



Faith
Lutheran Church
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**Faith and Our Savior's
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Calamus Lutheran Parish**

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Pastor's View

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe. (Hebrews 12:28)

I have a friend whose church has not yet opened to in-person worship. These many months without worship in her church building led her to the comment, "I feel like I'm a part of the Babylonian exile." If you remember the Babylonian Empire tore down the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and exiled the Jews. They spent 70 years in exile before they were able to return to Jerusalem, rebuild their temple and begin to worship. Now, it hasn't been 70 years since my friend has been able to worship, but for her it has been too long.

We, at Faith and Our Savior's, have begun to worship together again. It has been a very deliberate process. The Worship Committee has painstakingly went over every detail of worship and made a plan that would keep us as safe as possible and still maintain the integrity of the worship service. I am very grateful for their diligence.

On November 1, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. On November 29, Advent begins and The Hanging of the Greens will take place during worship. In December, our Wednesday Advent services will be held on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 6:30 p.m. The Children's Christmas Program will take place during the worship services on December 20. Then we will have Christmas Eve Service at Our Savior's at 9 p.m. and the Christmas Day Service will be at Faith at 9 a.m. These are very special services. I'm sure we all have fond memories of past services with family and friends. Although these services may not be the same as services of the past, they will be done faithfully and safely.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still a concern. As we begin this special time of the year, please don't let your guard down. My prayer for all of us is that we can have meaningful worship and stay healthy so we can celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ together. For those who are unable to join us, recorded worship is available each week. You are always with us in spirit.

See you in worship with your mask on!

Pastor Roberta



Confirmation Classes

6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at Faith

All seventh and eighth grade students are invited to attend. Please call the church office to register.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1

There are sign-up sheets at both churches for the names of loved ones who have died the past year.

Or you may call the church office at 246-2622 to have names added to the list.

God Squad Bible Jams

Wednesdays, November 4 & 18

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith

All junior high and high school students are invited. Devotions, discussion, food, fellowship, games!

Noisy Offering will be collected Sunday, November 15.

The noisy offering bucket for loose change will be next to the offering plate.



The 2020 recipient is Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. Flooding.

Naomi Circle

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home – DeWitt



“Holy Time” by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni is in the November issue of *Gather* magazine (pages 18 - 23)

Session three - Holy future: reimagining the time to come

Sunday, November 22

Members of Our Savior's are invited to help set up the Christmas tree following the worship service.

First Sunday of Advent



Both Faith and Our Savior's will be decorated for Christmas during worship on Sunday, November 29.

Mid-week Advent Worship Schedule



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, there will be mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings.



December 2 – Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship



December 9 – Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship



December 16 – Our Savior's

6:30 p.m. Worship

Indoor Worship Service Guidelines for Calamus Lutheran Parish

OUR SAVIOR'S Church - 8:00 AM on Sundays – November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 in the sanctuary

Pastor Roberta will use the Order of Service provided in a bulletin. Lectors will continue to lector on their designated week.

- Seating will be designated by an usher and will be from front to back.
- Bulletins will be distributed. No Hymnals or Bibles will be available.
- Coats should be kept in the pew you are sitting in.
- Families will be seated together if they arrive at the same time.
- Face masks are required.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- Only the West and Southwest entrances will be open. Movement is restricted to entering and leaving church; do not enter the kitchen, Sunday school rooms, etc.
- The bathrooms are available for use in case of emergency; please flip sign to indicate that the bathroom has been used so it may be sanitized.
- Please attend if you feel well and accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.

FAITH Church - 10:30 AM on Sundays – November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 in the sanctuary

The following procedures will allow indoor worship to be held at Faith Church. Please read the information and comply with these actions so all may safely gather to worship together. Attend church if you accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.

Entry:

- A mask must be worn during worship services.
- Remain on the main floor of the building. Only the main floor restroom may be used. Do not enter the basement or other areas of the church.
- A donation plate is located near the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Place your coat beside you in the pew. The coat rack may not be used.
- Select a pew which is available and fill the church from the front to the back. Pews which are not available are marked with painter's tape.

