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**Calamus Lutheran Parish
Summer Sunday Worship Schedule**



8:00 A.M. Worship
Our Savior's Church
2589 – 190th Avenue, Rural Calamus



9:30A.M. Worship
Faith Church
505 Second Street, Town of Calamus



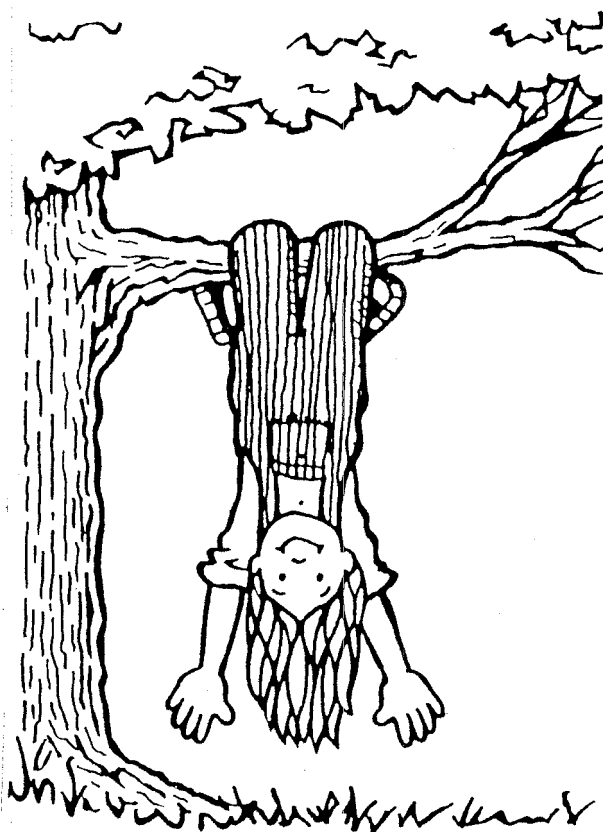
Sunday School/Adult Class
Resumes September 6

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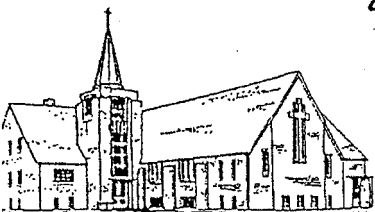
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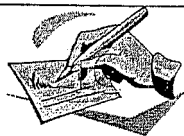
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Our Savior's
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I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

Well, that seems to be exactly what most people do not believe. I believe that I cannot believe in Jesus?

Again, that seems to be exactly what most people do not believe. How often have I heard that we must not only believe, but "really believe"? The

quotation above comes from Martin Luther and his Small Catechism, the explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed (*I believe in Holy*

Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.) Somehow it always

comes down to something that I must do, down to my faith, down to my belief, down to me living in a certain way. Too often what it never comes down to is what God has done, is doing, and will do.

There is something deep within us that wants to take the credit for the work of God and for what God is doing for us. Luther corrects this

misunderstanding, this sin, of wanting to put ourselves in the place of God (the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden).

Luther is not alone in this understanding. Luther is simply following St. Paul. In Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 12:3), he

writes *Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, "Jesus be accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.* And there is the key: "no

one can say Jesus is Lord except in the Holy Spirit." To be able to say that Jesus is Lord, to be able to

believe that Jesus is one's Lord and Savior is done only by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the work of the Triune God, of God the Holy Spirit, for you

and me to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. By my own reason or strength I am unable to do it,

no matter how much someone tells me to believe and have faith. Rather, my belief and my faith is all the work of God through the Holy Spirit. Luther continues his explanation of the Third Article by saying, *But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian faith on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and abundantly forgives all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and on the last day will raise me and all the dead and will grant eternal life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.*

Our standing before God is dependent on God and on God alone. God does it all. God's love for each of us is so great that He created us and sustains us with all that we have and need (First Article), redeems us from our sin through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son (Second Article) and then creates and sustains in us the faith to believe that all this is true and that Jesus is our Lord (Third Article).

Why do I bring this up now? Sunday, May 24th, was the Festival of Pentecost. As Jesus ascended into heaven He promised that He would send us an Advocate who would be with us (John 16:4-15). This is God the Holy Spirit and on the Festival of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit sent by God to His Church. We are who we are, new people in Jesus Christ, all, let me say that again, all, because of what God did, does, and will do for us. What does that cause us to do? The only thing that we can do is thank, praise, serve, and obey God. *(Continued on following page)*

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That is our response. And, even this is all the work of God the Holy Spirit. God does it all. What a great and wonderful God we have!

