Holy Communion. In his report, Bishop Burk provided highlights of our shared ministry since we last gathered in assembly, providing his assessment of the ways we are being “Drawn to the Light of God.”

Special guest, Pastor Jason Chesnut engaged the Assembly with biblical storytelling from the the gospel of John. Pr. Joel Nau gave a presentation about hunger, Pr. Lee Schott presented about prison ministry and A.J. Houseman gave a talk centered on leadership. Additionally, there were interest groups and forums on various informational topics.

365 voting members and 66 visitors were attendance for elections, business matters and resolutions. 58% of voting members were lay voting members, 58% of those were female and 42% male.

Heather Miller was elected Synod Vice President. Dirk Amundsen, Pr. Ryan Cosgrove, Erik Ullestad, Pr. Gemechisa Mosa, Suah Borsay, Karen Goedekin, and Katie Harris were elected to positions on the synod council. Pr. Mike Schmidt, Pr. Karen Ullestad, Charlie Rod, and John Wright were elected to the Synod Discipline Committee. Pr. Jennifer Lutz, Carol Fredrich, and Heidi Larson, were elected to the Synod Consultation Committee.

Resolutions adopted included: 1) Ministry around the Military: a resolution encouraging those in the Southeastern Iowa Synod to offer gratitude and support for military personnel, veterans and their families. 2) Life of Faith initiative; encouraging the synod to create learning opportunities and communities to equip and support all its members for ministries in the world. 3) Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women’s Organization encouraging congregations and groups to discuss and act on the role media plays in the objectification of women. 4) A resolution encouraging congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod to pray for, engage, and support Lutheran Campus Ministries at Iowa’s public universities. 5) Peace Not Walls: a resolution encouraging the Southeastern Iowa Synod to advocate for a peaceful resolution to conflict, the end of human rights abuses, and the end of occupation of Palestinian territory through Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. 6) A resolution of thanksgiving for the assembly and various ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Visit the 2016 Synod Assembly webpage for the full text of resolutions.

Other business included the approval of the 2017 synod budget and minimum compensation guidelines. Congregations and rostered leaders celebrating anniversaries were acknowledged and voting members took advantage of the many forums and organizational displays that were offered during assembly. The synod assembly offering was designated to the ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, \$35,987.78 was given by congregations and individuals.

Visit the 2016 Synod Assembly webpage for more details about the assembly and to access videos, photos, and texts. Videos and photos of the event will be posted as they become available in the upcoming weeks.

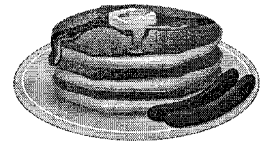
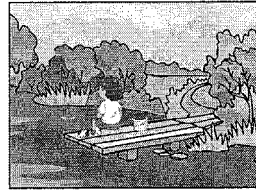
The 2017 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod will be held **May 19-20 2017**, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, IA.

## **Summer Schedule June 5 - September 4**



**8:00 Worship - Faith  
9:30 Worship - Our Savior's**

## **PICNIC AT BOUSSELOT POND SUNDAY, JUNE 12 - 11:00 A.M.**



**Bring your poles and do some  
Fishing - Play games!  
Pancakes and Sausage Served!!  
Bring a lawn chair  
Sound like fun?? Come, join us!**

**There will be no  
Education Committee  
meeting or  
Worship Committee  
meeting in June or July**

**There will be a combined  
July/August 2016 newsletter -  
newsletter items due  
June 22, please.  
Thanks for your cooperation!**

### **The Noisy Offering will be Collected on June 19**

The ELCA Disaster Response (emphasizing the Syrian refugee crisis) has been selected by the church councils and committees to be the 2016 recipient of the Noisy Offerings.

## *Meals of Love*



Working together to spread Jesus' Love, by providing homemade meals to those in our church who are experiencing life changing events; new moms, surgery, illness/injury recovery, death in the family, etc.

If you would be interested in being contacted to make a freezable meal please contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or [grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com), and provide your name and best means to contact. Or there will be sign up sheets at both churches. Our goal is to provide an individual/family 3-5 home cooked meals.

**"Your children may forget what you have taught them, but they will never forget how you made them feel."**

- Carl W. Buechner

**"To love another person  
is to help them love God."**

- St. Augustine



## At the May Council Meetings

### Joint Council:

➤ Riley Bruns, Maia Glover and Drake Olson from Our Savior's and Caleb Banowetz and Karragan Whitman from Faith were approved for Affirmation of Baptism.

