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Our Savior's
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Pastor Writes



I write this on a Tuesday morning, only days after my first-ever sick Sunday. Ever since I began serving this parish, I always wondered what would happen if I happened to get sick on a Sunday morning. Through the years, I have managed to navigate through three successful pregnancies and one lost one, and dozens of rounds of flu, strep throat, pink eye, bronchitis, etc, but always managed to dodge the bullet on a Sunday morning. My worry was always rooted in the fact that, in our rural community, last-minute substitute pastors are nearly impossible to come by, and so what would happen should I get sick on a Sunday like Easter? Or on a Sunday when a baptism is scheduled?

Well, this past Sunday I discovered exactly what would happen.

After flopping around on the bathroom floor during the wee hours of Sunday morning and praying for death (due to what I now believe was food poisoning) and feebly texting between bouts of nausea, the synod found a substitute pastor who was able and willing to drive from Williamsburg to preside over the second service, where a double baptism was to take place. My eternal thanks to Pastor Gloria Dovre. And my eternal thanks to Dan Burke for leading Our Savior's in the Service of the Word.

Feeling relieved that the services were well in-hand, I drifted off to sleep...still on the bathroom floor. Sometime around 6:30, Philip stumbled half-asleep into the bathroom, saw me on the floor and shouted at the top of his lungs, "HEY! MOM'S DEAD!" This jolted me awake and brought the other two boys running helter-skelter into the bathroom, where they discovered a not-dead mom, but rather just a mom who looked like death-warmed-over. They described me as "yucky looking."

As the day progressed, I felt better, but weak, and so I did absolutely nothing. Nothing. Except I messed around on the computer. Laid in bed and read a little. Watched a little TV. Later in the afternoon, the boys wanted to watch a movie, and I curled up in the recliner with a blanket and they all three sat on me and around me. They looked at me quizzically from time to time and once even asked, "Don't you have something to *do*?"

"No," I replied, "I am just going to watch this movie with you guys."

"Aren't you going to fold laundry?"

"No."

"Aren't you going to return phone calls?"

"No."

"Aren't you going to look through the mail?"

"No."

"So....you're just gonna watch this movie with us?"

"Yes."

"Hey, mom...we like it when you're sick."

I thought about that as the jungle animals of Madagascar did their thing. And I will admit to you, it was bliss. I never, ever just sit and watch *anything* with them. I am always doing something else at the same time, often offering an absent-minded *mmm-hmm* when they point out something extra funny. It took a nasty stomach bug to knock me out, to slow me down, to rest, to sit, to snuggle, to simply watch and laugh with them.

Our children don't like it when we're sick! But they like it when we slow down enough to see the world through their eyes for just a little bit, to really laugh at the things they think are funny, to enter their world for a bit, even as we insist they enter ours all too often. I do not think God caused
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my stomach to turn on me in order for me to slow down. But I do think God used that time as an opportunity for me to see the Sabbath for what God intended it to be—a time to find my tiny niche within his created order and spend time with my sons...a tender and rare time to snuggle together under a blanket and watch a funny movie, maybe not feeling all that great, but certainly not dead (yet!), just *resting*.

- *Pastor Kretzmann*

Summer Schedule Begins May 19



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

Mark Your Calendars!

Because of Confirmation, changes are being made in our Sunday School and Worship schedules.

**The last day of Sunday School
will be May 12.**

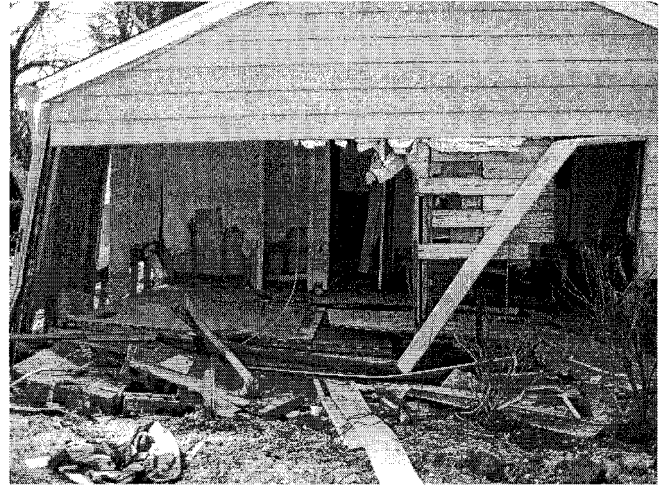
Confirmation Sunday, May 19,

8:00 Worship at Our Savior's



9:30 Worship, with the Affirmation of
Baptism, at Faith Church.