In Christ,
Pastor David A. Aanonson

Summer Schedule May 31 - September 6



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

**There will be a combined
July/August 2015 newsletter -
submitted newsletter items due
June 19, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

**The Noisy Offering Will Be
Received June 15**

**Community Worship
in the Park
Calamus Community Park
Sunday, July 13 – 10:00 A.M.**

Affirmation of Baptism



The Calamus Lutheran Parish has two confirmands this year from Faith Lutheran Church: Noah Mullin, son of Luke and Paula Webinger and Beth Tulley, daughter of Brian and Deb Tulley. Their affirming of the baptism vows made for them when they were infants by parents and sponsors took place on Pentecost Sunday, May 24 at Faith Lutheran Church.

The confirmands selected Bible verses were:

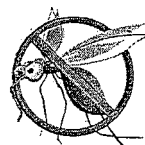


Noah Mullin: "The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." – Psalm 28:7



Beth Tulley: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
- 2 Corinthians 3:17

Catch the Buzz!



Wednesday Bible School was a big success. 60 children attended the 3 after-school sessions. There were 15 adult helpers, assisted by 3 high school students and 5 confirmands.

The children learned about the dangers of malaria in Africa and ways to prevent and treat the disease. The Bible stories focused on compassion and working together to care for one another.

There will be an opportunity to help fight malaria at the Calamus Days Basket Raffle. Consider putting together a basket and/or making bids on the baskets. 1/6 of the proceeds will go to a new Little League diamond and 1/3 to the ELCA Malaria Campaign.



At the May Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor Aanonson reported he would be gone from May 29 – 30.

➤ Education Committee reported a great turnout for Wednesday afternoon Bible School.

Faith Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$13.33 and a working balance of \$35,713.21.

Our Savior's Council:

➤ Approved financial reports with a balance of \$-920.65.

➤ Commended the cemetery mowing done by Chris and Lori Forret.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report April 2015

Beginning Balance.....	\$ (1,354.80)
Deposits	\$ 4,502.58
Disbursements.....	\$(4,068.43)
Ending Balance.....	\$(920.65)

2015 High School Graduates



The following Faith members graduated from Calamus/Wheatland High School on May 17:
Nathan Cunningham, son of Terry and Beth Cunningham, Connor Gasper, son of Keith and Tracy Gasper and Matthew Gronewold, son of Jim and Julie Gronewold.

"All mankind is divided into three classes:
those that are immoveable,
those that are moveable,
and those that move."

- Benjamin Franklin

Open House Graduation Party for

Matthew Gronewold
son of Jim & Julie Gronewold
and

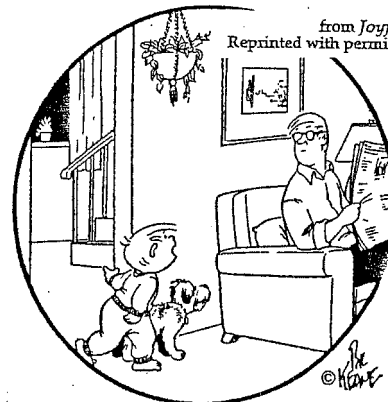
Nathan Cunningham
son of Terry & Beth Cunningham



Saturday, June 13, 2:00–5:00 p.m.
Wapsi Oaks Country Club
Everyone Welcome!

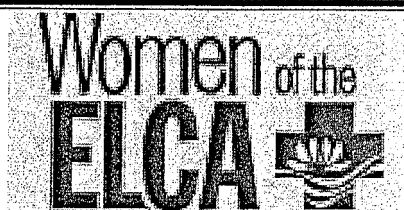
Sunday School Staff Appreciation

The Parish Education Committee appreciates the service of all of the Sunday School teachers: Sharyl Banowetz and Julie Olson – Preschool; Trina Knoche and Rebecca Wilhelm – Kindergarten/First; Rebecca Hurt and Teisha Jacobi – Second/Third; Amy Glover and Deb Tulley – Fourth/Fifth/Sixth; Heather Grau, Ashley Steffens and Colette Christensen – Junior High/High School; Marsha Witte – Music; and Pastor David Aanonson – First Communion, Confirmation and Adult Sunday School Class. Thank you to parents for encouraging their children's faithful attendance at Sunday School.



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"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy.
Is there anything you want?"



Give in Secret



"No Catchy Slogans"

Matthew 6:2—6; 16—18

Matthew 5:14—16



Friday, June 19 – 10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Marsha Witte

(Marsha is serving lunch)

Leader: Jeannene Boussetot

Not Interested in a Long Term Commitment?

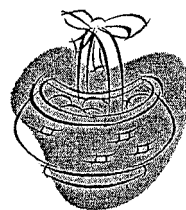
Then do I have a deal for you! In the summer of 2015 Emma Crossen, Women of the ELCA's former stewardship director, wrote a three-session study on giving: *No Catchy Slogans*. This can be found in the summer issues of *Gather* magazine – or contact the church office and they can get a copy for you.

In the fall of 2015, Liv Larson Andres, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington will have a three-session study on speed and slowness, and how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed.