➤ Pastor will be on vacation from May 26—June 11.

➤ Worship Committee reviewed Holy Week services; *With One Voice*, Setting V, will be used for worship on June 19—September 4. The committee will not meet in June or July.

➤ Stewardship and Christian Outreach Committee planned a parish breakfast at Bousset Pond on June 12 following the worship service at Our Savior's; Movie night will be August 7 at Our Savior's.

➤ Photos of council members were taken.

➤ Joint Council gave their support to Heather Grau's request to organize "Meals of Love." She will compile and manage a list of people who will provide meals to members whose life circumstances are challenging – birth of a baby, serious illness, surgery, or death in the family.

### Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$799.74 and a working balance of \$33,908.34.

➤ Two stairway railings have been installed by Keith Gasper and will be stained.

➤ Heritage Glass will check the windows over the altar cross and the main entry which have allowed water to leak inside the church.

➤ Paint for the walk-in entry doors has been purchased.

➤ A new microwave will be purchased for the parsonage.

➤ Insurance funds for hail damage will be made available when the contractor is ready to install new siding on the parsonage and garage.

### Our Savior's Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a balance of \$-(1,807.17).

➤ Approval was given to look for bids on siding and aluminum framing for windows.

➤ Updates for funeral guide lines are progressing.

➤ Bids will be sought for the possible

replacement of doors.

➤ The organ was tuned and is in need of a computer update for system.

➤ Brian will look into the cause of the flower refrigerator not working.

### Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

April 2016

Beginning Balance.....	\$ (554.48)
Deposits .....	\$ 3,739.36
Disbursements.....	\$(4,992.05)
Ending Balance.....	\$(1,807.17)

## News About Our People

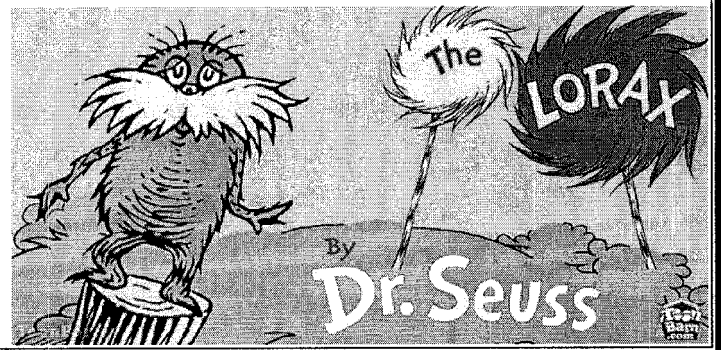


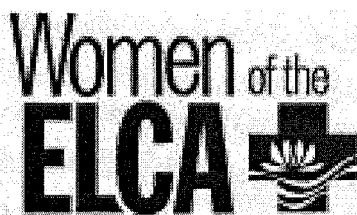
Rachel, daughter of Dan and Cindy Burke, received her First Communion at Our Savior's Church on May 22. Also, on May 22 at Faith Church, Tysen, son of Troy and Ashley Steffens received his First Communion. Welcome to the table!



Caleb John, son of Luke and Jessica Shelton, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church on May 22. Caleb's sponsors were Josh and Kristi Jacobs. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Caleb!

"UNLESS someone like you  
cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to better.  
It's not."





## Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliation



### "Treasure in Clay Jars"

Theme verse – 2 Corinthians 4:7



#### Lydia Circle

**Wednesday, June 15 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Hostess: Kay Olson**

**Leader: Pastor Bill**



#### Naomi Circle

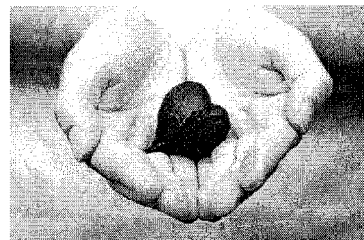
**Friday, June 17 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Hostess: Marsha Witte**

**Leader: Jeannene Boussetot**

*(Marsha is serving lunch following the Bible Study)*

## "Acts of Kindness and Love" Monday Bible School



Forty-three children in kindergarten through fifth grade attended Bible School on three Mondays in May. They studied "Acts of Kindness and Love" in three Bible stories: four friends going to great lengths to help a paralyzed man meet Jesus (Mark 2:3-12), a boy sharing his lunch to feed 5000 people gathered to listen to Jesus (John 6:1-15), and Jesus' parable of a good Samaritan caring for a man beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37). The children considered: "What does Jesus teach us about loving our neighbor?" and "Who is our neighbor?" The sessions went smoothly thanks to 14 adults who organized or lead the stations and 4 youth helpers.

