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*Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA*

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*Our Savior's*  
2589 190th Avenue

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### *Pastor Writes*



Technology is an amazing thing.

Within one or two hours of accepting his marriage proposal, Doug (Goettsch) and I were receiving text messages; within minutes of changing our status on Facebook from “dating” to “engaged,” we were receiving so many congratulatory posts and messages that we had to silence our phones, just to be able to enjoy brunch in relative peace and quiet! ☺

By now, we each have received hundreds of messages of support and congratulations, and for that, we thank this community. Telling friends and family this good news has been an absolute joy.

Telling the boys was a different story.

I share this experience with their permission.

I pulled the boys out of school an hour early to bring them home, so that I might tell them the news myself instead of them hearing it on the bus or in the halls. Immediately, they were wary and nervous when I picked them up from school. We came home, stacked their backpacks on the back steps and gathered around the picnic table.

“Boys,” I began, “Doug asked me to marry him, and I said yes.”

Three boys. Three very different reactions.

All at the same time, one cried, one cheered, one fell silent and turned inward.

Change is a tough thing, especially for kids. Fear of the unknown is a universally terrifying thing. Their varied reactions didn’t really surprise me.

“Okay,” I said, “let’s talk. What’s on your minds?”

We talked for two hours. Slowly, they began to realize the things they were going to gain—new cousins, new friends, and a wonderful step-dad. They began to realize the fundamental things that cement their lives were not going to suddenly

disappear; they would continue to have a mom, a dad, a home, their friends, their bikes, etc. Nothing would be lost, but there was much to be gained. Within two hours, their perspective began to shift...to see this as a positive change, although still new and scary.

They asked to have a few minutes to talk together privately.

Now I was the nervous one.

What sort of new thing was this...organized negotiations? Did they somehow manage to form a secret union at some point, during my precious few sleeping hours at night? These three, who fight and wrestle *all the time*, from the minute they wake up to the minute they fall asleep...were they now a united front? Was this mutiny?

They whispered and conspired and then came back to the table. They folded their hands on the table. Christian cleared his throat.

“Mom,” he began, “we know we can’t have a dog here, because this is church property. But we think at Doug’s house, we should have a dog. And we should be allowed to drink pop. With caffeine. These are our terms.”

They all nodded. It was, I think, the most precious moment I have ever witnessed.

“We’ll talk,” I concluded.

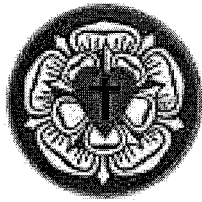
Anticipating victory, they cheered. We walked to the Country Store for ice cream.

There is hope in the home, in the church, in the world, to encounter change—as frightening as it is—and to respond genuinely, with integrity, with mutual love and concern (and even with a few conditions and terms), but to still end up sitting around the same table, working through that unnamed emotion that combines tears and laughter.

There is always hope.

- Pastor Kretzmann

## Reformation Sunday, October 27



**One Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m.**

**followed by Prepared Meal**  
*(No Sunday School or Adult Class)*

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**2589 – 190th Avenue**

## Bring an Sunday, October 20

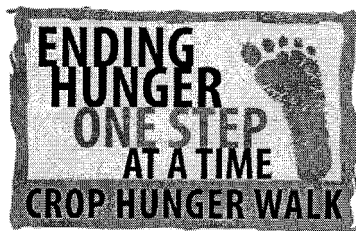
A prepared meal will be served on Reformation Sunday, October 27, following the worship service at Our Savior's Church. Please help the committee preparing the meal by bringing an apple on Sunday, October 20. The collected apples will become a part of your meal the following Sunday. Thanks for helping!

## Sunday Morning Adult Class Our Savior's Church 9:25 a.m.

Haven't been there yet? Now is a good time to start! As a group, we came up with subjects we would like to talk about this coming year and these are the topics we asked Pastor Sarah to lead: Peter Marty's book "The Christian Faith: from the Lutheran Perspective," the Gospel of Matthew and Luther's Small Catechism.

