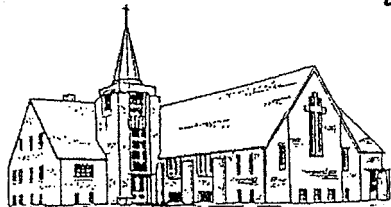


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Pastor's View

September is kickoff month for everything in the church. Sunday School, confirmation, adult classes and a return to normal worship schedules. I hope you have had a good summer because we are going to have a good coming year.

Confirmation 2016-17 – Last year's students reviewed the material "Colaborate." They said at first they liked the material and then as the year went on they did not like it. They wanted a book that they could study and have a question and answer sheet to do in class and then review it the next week. I have chosen material called "Manna and Mercy." It is material that covers the whole bible in a short time. We will split the material up into a yearlong study. During Advent and Lent the students will take sermon notes and attend worship services. The material is designed to have adult help in studying the materials. Family involvement is required to make this a success. I am looking forward to the new year with new materials.

Adult Class for New members and Biblical review – The materials that I have chosen is called "Manna and Mercy." It is material that covers the whole bible in a short time. We will spend about six to eight weeks covering the whole bible. Yes it is the same materials that the confirmation students are using. This is good stuff. If the class dives deep into this study it may take longer than six weeks. There will be homework and bible reading at home. What energy you put into the study is what you will

get out of the study. I am looking forward to Sunday mornings to teach this class. Come and Learn.

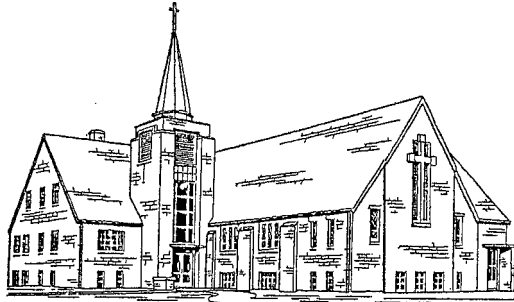
The Blessing of the Backpacks – On Sunday the 11th of September we will have a short blessing of the backpacks. I know that school has already started, but this seemed like a good time for the families to come to Sunday School and then go to church for the blessings. The blessing will take place during the children's sermon. We invite all ages to come forward this one time. See you there with your backpacks.

Sunday School Preview – On Saturday September 10 from 9:30—10:30 a.m. there will be a "VBS" for preschool and kindergartners. This should be lots of fun! More details in Newsletter.

Our Anniversary – It has been one year and one month since I have started as your Pastor. We have shared many of the "Firsts" this year. We have had funerals, weddings, confirmations and baptisms. We have shared hospital and nursing home visits. We have shared laughs and tears together. I would like to continue my visits into your homes. Please call and make an appointment that fits your schedule. I am looking forward to the coming year.

- Pastor Bill

**Mark Your Calendar!
One Worship Service Only
Sunday, September 4**



**9:00 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church**

**Interested in Baking Unleavened
Bread for Communion?**

Our Savior's Altar Ministry has begun baking unleavened bread for communion. A gluten-free recipe is being considered. Members of Our Savior's or Faith who are interested in baking this type of bread may contact Jason Boussetot or Dan Burke for more information.

**Noisy Offering to be
Collected September 18**



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.

(Check out the special article on a Syrian refugee included in this newsletter.)

"Those who choose, even on a small scale, to love in the midst of hatred and fear are the people who offer true hope to our world." – Henri Nouwen

**Fall Worship Schedule
Beginning September 11**



**8:00AM Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue**



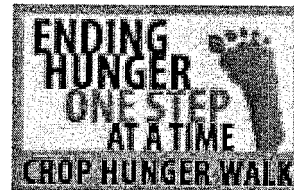
**9:25AM Sunday School,
God Squad & Adult Class
Faith Church**



**10:30AM Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street**

Annual CROP Walk

**October 2 – 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul United Church of Christ
Wheatland**



It is time to be thinking CROP Walk – a great opportunity to do what we can to help provide food for people in the rural areas of the United States and the whole world. Walkers, especially our young people, will be asking for your financial sponsorship. Please help as you are able – either by walking or by offering financial help. Packets will soon be ready for distribution. Watch the bulletins and newsletters. Notify Pastor Bill or the church office 246-2622 if you are interested.