## "Coffee & A Little Jesus"



You are invited to the Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus**

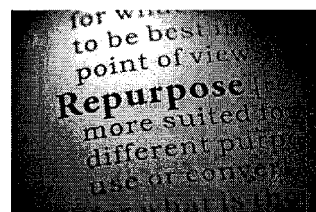
**June 7 – 9:00 a.m.**



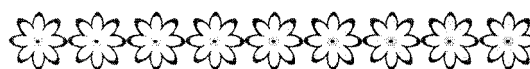
If interested, please email me [grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com)  
or call me 563-424-0507

You can also follow on Facebook at  
Coffee & A Little Jesus

## Repurposing with a Purpose



Before you throw away, consider repurposing. We are looking for gently used magazines, pens/pencils, activity books (cross words, word find, Sudoku), decks of cards, small/medium size plain gift bags or other items that can go into 'Busy Resting Bag'. These bags will be used to provide to individuals on bed rest. Contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or [grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com) for more details.



## 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

June 11: Joshua Gronewold

June 15: Amy Wilhelm  
Don Boussetot  
Lonny Sievers

June 17: Brian Boussetot  
Barb Johnson  
Stephanie Maske

June 20: 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 McMahon  
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 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 29: Gary & Ruth Braet

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

*Open House Graduation Party  
Honoring  
Makenna Christensen,  
daughter of Chad & Colette Christensen*



*Saturday, June 4, 4:00—8:00 p.m.  
CALCO Building, Calamus  
Hope to see you there!*

## Colorado Peaches

St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wheatland is selling Colorado peaches again this year. The cost is \$29/18-20# box, 35-40 peaches per box. Orders must be prepaid. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's UCC and mailed to Judy Boedeker, 209 Iowa Street, Wheatland IA 52777, 563-374-1013 or Teresa Pewe, 205 Washington St. E, Wheatland IA 52777, 563-374-1380. Delivery date is tentatively the first week in August. Delivery at St. Paul's parking lot. Please leave a phone # to be notified of delivery time. Orders need to be received by July 1.

MINISTERS FOR JUNE 2016

**FAITH**

**Ushers:**

Hal Shelton  
Eric Sands  
Diane Sievers  
Lonny Sievers

**Acolytes:**

Magnus Sands

**Altar Ministry:**

Dave and Terri Boussetot

**Communion Assistant:**

Marsha Witte

**Greeter:**

June 5: Lois Wessels  
June 12: Diane Sievers  
June 19: Lonny Sievers  
June 26: Donna Petersen

**Lectors:**

June 5: Lois Wessels  
June 12: Julie Gronewold  
June 19: Heather Whitman  
June 26: Diane Christensen

**OUR SAVIOR'S**

**Ushers:**

Art Boussetot  
Dan Burke

**Acolyte:**

Maia Glover  
Hailey Glover

**Communion Assistant:**

Deb Detlefs

**Lector:**

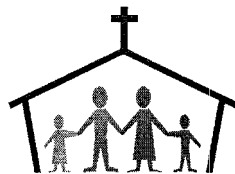
June 5: Dan Burke  
June 12: Joe Morehead  
June 19: Amy Glover  
June 26: Deb Detlefs

**Cleaners:**

Jason and Chad Boussetot

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.

# Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 5



**8:00 Worship at Faith Church**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's Church**

# JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 7:00 – Christian Outreach Committee Meeting - OS	3	4
5 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS (No Communion)	6	7 9:00 "Coffee and a Little Jesus" Bible Study @Heather Grau 1658 – 257th St. Calamus	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS 11:00 Parish Breakfast at Boussetlot Pond	13	14	15 2:00 Lydia Circle H- L-Pastor Bill	16 No Worship Committee 7:00 Joint Council at Our Savior's	17 10:00 Naomi Circle H-Marsha Witte L-Jeannene Boussetlot	18
19 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	20 July/August Combined Newsletter Items Due	21	22	23	24 SEIA Women of ELCA Gathering – St. John Lutheran Ely, Iowa	25 SEIA Women of ELCA Gathering – St. John Lutheran Ely, Iowa
26 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS	27	28	29	30		



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**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/God Squad/Adult Class  
Resumes September 11**

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