We have so much to share with one another that our topics usually take much longer to cover than we plan. We learn so much while we are having a fun time – really! No quizzes and no memory work! You need to experience Adult Class – words don't do it justice! So come see where these topics will lead us and join us for a special time!

## October 6



It is that time of year for the annual CROP Walk around the nation – and at the Wheatland Activity Center on Sunday, October 6. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and starting time for the walk is 1:00 p.m. As in past years, the young people of our congregations will walk to help provide food for people in the rural areas of the world. Walkers will be asking for your financial sponsorship. CROP donations will be accepted by CROP walkers after worship services. Please help as you are able. If you would like to walk and need a packet for sponsorships, please contact Pastor Sarah.

## No Sunday School or Adult Class Reformation Sunday October 27

**Classes resume November 3 – 9:25 a.m.**



## At the September Council Meetings

### Joint Council:

➤ Worship Committee: First Communion Service will provide reserved seating for the families of the youth to have communion as a family; two Adult Bible Study lessons will be interactive and discuss ways to serve within the church such: on November 17 - altar ministry, communion assistant and on November 24, lectors and ushers; Reformation Service was finalized;

➤ Stewardship and Outreach Committee: the parish cook out in the park on September 8 was attended by approximately 25 people;

➤ Approval was given for the renewal of the copier contract.

### Faith Council:

**September 1:** All members of Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:30:PM at Our Savior's Church. The Bishop will address the topic of Human Sexuality with regard to the ELCA position on marriage.

➤ Due to the opportunity to discuss the topic of Human Sexuality in depth with the Bishop on September 19, the four Adult Bible Classes reserved for the topic of Human Sexuality will have revised topics and not specifically address this topic. Adult Bible Class will meet at its usual time, but no specific discussion regarding Human Sexuality is scheduled. Members of the parish are encouraged to attend the September 19 meeting to broaden their personal knowledge and understanding of the ELCA position on Human Sexuality;

➤ the current excerpt from the Wedding Policy Guidelines as approved by Faith Council on July 17, 2013, is as follows: "It is intended to be a life-long union of one man and one woman who pledge themselves to a lifetime of faithfulness in accordance with God's plan for Creation." Since there is no imminent request by an active member to revise this policy, Faith Council has tabled the topic and now survey will be conducted;

➤ Faith Council acknowledges the efforts of Pastor Sarah, members of the congregation, and members of the council for their thoughtful reflection on this topic. The opportunities to pray, learn, think, and receive input from members of Faith Church have directed the actions of Faith Council. Members of the council are especially

grateful for the respectful communication that has been devoted to this topic.

➤ As always, you are invited to discuss any and all church related issues with members of Faith Council.

### September 12:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$4,151.98 and a working balance of \$8,328.15;

➤ Dirk Braet will contact ChemSearch to confirm the full balance of their bill;

➤ Correspondence was read from a parishioner.

### Our Savior's Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a balance of \$14,475.38;

➤ The parsonage roof and chimney has been completed and the repair of the east side of the old church was completed;

➤ Wedding policy amendment was made: "It is intended to be a life-long union between two people (of one man and one woman) who pledge themselves to a lifetime of faithfulness in accordance with God's plan for Creation.

Alternately, a service celebrating the legal marriage of two people may be performed in this church should the bound conscience of the pastor allow for it."

➤ Dan Burke will build a new computer to allow for warranty on each part instead of as a total unit;

➤ Approved transfer of membership of Peter Whitman to Our Savior's Lutheran Church;

➤ Approved transfer of membership of Julie, Ryan and Kara Olson to Our Savior's Lutheran Church;

➤ Benefits for Pastor Sarah will be as recommended by ELCA.

### Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report August 2013

Beginning Balance.....	\$16,853.94
Deposits .....	\$ 3,020.98
Disbursements.....	\$ 5,495.92
Ending Balance .....	\$14,475.38

**November Newsletter Items  
Due October 21, please.  
Thanks for your cooperation!**

## Luther League Lounge!



**Who?** All 7-12 graders

**What?** Weekly Wednesday  
night meetings

**When?** 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays –  
Starting October 16

**Where?** Faith Church

Seeking adult advisors (adults willing to help facilitate discussions, Bible studies, organize events, etc). See Pastor Sarah, Ashley Steffens or Heather Grau if interested.