At the July/August Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Council granted permission for Pastor Bill to serve on the Southeastern Iowa Synod's First Call Committee: Pastor will meet 3—4 times per year with a pastor serving their first call.

➤ The outdoor movie night planned by the Outreach Committee and held on August 7 at Our Savior's was a success with nearly 40 in attendance.

➤ Heather Grau was asked to create a sample Facebook page for preview.

➤ The decision was made that substitute choir accompanists be first selected from willing parish members and then non-members. Payment will be \$20 per practice session to be shared between Faith and Our Savior's.

➤ Pastor Bill will attend the Southeastern Iowa Synod's Pastor's Fall Conference September 18—20 at St. Paul's in Davenport.

➤ Pastor shared his response to the One Year Follow-Up Questionnaire provided by Reverend Paul Ostrem, Assistant to Bishop Burk. The council also discussed with Reverend Ostrem the One Year Follow-Up Questionnaire for council members.

➤ One worship service only will be held at Faith Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 4.

➤ Fall Worship Schedule begins September 11: 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship at Our Savior's; 9:25 a.m. Sunday School, God Squad and Adult Class at Faith Church; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship at Faith Church.

Faith Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$970.00 and a working balance of \$39,254.89.

➤ Brian Tulley purchased and installed a defibrillator battery, adult paddles, and child paddles.

➤ An attic fan for the parsonage has been installed and working well.

➤ Approved a request from Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt, to release to Grace the membership of Chad, Colette, and Makenna Christensen.

➤ Brian Tulley and Mark Witte will seek

contractors for tuck-pointing to repair or replace the original mortar in the windows above the altar cross and main entry door.

➤ The Tulley family will paint the walk-in entry doors.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a balance of \$1,009.64.

➤ A bill in the amount of \$2,300 was received for the water line.

➤ A new fan was needed for the flower refrigerator.

➤ Jason Boussetot and Brian Boussetot will do work to tear up and pour new sidewalk.

➤ A council donation of \$100 was given to Ellen Frederick for the YAGM program.

➤ Approval was granted for a non-member wedding on November 11, 2017 for Marinna Baker and Kevin Kroh.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report June/July 2016

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 688.88
Deposits	\$ 13,120.86
Disbursements.....	\$(12,800.10)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 1,009.64

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill for any reason, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262.

Thank you.

Please submit items for the October 2016 newsletter to the church office by September 20.

Thanks for your cooperation!

♫ **September Choir Rehearsal**
Wednesday, September 14
8:00 p.m. – Faith Church ♫



First Day of Sunday School



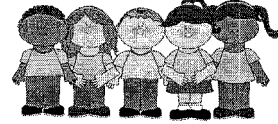
Sunday, September 11, 9:25
Faith Church

*If you are 3 years of age or older by
September we have a class for you!*



8:00 Worship – Our Savior's Church
10:30 Worship – Faith Church

Sunday School Preview for Preschool/Kindergarten Students

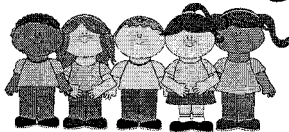


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9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Faith Church

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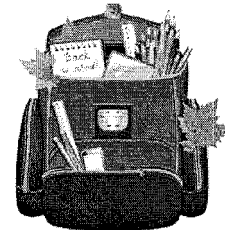


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Bless the Backpack!

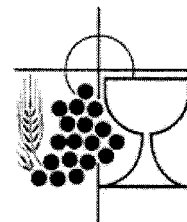


Calling all students! Bring your school backpack to church with you on **Sunday, September 11**. (You need not bring the contents of your school bag.) Pastor Bill will bless the backpacks during the worship service in both congregations.

