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Pastor's View

Monday Bible School

“The Gospel Story by Colors”

May 6: *Green - God's Wonderful Creation*

Genesis 1:1-31

May 13: *Gray - Sadness of Sin*

Genesis 3:1-7

Red - God's Great Love

John 3:16

May 20: *Blue - The Gift of Our Faith*

Galatians 2:16

Yellow - The Promise of Eternal Life

John 14:2-3

Thank you to the adults and youth who took part in this ministry for the children in the congregation and community. We served 32 children during the three Mondays. Good job to all. Thank You!

Summer Worship - The times for summer worship are 8:00 at Our Savior's and 9:30 at Faith. The service will be a combination of Service of the Word plus parts of "Now the Feast and Celebration." We will use the summer to learn most of the parts of "Now the Feast and Celebration" so we will be able to use all of the service next year.

Vacation - Pastor's vacations will be centered around family weddings and family travel. We will use Service of the Word when seminary students supply and congregational presidents preside. (They are not allowed to serve communion.) The rest of vacation, during the week, will be used as a staycation. I will be at home getting ready to move.

FCTE - I just finished my time on the First Call Theological Education committee. We had our

Siring Retreat in Johnston, IA. I have served on the committee for four years. This class of pastors has been with me the whole time. They were given a sending prayer and so was I. This has been a wonderful committee to serve on for the Southeastern Iowa Synod.

Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry? Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV). Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the [Stephen Series](#) system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

How does Stephen Ministry work?

The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and care receivers:

Stephen Leaders

Stephen Leaders establish and direct Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They—

- build awareness of Stephen Ministry within the congregation and community
- recruit and train Stephen Ministers

- meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs
 - match care receivers with Stephen Ministers
 - provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education
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Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Care Receivers

Care receivers are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:

- The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.
 - Men are matched with men; women with women.
 - When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.
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In Christ,
Pastor Bill

JUNE

Summer Schedule June 2– September 1



8:00 Worship – Our Savior’s
9:30 Worship – Faith

Summer Cookout on Sunday, June 2 Noon at Grau’s House

1658-257th Street

(gravel road south of Calamus)

God Squad, parents, family, friends and church members are invited to celebrate summer with an afternoon of fellowship, grilling and yard games. Hot dogs, brats and lemonade will be provided.

Please bring a friend and a dish to share!

“Coffee & Little Jesus” Summer Schedule



10:00 am at C/W Elementary, Calamus on

Tuesday, **June 4**

Tuesday, **July 2**

Tuesday, **August 6**

Fellowship and play time!

Moms will meet in the shelter, so kids can play on the playground. Stay for a picnic! Heather will provide PB&J sandwiches and lemonade.

The fall study series will start on Tuesday, September 3; 9:00 am at Heather Grau's: “Explore the Books of The Bible We Haven't Read, Yet!”

Noisy Offering to be Collected Sunday, June 23



Recipient of the 2019 Noisy Offerings will be the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland

Circle Bible Studies

“For Just Such a Time as This”

by Kay Ward

in *Gather* magazine, pages 22-28

Session One

Esther the Queen: Voices in the king’s court



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, June 19, Noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe – DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Thursday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

Affirmation of Baptism



Ryan Dick, Brenna Henning, and Sarah Tulley from Faith and Brendan Olson from Our Savior’s affirmed their faith on Sunday, April 28.

Congratulations to all of you!

2019 High School Graduation



These members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish graduated from Calamus/Wheatland High School: Elizabeth Tulley and Kale Whitman.

Congratulations to you!



April Council Meetings

Joint Council

God Squad:

- Income: \$316.00 (Easter Breakfast and Donation)
Expenses: \$0
Current Balance: \$5,044.60
ELCA Good Gifts: \$139.17 YTD raised
- Did spring cleanup for Ruth Braet
- Summer cookout planned for noon on Sunday, June 2, at Pat and Heather Grau's. All are invited.
- Game nights on second Fridays in summer. First one is Friday, June 4, from 6:00-8:00. Local youth will be invited. God Squad families are bringing snacks and food.
- School supply drive is planned for June.
- Ice cream social will be at Our Savior's on Sunday, September 8.

Pastor's Report:

- Suggested the parish consider a flood service mission for Nebraska or Quad Cities area.
- Pastor is going to seek parental input regarding a condensed confirmation program to be completed by the end of January 2020 in order for him to confirm the current students. Classes will be held during Sunday School and on Wednesdays. Item tabled.
- No children will be taking First Communion.
- During Pastor's Vacations:
 - June 9 - Dennis Rodenberg, a Wartburg Seminary student, will preside. No communion.
 - June 23 - No leader determined for worship.
 - July 14 - No leader determined for worship.

Worship Committee:

- One worship service to be held Sunday, May 26, at Faith at 9:00 am.
- Summer Worship schedule will be from June 2 through September 1:
 - 8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's
 - 9:30 am Worship at Faith

Outreach Committee:

- No Meeting

Education Committee:

- No Meeting

Old Business:

- Pastor provided hard copies of information regarding Stephen Ministry. Council is encouraged to review the website.

Faith Council

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$873.18 and a working balance of \$22,101.74.

Discussion:

- Council will allow an alternative confirmation ceremony for a person who has completed all requirements. Faith council will serve as representatives of the congregation in a private session.
- Seeking service for repair of organ; will get estimates.
- Heather Grau requested the CROP Hunger Walk donation checks be available on the date of event. Will talk to Doreen Henning, treasurer.

Our Savior's Council

Financial Secretary report:

- The organ was repaired and inspected and believe the repair of the transformer has helped as well.
- Window World came out and estimated \$2,700 for new windows for the rest of the basement.
- A door company has measured for two new doors.
- Cemetery spraying for weeds was provided at no charge no they are charging us.

To contact Pastor Bill, please use his cell phone number: **319-231-5262.**

There will be a combined July/August 2019 newsletter.

Please submit newsletter items to the church office by June 17.
Thanks for your cooperation!

MINISTERS for June 2019

FAITH

Ushers:

Diane Sievers
Lonny Sievers
Eric Hoffmann
Ryan Dick

Acolyte:

Kalloway Whitman

Altar Ministry:

David and Terri Boussetot

Communion Assistant:

Dirk Braet

Greeters:

June 02: Andrea Shelton
June 09: Ryan Dick
June 16: Shalee Edwards
June 23: Diane Sievers
June 30: Lonny Sievers

Lectors:

June 02: Andrea Shelton
June 09: Ashley Steffens
June 16: Diane Christensen
June 23: Annette Braet
June 30: Marsha Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S

Head Usher:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Machaela Jacobsen

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lectors:

June 02: Deb Detlefs
June 09: Melisa Jacobsen
June 16: Mark Olson
June 23: Amy Glover
June 30: Dan Burke

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

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.

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F Noon – Cookout at Pat & Heather Grau’s	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 No Communion 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	10	11 Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at OS	12 Coffee & a Little Jesus 10:00 am C/W elementary school playground	13 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS	14 God Squad Youth Gathering Faith’s Basement 6:00 – 8:00 pm	15
16 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F	17	18	19 Lydia Circle Noon in DeWitt at Garden Café	20 Naomi Circle 9:30 am in DeWitt at Garden Café	21	22
23 No Communion 8:00 Worship – OS <u>9:30 Worship – F</u>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship – F						