"Noisy Offering" Benefits Hurricane Sandy Victims



The Noisy Offering collected this year, along with additional donated funds, will be sent to Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin, New Jersey. Pastor Nancy Nardi serves as pastor of the congregation.

Sandy Reilly, an active member of Messiah Lutheran and Sunday School teacher wrote: "I am a member of Messiah and live in South Amboy. I'm sending photos of homes and apartments destroyed in South Amboy - there were a total of 12-15 homes that were deemed unlivable. In the town of Sayreville, where many of our members also live, Hurricane Sandy took out 2 entire streets of homes. Our church may be a small church, but it has a very big heart. Our confirmation children worked with Kohl's to supply many food baskets to those in need after the hurricane. Some of our children also went to other area churches to help with clothing drives and stocking food pantries. Your Noisy Offering donation will be able to help many people who are still displaced and in need of basic items. Blessings and thank you."

**The Noisy Offering Will Be
Received May 12**



At the April Council Meetings

Joint Council:

- Education Committee: Vacation Bible School will be held May 28-31, 2013 at Faith Church;
- 25 photos were taken at Faith Church and 21 photos at Our Savior's for the photo directory – Jason reported the software has been loaded and will provide a combined roster with contact information specifying church membership;
- The summer worship schedule will begin May 26 and end September 1; Fall worship schedule will begin September 8;
- Photos of the council members will be taken at the May meeting for updating the church website.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$6,116.42 and a working balance of \$7,655.13;
- Completed projects include: insulated curtains installed, air conditioning installed, sanctuary lights installed, parsonage gutters installed and siding repaired, berm cleared for planting, landscaping mulch spread and trees trimmed;
- Accepted requests for membership into Faith Church from Steven Berger, Dave and Tammy Olive and Michael Hoker;
- A donation of \$50 was given to the After-Prom event;
- Shelton and Boussetot will meet with Joyce Sands for a scheduled review of church cleaning;
- Tracy Gasper will design a landscaping plan for the berm and submit a cost estimate;
- Driveway repair cost will be shared by Faith Church and the town of Calamus;
- Four cracked panes of glass above the front entry doors will be replaced by the original installer; the light-blocking film will be removed from the interior surface; Gasper will research the cost of installing stained glass on the interior of these windows.

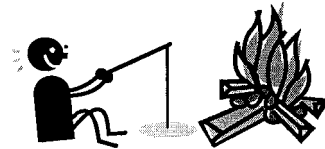
Our Savior's Council:

- Approved financial reports with a balance of \$17,808.84;
- Bill for printer needs to be given to Doreen and divided between churches;
- A donation of \$25 will be sent for the After-Prom event;

- Approved transfer of membership of Cory Boussetot to Holy Family Catholic Church, Davenport;
- A sign-up list was passed for lectors and church cleaners.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report March 2013

Beginning Balance.....	\$18,093.02
Deposits	\$ 6,372.74
Disbursements.....	\$ 6,656.92
Ending Balance.....	\$17,808.84



Fishing, Boating & Cook-Out Sunday Afternoon, June 2 Doug Boussetot's Pond 1731 - 280th Street, Calamus



Fun starts at 4:00 p.m.

Supper at 6:00



Bring something to grill, a dish to share
and something to drink,
as well as a lawn chair -

If you have kids you might want to bring
swim suits or clothes to change into and
anyone can bring their fishing poles
and bait.

(Directions to the pond: Turn left from OS parking lot on to Y52/190th Avenue; turn right on first road to the right – 265th Street; turn left on first road to the left – 178th Ave; turn right on first road to right – 280th Street – pond on left side of road)

**June Newsletter Items Due
May 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

Five Affirm Their Baptism Vows

The following young people from Faith Lutheran Church will affirm their baptism vows on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. They have each selected a Bible verse that is special to them.



Katie Banowetz, daughter of Larry and Sharyl Banowetz – *"For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* – Jeremiah 29:11

I chose this quote, because it gives me reassurance that everything I am going through is all part of God's plan for me. That when I'm having a bad day, I just have to go through with it, because God wouldn't give me something I can't handle. He knows what I can handle and what I can't. This verse also gives me hope saying that God has my life all planned out for me. God plans for me to have a wonderful life. I know that with this quote, I have a bright future. I don't have to worry about my future a lot, because my future will be very successful. That is why I have chosen Jeremiah 29:11 as my Bible quote.