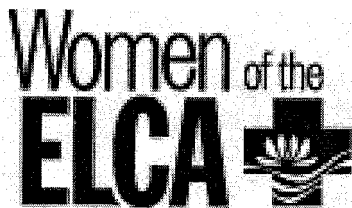
A Great Staff for Sunday School! However....

There is a great staff in place for Sunday School. However, there is a need for substitute teachers. If you would be willing to fill in on a Sunday morning, please volunteer by calling the church office (246-2622) or calling a member of the education committee (Cindy Burke 563-468-8149, Eric Hoffmann 563-343-1466, Trina Knoche 563-579-1112, Ashley Steffens 563-210-2540, Marsha Witte 563-659-5520).

First Communion Classes



First Communion classes will be offered for persons of all ages at 6:30 p.m. on two Wednesdays in October. It is a two-session class and you will need to attend both sessions. Please be considering if you or someone you know may be interested in receiving First Communion. More information will be coming in the October newsletter.



When God Forgives the Guilty



**"Jonah and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"**

The Book of Jonah

Friday, September 16 – 10:00 a.m.

Crossroads Cafe, DeWitt

Hostess: Diane Christensen

Leader: Jeannene Boussetot



Wednesday, September 20

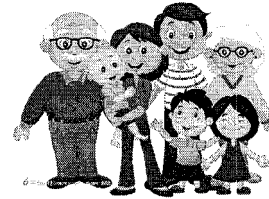
2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Arlene Green

Leader: Pastor Bill

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News About Our People



Ella Margaret, daughter of Nate and Kelly Olson, was born on June 1, 2016. Congratulations!



A funeral service was held for Doug Henning on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church. Doug passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

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, 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.

**There are sign-up sheets in the narthex
of each church.**

"Coffee & A Little Jesus"



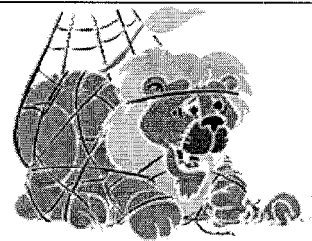
You are invited to the Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus
September 6 – 9:00 a.m.**



If interested, please email me
grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563-424-0507

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



**"No act of kindness, No matter how small,
Is ever wasted." - Aesop**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1: Kim LaMaster
Kelli Brown
Abe Maske

September 2: Evelyn Jacobs

September 3: Daniel Bickle

September 4: Michele Wulf
Rebecca Wilhelm
Brooke Hewer

September 5: Robert Rock
Skylar McMahon
Nicholas Costello
Ki Sosa

September 6: Kara Brady

September 8: Dave Olive
Erik Runaas

September 11: Elsa Sullivan
Rachel Burke

September 12: Peyton Grau

September 13: Christa Wulf

September 14: Kristopher Meier
Austin Rickertsen

September 15: Wanda Elias
Clara Wilhelm
Mark Olson
Betty Schau

September 16: Daniel Wingate III
Audrey Jacobs

September 18: Maia Glover
Jeff Olson

September 19: Annette Braet
Leon Boussetot
Ciara Delever

September 20: Mitchel Christensen
Curtis Dosland
Zander Berger

September 21: Elizabeth Whitman

September 22: Brian Rickertsen

September 23: Michelle Bronder
Lois Wessels
Robert Drake Olson

September 24: Linda Elsner
Sarah Tulley

September 25: David Hellyer
Emily Grau
Alexa Jacobi

September 26: Dennis Malmanger
Cody Berger
Geneva Meadows
Brent Shelton

September 27: Ed Meadows
September 28: Darin Braet



September 13: Pat & Heather Grau

September 14: Ole & Diana Olson
Norman & Jeannene Boussetot

September 16: Leonard & Nancy Olson

September 17: Jason & Haley Sullivan

September 19: Jeff & Charity Griebel
Keith & Tracy Gasper

September 20: Larry & Sharyl Banowetz

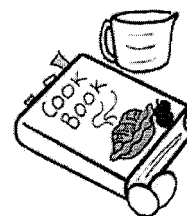
September 26: Matt & Ellen Mueller

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

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 for more details.