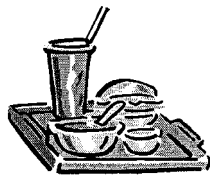
## Confirmation Class Begins

**October 9 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Faith Church**

**Parents required to attend**

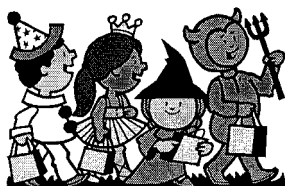
Confirmation students are welcome to attend Luther League, when it begins October 16, for an hour before class. Make sure you pick up a CROP Walk packet from the office. CROP is an organization that raises money to fight hunger. The CROP Walk will be held October 6 in Wheatland. Registration is at 12:30 at the Carroll Assistance Center; the walk begins at 1:00. Students are challenged to raise at least \$100 each.

## Thursday, October 31 Soup & Sandwiches!



M-m-m, Delicious! The Luther League is serving soup, sandwiches and chips at 5:30 in the Faith Church parking lot on Thursday, October 31. It's great soup and sandwich weather, so come and treat yourself!

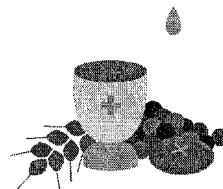
## Trick or Trunk!



For those of you who like to share treats, come and sit in the parking lot with your goodies for the trick-or-treaters. Enjoy your soup and sandwich while you are handing out your candy! You're in for a good time!

## First Holy Communion Class

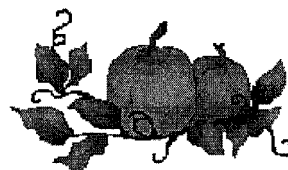
**Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Faith Church**



**Fifth graders**, this is your opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the members of your congregation.

**Parents are required to attend with you.**

Those 5th graders that we are aware of are Andrew Grau, Chloe Gronewold, Josh Gronewold, Austin Henning, Chase Knoche, Alyssa McElmeel, Magnus Sands, Anne Tulley and Ethan Wilhelm. If we have overlooked someone, please notify the church office 246-2622.



## Women's Fellowship and Bible Study

If you are a woman of the Calamus Lutheran Parish not already involved in either Lydia or Naomi Bible Study circles, maybe this is something for you! Weekly studies will include the Bible, books, various faith topics, etc. to be held Wednesday evenings at 8:00 at Faith Church. Our first meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

## How Can I Serve?

If you have searching for ways you can serve in your church, you can learn more about opportunities waiting for you. Two Adult Bible Study sessions will be interactive and discuss ways to serve within the church. **The November 17 Adult Study will offer an interactive session on Altar Ministry and Communion Assistant. The November 24 Adult Study will offer information on serving as Lector and Usher.** Everyone interested in learning more about these opportunities to serve within the church is invited to attend. This year, Adult Bible Class is held at 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Church.

## Noisy Offering Collected October 13

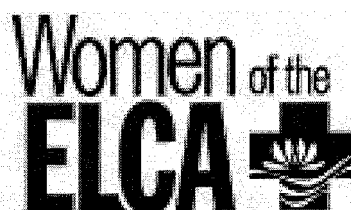


Offering goes to Messiah Lutheran in Parlin, New Jersey, devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

## Choir Rehearsal



**Faith Church**  
**Wednesday, October 16**  
**8:00 p.m.**



## In Good Company – Stories of Biblical Women

### "Deborah, A Determined Leader"

"At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment." – Judges 4:4--5



**Lydia Circle**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.**

**Hostess: Arlene Green**

**Leader: Kay Olson**



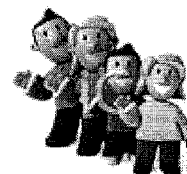
**Naomi Circle**

**Friday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.**

**Hostess: Meryne Henning**  
**(at the Cabin)**

**Leader: Jeannene Bousset**

## News About Our People



Julie, Ryan and Kara Olson became members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on September 12. Welcome!



Peter Whitman became a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on September 12. Welcome!