Caleb Carpenter, son of Brad Carpenter and Kristina Schiemann – *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."* – John 3:16

I chose this verse because it was the first Bible verse I memorized and used to say it to myself when I went to Vacation Bible School. I appreciated that it says how important we really are to God.



Madison Eschbach, daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Eschbach – *"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds."* – Psalm 147:3

I chose this because you will always go through struggles and feel like he has let you down. But he always helps you get through it and heals you.



Noah Gronewold, son of Jim and Julie Gronewold – *"They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."* – Jeremiah 17:8

I think that this verse means that I am a person going into God's faith, sharing my news with people. I do not fear when people tell me I'm wrong or I am having a bad day, I stay strong. When people hurt me with their words, I know that I have God and I do not cease to worship him.



Malycki (Ki) Sosa, son of Shelley Weiss and Merqui Manon-Sosa – *"He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless."* – Isaiah 40:29

I chose this verse because it tells how God will help us through our struggles. I also like this verse because I know that God will always make sure I get through the ups and downs of life.



God's Loving Promises



Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
(Psalm 36:5)

Children of the parish, their friends,
and the children of the community are
invited to spend four mornings
learning about God's promises to
Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph,
and Moses.

Tuesday, May 28 – Friday, May 31
8:30 – 11:00

Faith Lutheran Church in Calamus

The offering will be used to purchase items
and assemble quiet bags for the children of
Messiah Lutheran in New Jersey to use
during worship.

May Choir Rehearsal



Faith Church

Wednesday, May 15 – 8:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19
Wear Red!



You are invited to the wedding of

Jessica Muhl
and
Luke Shelton

The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. on
Saturday, May 18 at
Faith Lutheran Church, Calamus, Iowa.



A social hour will be held from 4–5 p.m. at the
Vista Grand,

2141 16th Street NW in Clinton.

Following the social hour,

a reception/dinner

will begin at 5:00 p.m.

and at 7:30 p.m. the dance begins.



Parents of the couple are
Hal and Andrea Shelton
and

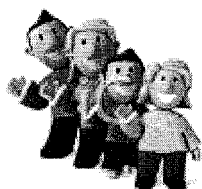
Jan and Janis Muhl

Volunteers Needed at Genesis Medical Center

Genesis Medical Center is looking for volunteers
who would be willing to volunteer 2 to 4 hours,
once or twice a month. We have volunteer
opportunities at Davenport and Illini Campuses. If
you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Melissa Chapman at 281-5070 or Colette Blake at
421-1095, or email us at Chapmanm@genesishhealth.com
or Blakeec@genesishhealth.com.

- Melissa Chapman, Volunteer Services Supervisor
- Colette Blake, Volunteer Coordinator

News About Our People



We welcome the following to the Calamus Lutheran Parish:



Dave and Tammy Olive were welcomed as members of Faith Church on April 7.



Julian Joseph Olive-Speer, son of Emily Olive and Patrick Speer, on April 7, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Julian's sponsors were Dave and Tammy Olive.



Michael Hoker was welcomed as a member of Faith Church on April 14.



Maddon Paul, son of Michael and Jena Hoker, on April 14, was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Faith Lutheran Church. Maddon's sponsors were Ryan and Jami Finger.



James Daniel, son of Jeremy and Sarah Koch, arrived on April 11, 2013, at 6:21 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. He was born on his great-grandparents' wedding anniversary. On April 28, James was welcomed into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. James' sponsors were Ryan and Alison Koch.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world."

- From *The World According to Mister Rogers*

Hey, Listen Up – It's Basket Time Again!



As your new basket raffle chairwoman, I am just going to come out and say we all need to get organized now – not one week before the raffle. It is not fair or kind to put that much workload wrapping and arranging baskets on us few volunteers at the last minute. I do not mind wrapping these myself (I really enjoy doing the wrapping) between now and June – you can drop off your assembled or unassembled baskets at the church office and Jeannene will contact me to pick them up. I also have a huge list of basket ideas documented, call me early mornings or evenings and I can assign ideas for you. Let's have a great display of baskets again this year!

