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## **Pastor's View**

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. (Proverbs 22:6)*

As I look out on the congregation during worship, I love seeing the mix of older people and young people. I love to hear the stories from the older members about their younger days in worship and Sunday school. I hope our young people will have stories of their days at church to relay to others when they grow old. This will only happen if their parents or other people in their lives make sure they regularly attend worship, Sunday school and confirmation.

Fall programming is here. Worship continues with a switch in times; Faith at 8:00 am and Our Savior's at 10:30 am beginning on September 12. Sunday school begins that same day at 9:25 am at Our Savior's. Confirmation begins with a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 pm. So many opportunities for our young people to learn. I hope many will take advantage of what we have to offer them. I often hear from our older members that Sunday worship and Sunday school were not options, but expectations as they grew up. Yes, I know times have changed, but maybe giving church activities a higher priority will make all the difference in our children's lives.

We cannot continue to follow Jesus' command to spread the Good News if we don't teach our children what Jesus has done for them and how much God loves them. The church is only one generation away from extinction if we don't educate our young people in the ways of the Lord. Please help by bringing your children to worship and Sunday school and if you see other families missing, talk to them, let them know how much we miss them.

Thank you for all you do to keep Faith and Our Savior's alive and vibrant. I feel blessed to do ministry with you. Let's go into the new church year looking for ways to continue to spread the Good News to all we meet.

See you in worship!  
Pastor Roberta

Calamus Lutheran Parish will have  
**One Worship Service**  
on

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

at

**9:00 a.m. at Faith**

Weather permitting, worship will be outdoors.  
Please bring a lawn chair.

## Naomi Circle Bible Study

### "The Gift of the Spirit"

by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith



**Wednesday, September 15**

10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home

**Session 1: Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource**

September issue of *Gather* magazine

## Fall Schedule

**Begins Sunday, September 12**

8:00 a.m. - Worship at Faith

9:25 a.m. - Sunday School at Our Savior's

10:30 a.m. - Worship at Our Savior's

## Confirmation

Confirmation classes will be offered on  
Wednesdays for students in grades 7 and 8.

Students and their parents will meet with  
Pastor Roberta at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday,  
September 8, at Faith.

Class material will be reviewed, course  
requirements discussed, and meeting time chosen.

**Thank you for making the effort to save cancelled stamps** these past two years. They will be turned in at the Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Gathering in Cedar Rapids on September 10-11. The company that sells the stamps to collectors makes generous donations to Lutheran World Relief.

Please submit October newsletter items  
to the church office by Monday, September 13.

Thanks for your cooperation!

To contact Pastor Roberta,  
please use her cell phone number:

**406-478-9518**

## God's Work – Our Hands

The Christian Outreach Committee will  
conduct an ingathering of non-perishable food  
items for Wheatland's Carroll Assistance Center  
the next three months.

You are asked to bring donations of canned  
goods to church on September 12, October 10,  
and November 14.

The center requests food items that would  
be used at a Thanksgiving meal. The center will put  
these items in the Thanksgiving baskets that they  
distribute.

## Noisy Offering – September 19

The Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland  
will be the recipient of 2021 Noisy Offerings.  
The offering is collected by the children during  
worship on the third Sunday of each month.

## Ordination News

**Pastor Brenda Peconge** recently celebrated the  
25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination. Pastor Brenda  
was ordained at Faith in 1996 and served the  
Calamus Lutheran Parish until 2000. She is  
currently pastor of The Lutheran Church of Our  
Saviour in Toledo, Ohio.

**Dianne Prichard** was ordained July 31<sup>st</sup> at Zion  
Lutheran Church in Muscatine. Dianne and Bim  
Prichard and their family were members of Our  
Savior's for many years. Pastor Dianne is currently  
serving Hope Lutheran Church in Dixon.



## August Council Meetings

### ~ Joint Council ~

#### Pastor's Report:

- Continuing visits to shut-ins
- Working on confirmation
- Meeting with confirmation-age students and their parents at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 8, at Faith.

#### Worship Committee:

- Ushers at Our Savior's will take the offering plate to each row like noisy offering.
- There will be a service of healing before communion at Our Savior's on the last Sunday in August. Faith will hold a service of healing at a later date.

#### Parish Coordinating Committee:

- Interviewed a candidate for a half-time position and called references. Decided to continue seeking a full-time pastor.

#### Education Committee:

- Sunday school starts September 12 at 9:25 at Our Savior's.
- Masks are welcome, but not mandated.

