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## Pastor's View

Happy New Year - I always find January a confusing month. First of all there is the problem of not writing '19' instead of the needed '20.' Then there is the second problem, that sometimes I want to ignore, is my birthday. It is good to get another year older, but it is not for the faint of heart. But the Good News is that we get to see and hope that the new year is going to be better than 2019. We have lived through a tough farming year, a tough political year, and many have had a tough personal year. The year 2020 holds within it the hope for something better. So my prayer for you is that 2020 gives you hope, faith and love for ourselves and our neighbors. Have a Blessed New Year.

Count Down - I have been asked if I am counting down the days until retirement. Not counting days, but: this is my last newsletter article. I have about nine sermons to write. I have one more round of shut-in-communions to do. One more wedding. Then I will count the days. I am also counting the years that I have been with you. Four-plus wonderful years. Thank you for the gift of being a caring congregation for Jane and me.

Thank You - Jane and I would really want to tell you how important you have been to us these last 4 and 1/2 years. When I came to Calamus, I was emotionally pretty low in my self-esteem and energy. As a congregation you wanted me to do the basic ministry that you needed as a congregation. We grew in healthy ways for both of us. We are both in a better, healthier place today. And because we are whole - we are both looking for a new beginning. I am looking forward to retirement and being with family. And you are looking forward to a new ministry with a new pastor. 2020 is a new year with new beginnings. God Bless You.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

# JANUARY

Sunday School Classes resume  
January 5, 2020.  
NO Sunday School on January 26.

## "Coffee & A Little Jesus"



You are invited to a Women's/Mom's  
Bible Study that meets on the first Tuesday of each  
month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome!

**No January Meeting**  
**See you in February**



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

**First 2020 Bible Study - February 4**

**Topic: God's Answer to Injustice**

**Reading: Book of Nahum**

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



## Meetings with Jesus

Session one: Hearing God's Voice  
By Kathryn A. Kleinhans



**Lydia Circle**

**Wednesday, January 8, Noon**  
**Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt**



**Naomi Circle**

**Friday, January 10, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt**

## ~ Confirmation Day ~

Isabella Gentile, Nora Glover, Courtney Knoche, and Isaac Wilhelm will affirm their baptism at 10:30 worship at Our Savior's on Sunday, January 12.

February Newsletter items are  
due by January 13.  
Thanks for your cooperation!

## Annual Meeting Preparations

To be able to distribute the annual reports  
the Sunday before the annual meetings, the  
following deadline needs to be met!

Financial reports for Confirmation, God  
Squad, Women's Circles, Financial Secretary,  
Treasurers, Proposed Budgets and Audit Reports for  
the congregations are due in the church office by  
Monday, January 13, 2020. Thank You!

## Noisy Offering Collected January 19



## Faith Church

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

**Following 8:00 a.m. Worship**



## Our Savior's Church

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

**Following 10:30 a.m. Worship**

## Would You Like To...

The 2020 lists for lectors, ushers, communion assistants, greeters (Faith only), altar ministry (Faith only) and cleaners (Our Savior's only) will soon be compiled.

If anyone would like to be added to or removed from the ministry assistants lists, please let one of the following people from your congregation know: at **Our Savior's**: Dan Burke, Jason Boussetot, Deb Detlefs, and Linda Whitman; and at **Faith**: Diane Christensen, Andrea Shelton, and Terri Boussetot.

Thank you to all those who continue to assist in these ministries!