Looking for a New Recipe?



Our Savior's Cookbook,
filled with delicious recipes is still available—
if interested, please contact
Jason Boussetot
1866 – 265th Street, Calamus





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

ELCA presiding bishop reflects on work of the church and looks to future priorities

NEW ORLEANS (Aug. 12, 2016) – In her report to the 2016 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton reflected on the ELCA's work over the past three years and lifted up future priorities for the church.

Eaton said much of her focus the past three years has been on the “how and why we do this work,” reminding the assembly of her four emphases for this church: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

“I think it's important when we organize our work together that we understand that we are church first,” Eaton said. “And we need to be clear that our lives are formed by word and sacrament, that we gather as the beloved children of God around the means of grace, that our lives are in Christ.”

Emphasizing the Lutheran identity and the distinctive Lutheran voice, Eaton said she hoped the church is beginning to understand that “God is calling us to be a diverse, inclusive, multicultural church.”

“What does that look like? What does Lutheran look like?” asked Eaton.

“We have to be very, very careful that we don't define ourselves by culture or by cuisine. There are more Lutherans of color throughout the world and throughout the Lutheran federation than there are European descent Lutherans,” said Eaton.

In an effort to focus on theology as that which defines and unifies all Lutherans, Eaton told the assembly she is calling this church to read the small catechism together from now until October 2017.

Focusing on being church together, Eaton said it is important members understand that church goes beyond the four walls of their congregations to include synods and the whole of the ELCA.

“But it's not just the ELCA. We are part of The Lutheran World Federation where we are church together, with churches from all across the world. And we're not just Lutheran,” said Eaton referring to the ELCA's six full communion partners.

“We just can't somehow ignore that we live in an interreligious culture right now and that we need to work together, particularly at this time in this country when there's so much fear of the other, particularly of people of other religious traditions,” she said.

Eaton lifted up the AMMPARO strategy as “a wonderful example of what we can do better together

than we can do apart.”

AMMPARO – the ELCA’s strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities – was passed by this assembly Aug. 10.

As a church for the sake of the world, Eaton said, “Some of the most important words that are spoken in a liturgy are: Go in peace, serve the Lord. So we're sent out each worship time to be engaged in the world, understanding that we're nurtured by the sacraments and the word but that we are called to serve this world and not to see people as problems to be solved.”

In her report, Eaton also reflected on the upcoming 15th anniversary of the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, sharing the story of an ELCA chaplain in New York who anointed with oil the sign of the cross on firefighters as they entered the World Trade Center.

“In baptism, we have all been marked with the cross of Christ and are all called not to run away but to run to those dark and deadly places, bringing the light and life of Christ,” she said.

In addressing the work ahead for this church, Eaton emphasized the importance of working together across the church on issues such as immigration reform and racial injustice.

“We are working with our partners, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, to settle immigrants, especially the Syrian immigrants as they come over here and ... welcome them so they become a part of our fabric of our country ... but we have to keep our focus. These are children of God. They're human beings,” she said.

Speaking to the issue of white privilege, Eaton told the assembly, “We didn't create it. We inherited it. But now that we know that it exists, and our eyes are open, we are complicit if we don't do something to change laws and attitudes so that there is a level playing field in this country and so there is liberty and justice for all.”

“But we can't do it alone or in isolation,” she added. “We deeply need all of our brothers and sisters of color, for us to understand what life is like in this country, and then we need to commit ourselves to do something about it. So please, would you go back to your congregations – and this is a tough one – and right now if this is being live streamed and you can quote this and tweet this out: Pastors, when you start to get pushback from your congregations, just blame it on me.”