Thank you – Dawn Dosland 563-212-3352

Women of the ELCA 2013/2014 Bible Study Seminar – May 22-23



In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women

Dr. Kay Ward has invited nine women from the Old Testament, several from the New Testament and a handful of women she knows, to stop in for a visit. They will be companions with us each month, long enough for us to get to know them and to also get to know ourselves a bit better. Their stories will draw us into Bible study, worship with the Psalms, and opportunities to tell our own stories. To register, please visit the Wartburg Seminary website at www.wartburgseminary.edu or call Dr. Gwen Sayler at 563-589-0302.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 2: Bobbie Hesse
Tim Olson

May 3: Jean McNeil
Courtney Knoche
Heather Grau

May 4: Nolan Christensen

May 5: Kale Whitman

May 6: Robert Voss
Noah Maske

May 7: Sarah Koch
Lans Carstensen
Alicia O'Donnell
Ben Untiedt
Jason Sullivan

May 8: Jacob Grau

May 11: Marilyn Schau
Victoria Cunningham
Serina Carpenter

May 12: Mark Witte

May 14: Lois Wilhelm

May 15: Natalie Tendall
Brayden Williams
Nora Glover

May 16: Randy Behne
Meggan Septer

May 17: Logan Bickel

May 18: Brenda Aiken

May 19: Roger Ihns
Nick Storjohann
Caylee Bousselot
Tysen Steffens

May 21: Doug Bousselot
Pr. Brenda Peconge

May 23: Courtni Knudtsen
Alison Edens
Emma Olson

May 24: Keith Steward
William Schaver
Kenneith Schaver

May 25: Ronda Koslofsky

May 26: Yale Christensen
Amy Glover
Rusty Porth
Caden Will
Austin Hewer

May 27: Jesse Jackson
Isabelle Spooner
Brayleigh Schaver

May 28: Meryne Henning
Lena Perrone

May 30: Dave Whitman
Garrette Perrone

May 31: Lucy Lee-Petersen
Skye Doerscher
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May 1: Kristin & Roy Schlinkert

May 7: Daniel & Megan Will

May 8: Shane & Amy glover

May 9: Sheri & Doug Siemen

May 10: Kenny & Alice Fitzgerald

May 11: Lance & Wendy Seastrand

May 13: Eric & Joyce Sands

May 18: Dave & Tammy Olive

May 19: Dick & Dolores Johnson

May 20: Dion & Dawn Olson
Scott & Theresa Grau

May 24: Kim & Kevin Miller

May 29: Ben & Julie Lindaman

May 31: Ashley & Troy Steffens

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

Graduating from High School



We have two members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish graduating from Calamus/Wheatland High School: Nolan Christensen, son of Yale and Brenda Christensen and Nick Storjohann, son of Laurie and the late "Pappy" Storjohann. Congratulations!

**"The price of success is hard work,
dedication to the job
and the determination
that whether we win or lose,
we have applied the best of ourselves
to the task at hand."**

- Vince Lombardi

Thoughts for Memorial Day



In his speech at Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln's words focused on the loss of life during the Civil War and the higher cause for which the lives were given, but they ring true as a reminder for today... ***that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion...that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people....should not perish from this earth.***

Lincoln's charge was to ensure that the cause to which each soldier gave their life would not be lost, and that this Union, which he himself had given an oath to preserve, protect and defend, would grow ever stronger.

In Memorium

Have you ever looked, really *looked*, at a soldier's face?

Sometimes it's young, barely an adult, the hopes of youth still painted in its features.

Sometimes it's old, older than faith, older than wisdom, older than time.

And sometimes...sometimes it's a bit of both all at once.

Sometimes it's gritty and pained, remembering the face of another who has fallen.

Sometimes it's laughing, pleased to have a moment of peace. Most of the time it's proud because it knows, oh yes it knows, the world is a different place, a better place because of it.

Next time you look at a soldier's face, see if you can find that glint of pride. Sometimes it's hidden, and you have to search it out.

You'll find it in the eyes, always in the eyes. For the eyes are indeed the windows to the soul, even a soldier's soul.

And when you've carefully examined every feature of that soldier's face, stand up straight and tall and smile your best smile. Thank that soldier, because it does what some cannot or will not. It defends what it believes to be right with it's very life. But more important, it defends a perfect stranger you.

And when you see a flag covered casket, stand in memorium of all the soldier's faces you've examined. For when one of them falls, they all fall. And when one of them stands, they all stand.

Shouldn't we stand with them?