#### Feeding the Children:

- Fifteen bags of weekend meals will be prepared for the first distribution on Friday, August 27.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

### ~ Faith Council ~

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Worship will be in indoors beginning September 12.

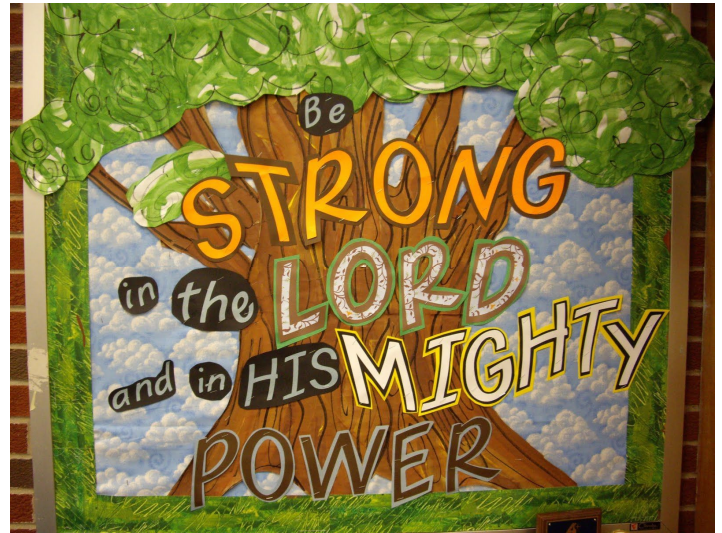
### ~ Our Savior's Council ~

**Old Business:**

- Mary reported on bids for the painting of the exterior trim and replacing gutters. Painting bid was \$3,150. The gutter bids were split into three bids: church \$1,850, parsonage \$1,430, and old church \$500. All bids were approved.
- Pastor is still soliciting information about an elevator.

**New Business:** None

**Next Meetings:** Thursday, September 16, at Faith.



## "A Reckoning in Boston"

The Central DeWitt Class of 1970 is hosting a screening of their classmate James Rutenbeck's film, "A Reckoning in Boston." The matinee will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, at the DeWitt Operahouse Theatre.

\$10 general admission tickets will be available at the door on a first-come basis. Doors to the Operahouse will open at 12:30 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the DeWitt Theater Company, a non-profit organization which maintains the building.

James Rutenbeck, a DeWitt native, has become a noted documentary film producer, director, and editor; winning many awards in each category.

"A Reckoning in Boston" deals with racism and economic inequality as seen through the eyes of two black residents. Initially planning on staying behind the camera, James soon realized during filming that he could not be just a witness but must speak up as well.

The public is invited to see this "powerful film that lays bare the transformative forces of the humanities on our lives in these turbulent and troubling times." (Cornel West, Harvard professor)

## **MINISTERS for September 2021**

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:**

Yale Christensen  
Alan Lee  
Ryan Dick

#### **Acolyte:**

Lena Perrone

#### **Altar Ministry:**

Deb and Brian Tulley

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Yale Christensen

#### **Lectors:**

September 5: Ashley Steffens  
September 12: Dirk Braet  
September 19: Andrea Shelton  
September 26: Annette Braet

### **OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH**

#### **Usher:**

Neil Holmquist

#### **Acolyte:**

David Burke

#### **Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

#### **Lectors:**

September 5: Jason Bousselot  
September 12: Joe Morehead  
September 19: Deb Detlefs  
September 26: Melisa Jacobsen

#### **Cleaners:**

Mark Olson and Marcia Edens

# September 2021

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at [www.clparish.org](http://www.clparish.org)

Faith Church Sunday worship service moves back inside on September 12.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5  <b>One Worship Service</b> 9:00 am at Faith	6 <b>Labor Day</b>  Church office will be closed.	7	8  <b>Confirmation Parents Meeting</b> 6:00 pm Faith	9	10  <b>33<sup>rd</sup> SE IA SWO</b> Hotel Kirkwood	11  <b>Gathering</b> Cedar Rapids
12  8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	13	14	15 <b>Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Diane Christensen’s home <b>Confirmation Class</b> Time to be determined – F <b>Education</b> 7:00 pm Faith	16 <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	17	18  <b>“A Reckoning in Boston”</b> documentary 1:00 pm Operahouse Theatre DeWitt
19 <b>Noisy Offering</b>  8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	20  Newsletter items due in the church office.	21	22 <b>Confirmation Class</b> Time to be determined - F	23	24	25
26  8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	27	28	29 <b>Confirmation Class</b> Time to be determined - F	30		