Rachel Catherine, daughter of Dan and Cindy Burke was born on September 11. Congratulations!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct 1: Ronnie Voss  
 Oct 2: Brian Tulley  
       Sally Holst  
 Oct 4: Brendan Olson  
 Oct 5: Brian Lindaman  
       Violet Jacobs  
 Oct 6: Jody Passig  
 Oct 7: Kathy Willet  
       Lisa Ross  
       Theresa Eschbach  
 Oct 8: Hilda Hellyer  
       Hope Olson  
 Oct 13: Linnae Wingate  
 Oct 14: Nathan Wingate  
       Kendra Rock  
 Oct 16: Jeannene Bousselot  
       Ellen Olson  
 Oct 17: Paul Olson  
       Chad Edwards  
 Oct 18: Brienna Hayes  
 Oct 20: Brittney Crossen  
       Aubrey Knight  
 Oct 21: Shawn Henning  
       Chase Knoche  
 Oct 22: Dawn Olson  
 Oct 23: Chad Christensen  
       Kennedy Maske  
       Pastor Rick Miller  
       Beth Tulley  
 Oct 24: Bill Morehead  
       Dawn Dosland  
 Oct 25: Brian Johnson  
 Oct 26: Alan Lee  
       Arvella Pewe  
 Oct 27: Cindy Marsh  
       Signe Rock  
 Oct 28: Doreen Henning  
       Wade Petersen  
 Oct 29: Joey Henning  
       Dolores Johnson  
       Darin Doerscher  
 Oct 31: Tracy Gasper
- ♥
- Oct 2: Tait & Jessica Steines  
 Oct 4: Leon & Sherri Bousselot  
       Neil & Jane Mason  
 Oct 10: Rod Smith & Robin Costello-Smith  
 Oct 15: Amber & Eric Claussen  
 Oct 16: Fred & Dorinda Wilhelm

- Oct 17: Jason & Brenda Wilhelm  
 Oct 20: Eric & Brittany Hoffman  
       Dave & Linda Whitman  
 Oct 30: Ken & Alice Fitzgerald

If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office so changes can be made.

## Elizabeth Eaton to be Installed as ELCA Presiding Bishop October 5

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton will be installed as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Oct. 5 at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in Chicago. The installation is open to the public; tickets are not required. Worship begins at 2:00 p.m. (Central); doors open at 1:00 p.m. A free public reception will follow.

Eaton is bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod and is the ELCA's first woman presiding bishop-elect. She was elected Aug. 14 at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held Aug. 12-17 in Pittsburgh.

Prior to becoming synod bishop in 2006, Eaton served as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula, Ohio; interim pastor of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Boardman, Ohio; and assistant pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio. She earned a Master's of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and a Bachelor's degree in music education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. She currently serves on a number of boards and committees.

## Lost and Found



Please check the coat rack on the landing by the kitchen – there are several nice jackets and sweat shirts that have been there since last year. If they are not picked up by October 31, they will be taken to the Carroll Assistance Center. Thank you.

**MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 2013**

**FAITH**

**Ushers:**

Hal/Andrea Shelton  
Eric Sands  
Diane Sievers  
Lonny Sievers

**Acolytes:**

Serina Carpenter  
Ellie Carpenter

**Altar Ministry:**

David & Terri Boussetlot

**Communion Assistant:**

Colette Christensen

**Greeter:**

Oct 6: Joan Shelton  
Oct 13: Diane Christensen  
Oct 20: Lois Wessels

**Lectors:**

Oct 6: Mike Tendall  
Oct 13: Julie Gronewold  
Oct 20: Rusty Porth  
Oct 27: Pastor Sarah (Reformation)

**OUR SAVIOR'S**

**Ushers:**

Peter Whitman  
Dan Burke  
Mark Olson  
Sherry Lahann

**Acolyte:**

Riley Bruns

**Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

**Lector:**

Oct 6: David Olson  
Oct 13: Jason Boussetlot  
Oct 20: Brian Boussetlot  
Oct 27: Pastor Sarah (Reformation)