**Lilian Leader
June 2, 2006**



Memorial Day

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M is for mothers who sent their children off to war

E is for the everlasting gift of freedom

M is for the mums that decorate the graves of the soldiers

O is for the old men that are veterans

I is for the island off Hawaii where the Japanese bombed Pearl harbor

A is for America, the home of the brave

L is for the land of the free

MINISTERS FOR MAY 2013

FAITH

Ushers:

Shirley Ferguson
Ruth Braet
Judy McMahon
Andrea Shelton

Acolytes:

Caleb Carpenter
Beth Tulley

Altar Ministry:

Ruth Braet
Annette Braet

Communion Assistant:

Terri Boussetot

Greeter:

May 5: Clara Wilhelm
May 12: Judy McMahon
May 19: Rita Seastrand
May 26: Shirley Ferguson

Lector:

May 5: Doreen Henning
May 12: Rusty Porth
May 19: Pastor Sarah (Pentecost)
May 26: Yale Christensen

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Ole Olson
Shane Glover
Leonard Olson
Peter Whitman

Acolyte:

Alec Olson

Communion Assistant:

Terina Bruns

Lector:

May 5: Kay Olson
May 12: Dave Whitman
May 19: Brian Boussetot
May 26: Dan Burke

Cleaners

Sherry & Delores Lahann
Shane & Amy Glover

Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers

May 5: Mark & Marsha Witte
May 12: Jim & Julie Gronewold
May 19: Ray & Deb Detlefs
May 26: Boys with Nate

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 SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 19:

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

No Sunday School or Adult Class

MAY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS/AC – F 10:30 Worship - F	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 LAST DAY OF SS/AC 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 SS/AC – F 10:30 Worship - F	13	14 7:00 Committee Night-F	15 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Marilyn M. L-Melinda M. 8:00 Choir Rehearsal - F	16 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:30 Joint Council - F	17 9:00 Naomi Circle H-Janice Berger L-Diane Christensen	18 2:30 Luke Shelton/Jessica Muhl Wedding - F
19 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship with Confirmation - F	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship – OS 9:30 Worship - F	27 Memorial Day	28 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30-11:00 Faith Church	29 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30-11:00 Faith Church	30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30-11:00 Faith Church	31 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30-11:00 Faith Church	

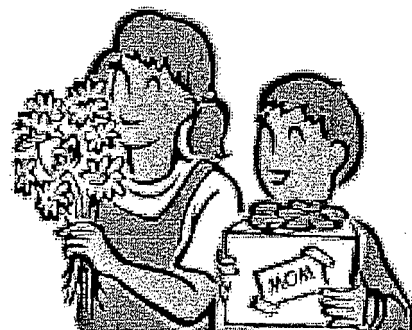
Mother's Day

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BREAKFAST
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Worship Schedule**



8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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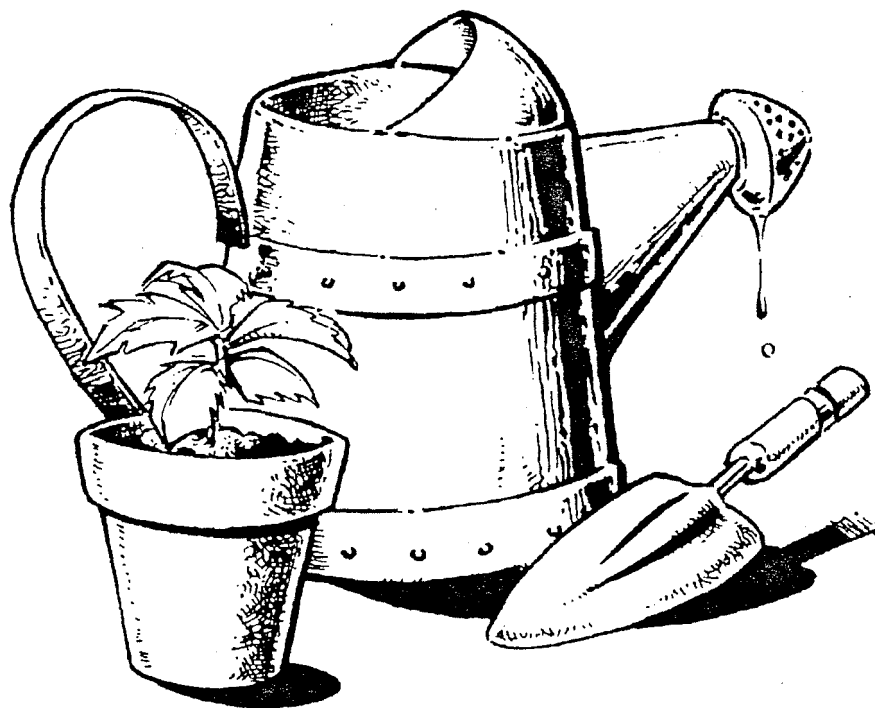


9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church



10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
Faith Lutheran Church
505 Second Street, town of Calamus

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