## ~ Baptism ~

Natalie Renee Shorter, daughter of Zachary and Rebecca Shorter and sister to Lucas and Bennet, was baptized December 8, 2019 at Faith Lutheran Church. Welcome, Natalie, to the Calamus Lutheran Parish.

~~~ **ROYALTY** ~~~ Congratulations to Caleb Banowitz and Karragan Whitman, the 2019 Calamus/Wheatland Homecoming King and Queen.

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

Faith Lutheran Church members will serve lunch on Tuesday, January 21, at the CALCO for the F & B Communication Annual Meeting.

Desserts and workers are needed. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the table outside the office at Faith.

Here is an easy way to raise money for Lutheran World Relief - **SAVE stamps!**

The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is collecting cancelled stamps.

All postage stamps are welcome, but commemorative and seasonal stamps are most valued by collectors.

Cut the stamp from the envelope leaving ¼ inch around the stamp so as not to damage the stamp.

Place the stamps in the jars by the guest books at both churches.

A group in Texas sorts and sells used stamps to collectors around the world. This group has donated \$42,000 to the shipping fund of Lutheran World Relief.

**THANKS!** God Squad would like to thank all of the Faith and Our Savior's members who have supported us in 2019. Because of your generosity this year we were able to help people locally and around the world by providing Calamus/Wheatland Schools and the Carroll Assistance Center with school supplies, supporting the annual CROP Hunger Walk, sponsoring 14 "Angels" from the Carroll Assistance Center and the Referral Center for Christmas, donating toys for Carroll Assistance Center's Toy Drive and purchasing a goat, chicks, pig, manure, water filter, fish farm and health kit from the ELCA Good Gifts program with our Bake Sale revenue. We are learning what it means to do God's work through many hands. Thank you!!!



# December Minutes

## Joint Council

### God Squad:

- Sponsored four Christmas “angels” at \$50 each.
- T-shirt sales will start in January.
- Raised \$193 during bake sales in 2019. Spent \$200 to buy a goat, chicks, piglets and manure from the ELCA Good Gifts.
- Cinnamon rolls and donuts will be sold at annual meeting as a fundraiser.
- Planning on doing an Escape Room for their gathering.
- Will do a youth-lead service at Our Savior’s in the future.

### Pastor’s Report:

- Isaac Wilhelm, Isabella Gentile, Nora Glover, and Courtney Knoche were presented for confirmation. Motion accepted.

### Worship Committee:

- Reviewed First Sunday of Christmas service. Will get one or two volunteers per church to help Pastor read.
- January 12 is Confirmation at Our Savior’s.
- Will continue with “Now the Feast” into the new year.
- Will consider printing hymns in bulletins if only one or two verses will be sung.

### Christian Outreach Committee:

- No meeting

### Education Committee:

- Discussed the annual report.

### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- PCC reviewed compensation guidelines for 2020 and recommended no additional changes for Pastor or Secretary. Motion carried.
- Pastor’s Retirement Banquet to be held January 26 following Our Savior’s annual meeting. Pastor will get a list of guests he would like invited to the banquet.

## Faith Council

- No minutes

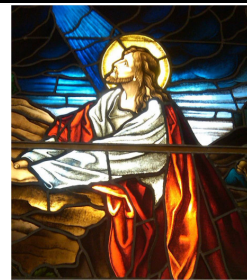
## Our Savior's Council

### Old Business:

- Gutters - Brian contacted someone local, waiting for him to come out and do the job.
- Old Church Repair - met with Jim Anderson. To fix supports under the floor and fix floor would be \$500. Redoing the entire floor would be \$3,000. Fixing the exterior hole that the raccoon has used would be an hourly rate of \$35/hr. Jim suggested other repairs including scraping/painting if there is interest. It was suggested that the \$500 to fix the raccoon hole be built into the 2020 budget. Melisa is also investigating if there is any reimbursement possible from the state due to Historic Site Designation.

### New Business:

- Advent Meal collection and Donut Sunday donations will be combined and donated to the SE IA Synod. Jason will round it up to a whole number.



**Check out the parish web site:**

**<http://www.clparish.org/>**

**Listen to sermons and see what is happening in our church.**

**MINISTERS for January 2020**

**FAITH**

**Ushers:**

Daryl Henning  
Doreen Henning  
Blaine Henning  
Kayla Henning

**Acolyte:**

Kalloway Whitman

**Altar Ministry:**

Diane Christensen  
Ryan Dick

**Communion Assistant:**

Doreen Henning

**Greeters:**

January 5: Doreen Henning  
January 12: Ashley Steffens  
January 19: Ryan Dick  
January 26: Sharyl Banowetz

**Lectors:**

January 5: Doreen Henning  
January 12: Ashley Steffens  
January 19: Alan Lee  
January 26: Diane Christensen

**OUR SAVIOR'S**

**Usher:**

Brian Bousselot

**Acolyte:**

Noelle Steines

**Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

**Lectors:**

January 5: Brian Bousselot  
January 12: Marcia Edens  
January 19: Deb Detlefs  
January 26: Melisa Jacobsen

**Cleaners:**

Brian Bousselot & Mary Timmerman

**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.**

# January 2020

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                     | THURSDAY                                                                                       | FRIDAY                                                           | SATURDAY |
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| 5<br>8:00 Worship – F<br>9:25 SS/AC – OS<br>10:30 Worship – OS                                                                                                                             | 6                                                    | 7                                                   | 8<br><b>Lyndia Circle</b><br>Noon in DeWitt<br>at Garden Café | 9                                                                                              | 10<br><b>Naomi Circle</b><br>9:30 am in DeWitt<br>at Garden Café | 11       |
| 12<br>8:00 Worship – F<br>9:25 SS/AC – OS<br>10:30 Worship – OS<br><b>Affirmation<br/>of Baptism</b>                                                                                       | 13<br><b>Financial Reports<br/>due in the office</b> | 14<br><b>Committee Meetings</b><br>7:00 pm at Faith | 15                                                            | 16<br><b>Worship Committee</b><br>6:00 pm at Faith<br><b>Joint Council</b><br>7:00 pm at Faith | 17                                                               | 18       |
| 19<br><b>Noisy Offering</b><br>8:00 Worship – F<br>9:25 SS/AC – OS<br>10:30 Worship – OS                                                                                                   | 20                                                   | 21                                                  | 22                                                            | 23                                                                                             | 24                                                               | 25       |
| 26<br>8:00 Worship – F<br>Annual Meeting<br>after service.<br>10:30 Worship – OS<br>Annual Meeting<br>after service.<br><b>Pastor's Retirement<br/>Party at OS</b> after<br>Annual Meeting | 27                                                   | 28                                                  | 29                                                            | 30                                                                                             | 31                                                               |          |