Worship:

- Pastor Roberta's online service format will be used. The service is printed in the bulletin. There is no need to touch or use a hymnal.
- One verse of hymns will be sung. The verses are printed in the bulletin.
- Members will partake of the wafer and wine of Communion as directed by Pastor.

Exit:

- Wipe down any portion of the pew and items that you touched. Sanitizing cloths are located in each pew. Deposit the used cloth in the waste basket provided by the ushers as you are excused from your pew.
- Ushers will excuse members beginning with those seated in the rear of the church.

~ ~ October Council Meetings ~ ~

~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

God Squad:

- Worship in the Park on October 4 went well; six youth participated by leading worship.

Pastor's report:

- Continues to visit or call homebound members.
- Six students are in the confirmation class
- Pastor made five trips to Calamus this week. Joint Council affirmed mileage. May consider consolidation of some committee meetings; days and/or times.

Worship Committee:

- Will not meet in November
- November 1 All Saints Day at both churches
- November 29 Hanging of the Greens
Decorating of the tree will be revisited.
- Mid-week Advent Services 6:30 p.m.
 - December 2 and 9 at Faith
 - December 16 at Our Savior's
- Christmas Eve at Our Savior's at 9:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day at Faith at 9:00 a.m.

Christian Outreach Committee:

- Has not met since February

Education Committee:

- Two Christmas Programs will be held on Sunday, December 20; one at each church. Youth will present the nativity scene. Adults may be invited to participate.

Old Business:

- Rebecca Hurt requested applying for a grant for the Feeding the Children program. ELCA World Hunger's Daily Bread Matching Grants support feeding ministries. They will match \$500 of on-line donations to feeding programs organized by local congregations. Faith Church ID will be used to submit the grant to the ELCA.

New Business:

- Send Pulse offers a texting service for \$2.40 per 100 messages. The service is password protected. Designated Senders would be selected. It would be used for emergency purposes such as cancellations. Dan Burke will set-up the service. Parishioners will need to provide their cell phone number to church office. Council agreed to pursue the service.

Next council meetings:

- Thursday, November 12; 7:00 p.m. at Faith

~ ~ Faith Council ~ ~

Old Business:

- \$527.77 is the current amount in the Feeding the Children program.

New Business:

- Shelton explained masonry repair is required on the bell tower in order to eliminate leaks into upper stairway and ceiling and sanctuary walls.
- Shingles on the church roof are being replaced.

~ ~ Our Savior's Council ~ ~

Old Business:

- Still waiting on White Roofing to call back about schedules.

To contact Pastor Roberta, please use her cell phone number: **406-478-9518**

December newsletter items are due Monday, **November 16**.
Thanks for your cooperation!

MINISTERS for November 2020

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Larry and Marilyn Schau

Acolyte:

Kalloway Whitman

Altar Ministry:

Larry and Marilyn Schau

Communion Assistant:

Mark Witte

Lectors:

Nov. 1: Alan Lee

Nov 8: Ruth Braet

Nov 15: Shelley Gentile

Nov 22: Mark Witte

Nov 29: Heather Whitman

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Ryan Olson

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

Nov. 1: Cindy Burke

Nov 8: Brian Boussetot

Nov 15: Neil Holmquist

Nov 22: Marcia Edens

Nov 29: Joe Morehead

Cleaners:

Jason and Chad Boussetot

November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>All Saints Day 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F</p>	2	3	<p>4 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith</p> <p>Bible Jam 7:00 – 8:00 at Faith</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F</p>	9	<p>10 Education Committee 7:00 pm at Faith</p>	<p>11 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>12 Joint Council 7:00 pm at Faith.</p>	13	14
<p>15 Noisy Offering for U.S. Flood Relief</p> <p>8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F</p>	<p>16 December newsletter items due in the church office.</p>	17	<p>18 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Witte's</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:00 pm at Faith</p> <p>Bible Jam 7:00 – 8:00 at Faith</p>	19	20	21
<p>22 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F</p>	23	24	<p>25 NO Confirmation Class</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day</p>	27	28
<p>29 Advent 1 Hanging the Greens</p> <p>8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS – F 10:30 Worship – F</p>	30					