**Cleaners:**

Dave and Linda Whitman  
Peter and Lydia Whitman

**Christian, Jacob & Philip Caregivers**

Oct 6: Ruth Braet  
Oct 13: Sharyl Banowetz, Jeannene Boussetlot  
Oct 20: Marcia/Alison Edens, Mark Olson  
Oct 27: 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.**

# *Reformation Sunday*



**October 27 – One Service Only**



**9:30AM Worship – Our Savior's Church  
(No Sunday School or Adult Class)**



**Prepared Meal follows the Worship Service**

# OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 First Communion Class – F Parents required to attend	3	4	5
6 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS 1:00 CROP Walk in Wheatland	7	8 7:00 Committee Night - OS	9 6:30 Confirmation Class – F Parents required to attend	10 6:00 Worship Committee – OS 7:30 Joint Council - OS	11	12
13 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	14	15	16 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Arlene Green L-Kay Olson 5:30 Luther League F 6:30 Confirmation Class – F 8:00 Choir Rehearsal – F 8:00 Women Fellowship and Bible Study	17	18 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Meryne Henning L-Jeannene B <i>(at Mueller's Cabin)</i>	19
20 APPLE COLLECTION 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	21	22	23 5:30 Luther League F 6:30 Confirmation Class – F 8:00 Women Fellowship and Bible Study	24	25	26 9:00 Reformation Meal Preparation -OS
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Worship – OS No SS/AC Served Meal follows Worship	28	29	30 5:30 Luther League F 6:30 Confirmation Class – F 8:00 Women Fellowship and Bible Study	31 5:30 Soup & Sandwich Supper - F 6-8 Trick or Trunk in Faith Parking Lot		



# 'Vegetable Soup' Word Search

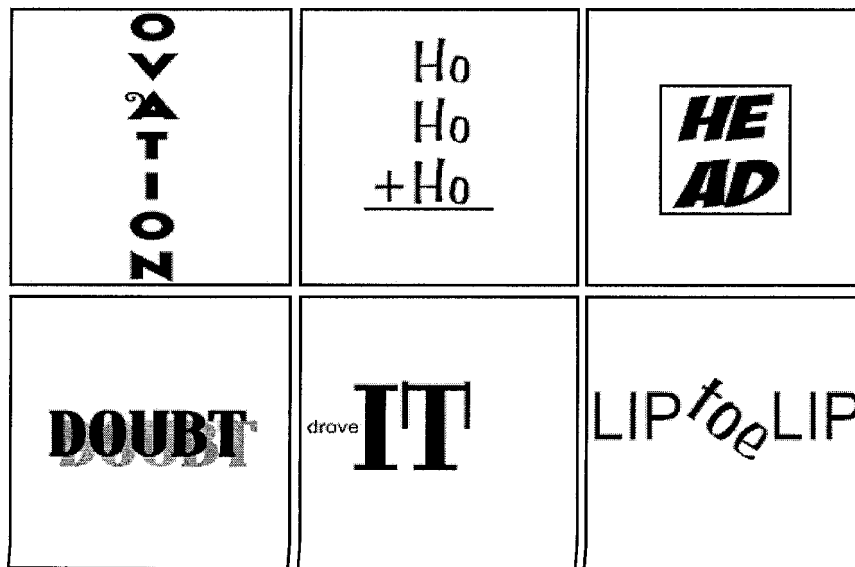
Find the names of vegetables hidden in the puzzle.

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I V A X Q R Y K A Y U B A N S K E  
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PARSNIP  
PEPPER  
POTATO  
PUMPKIN  
RHUBARB  
SHALLOT  
SPINACH  
SQUASH  
SWISSCHARD  
TOMATO  
TURNIP  
YAM

**All About puzzles**  
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What is a Wuzzle? A wuzzle is a saying/phrase that is made up of a display of words -  
Can you figure out the answers?



1. Standing Ovation
2. Tally ho
3. Blockhead
4. Shadow of doubt
5. We drove right by it
6. Tiptoe through the tulips

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**Calamus Lutheran Parish  
Worship Schedule  
(Beginning September 8)**



**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
Faith Lutheran Church  
505 Second Street, town of Calamus**



**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
2589 – 190th Avenue, rural Calamus**

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