“But we can't do everything all the time everywhere,” said Eaton, emphasizing “Called Forward Together in Christ,” an initiative that asks members to join a conversation about the future priorities of the ELCA. Eaton urged those at the assembly to have conversations around this initiative in their congregations.

In closing Eaton told the assembly, “We have work to do. God will give us energy and the courage and the will to do it. Let's go, church.”

The assembly – the highest legislative authority of the ELCA – is meeting at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Meeting under the theme “Freed and Renewed in Christ: 500 Years of God's Grace in Action,” the assembly's business will include preparations for observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

FAITH

Ushers:

Hal Shelton
Eric Sands
Diane Sievers
Lonny Sievers

Acolytes:

Austin Henning
Brenna Henning

Altar Ministry:

Hal and Andrea Shelton

Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

Greeter:

September 4: Andrea Shelton
September 11: Diane Sievers
September 18: Diane Christensen
September 25: Annette Braet

Lectors:

September 4: Andrea Shelton
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OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Art Boussetot
Mark Olson

Acolyte:

Maia/Hailey Glover

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

September 4: One Service Only at Faith
September 11: Jason Boussetot
September 18: Deb Detlefs
September 25: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Brian Boussetot
Dylan 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.

**One Worship Service Only
September 4**



9:00 Worship at Faith Church

(Fall Worship Schedule begins September 11:

8:00 Worship – Our Savior's Church

9:25 Sunday School/God Squad; Adult Class – F

10:30 Worship – Faith Church)

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 Worship - F	5	6 9:00 "Coffee & a Little Bit of Jesus" Bible study at Heather Grau 1658 - 257th Street Calamus	7 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	8	9	10 9:30 Sunday School Preview for Pre-School and Kindergarten Students - F
11 <u>FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS</u> 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/AC/GS - F 10:30 Worship - F	12	13 7:00 Committee Night - F	14 6:00 Confirmation Class - F 8:00 Choir Rehearsal - F	15	16 10:00 Naomi Circle at Crossroads Cafe H-Diane Christensen L-Jeannene B.	17 3:00 Meghan Clark and Isaac Chadwick wedding at Faith
18 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/AC/GS - F 10:30 Worship - F <i>(Pastor at Theological Conference)</i>	19 <i>(Pastor at Theological Conference)</i>	20 Newsletter Articles Due <i>(Pastor at Theological Conference)</i>	21 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Arlene Green L-Pastor Bill 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	22	23	24
25 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/AC/GS - F 10:30 Worship - F	26 <i>(Pastor at Theological Conference)</i>	27	28 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	29	30	



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

CHICAGO (Aug. 16, 2016) – Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the church.

The 945 voting members:

- Elected William B. Horne II of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater, Fla., vice president of the ELCA. Horne was installed during closing worship Aug. 13.
- Accepted the "Declaration on the Way," a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. The document also presents the differences that remain.
- Approved AMMPARO – the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. The ELCA developed this strategy based on commitments to uphold and guarantee the basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families; to address the root causes of migration in countries from Central America's Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit; to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; to engage as a church with all of its companions, affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes; and to advocate for migrant children and their families.
- Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service. The accompanying constitutional amendments related to the roster were also considered and approved by the assembly.
- Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal. The budget includes a 2017 current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a 2018 current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a 2019 current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- Approved various memorials – or proposals – from the ELCA's 65 synods. In addition to memorials considered "en bloc," the assembly separately approved the following: deepening relationships with historic Black churches; toward a responsible energy future; repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; peace with justice in the Holy Land; justice for the Holy Land through responsible investment; African Descent Lutherans; call to discernment on U.S. foreign and military policy; welcoming refugees; and supporting military personnel, veterans and their families.
- Elected members to serve on: Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline and Nominating Committee.
- Adopted amendments to the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.

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**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
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