In the winter of 2015-2016, there is a four-session Bible study exploration of the book of Philippians, written by E. Louise Williams and Rev. Phylliss Kersten. Even though Paul is imprisoned, he is not downcast or discouraged but writes to the people of Philippi that he thinks his suffering might have positive results for the gospel's continued extension in the world.

So there you have it – three short term Bible studies that won't ask for a long term commitment. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for times and places.

It's Basket Time Again!



It's that time of year again to be thinking about our annual Faith Women's Basket Raffle which is held in conjunction with Calamus Fun Days. This year it will be Saturday, July 11.

All proceeds will be divided equally between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Malaria Campaign and the development of an additional Little League baseball diamond at the

Calamus/Wheatland Elementary School.

If you have any empty baskets you would like to donate, please drop them off in the basement at Faith. We prefer medium to large size baskets.

Anybody may donate items to be put into baskets we have at the church. Please drop your donated basket items off at Faith, or if you'd rather donate cash, we'll do the shopping for you (but not the week before the raffle). If you need any ideas for putting together a basket, please call me, as I have a theme list compiled. We would rather wrap a few baskets at a time as we go, than be overwhelmed with this task the week before the raffle.

Andrea Shelton will, again, be my co-chair for this committee. It's really fun to see how creative you can be!

Dawn Dosland
Basket Raffle Co-Chair
563-212-3352

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 1: Cameron Garrett
Avery Jacobi

June 2: Alicia Rock
Megan Will
Haley Sullivan

June 3: Doug Henning
Makenna Christensen

June 4: Ryan Rock
Karen Whitman
Amber Claussen

June 5: Shirley Ferguson
Larry Hayes
Eric Sands

June 6: Benjamin Carstensen
Noah Gronewold

June 7: Sheri Fitzgerald

June 8: Shawn O'Donnell
Tara Dillon

June 9: Fred Wilhelm
Daniel Will

June 10: Ashley Steffens

June 11: Joshua Gronewold

June 15: Amy Wilhelm
Don Boussetot
Lonny Sievers

June 17: Brian Boussetot
Barb Johnson
Stephanie Maske

June 20: Leonard Olson
Caleb Banowetz

June 21: Harold Olson
Gary Schutt
Christian Montover

June 22: Mark Hesse
Jim Lahann

June 23: Shane Glover
Michael McDevitt
Nicole Easterday

June 24: Janice Berger

June 25: Ellen Mueller

June 26: Courtney McMahon
Barbara Nunn
Lawson Perrone

June 27: Sherri Boussetot

June 28: Colin Grau

June 29: Tait Steines

June 30: Pastor Solveig Zamzow
Deb Detlefs

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June 3: Larry & Brenda Hayes
Holly & Robert Dwyer
Doug & Meryne Henning

June 5: Ashlee & Steve Trafford

June 7: Kenneth & Theresa Eschbach
Larry & Marilyn Schau
Bobbi & Dick Hesse

June 15: Keith & Marilyn Steward

June 16: Blaine & Kayla Henning
Herb & Diane Wilhelm

June 18: Art & Sharon Boussetot

June 20: Adam & Rebecca Wilhelm

June 21: Pastor Marv & Bev Robeck

June 22: Kim & Kevin Miller

June 26: Josh & Teisha Jacobi

June 29: Gary & Ruth Braet

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

Missing a Coat or Sweatshirt?



Hanging on the coat rack in the narthex at Faith Church is a child's coat, vest and hooded sweat shirt – also a woman's black cloth jacket and a man's jacket. These items have been here for some time. If they are not claimed by the end of June, they will be taken to the Carroll Assistance Center so someone may benefit from them. Please check your closets to see if you are missing a jacket!

"It's very dramatic when two people come together to work something out. It's easy to take a gun and annihilate your opposition, but what is really exciting to me is to see people with differing views come together and finally respect each other."

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"If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."

- Mr. Fred Rogers

The Season after Pentecost – Ordinary Time



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2:4

Beginning fifty days after Easter, the Christian Church celebrates the Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is a season that starts with one of the most important days of the Church calendar – the Day of Pentecost.

The Day of Pentecost is recorded in the Bible in Acts 2:1-21 and is widely thought to be the official beginning of the Christian Church. It was in that event that God sent the Holy Spirit to lead and empower God's people to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all nations. It was the point where God again invited all believers to join in God's mission in the world.

There's no consensus on how these Sundays came to be known by the term "ordinary." It comes either from the *ordinal* numbering of the Sundays (first, second, last) or—more simply and more likely—from the ordinary English word *ordinary*, meaning common, usual or customary. Unfortunately, the definition of ordinary also carries the connotations "unexceptional," "uninteresting" or "unsurprising." This time is no break from the splendor of the church year. Instead, it is a celebration of the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the church. Through the Word and the Sacrament, we explore the themes of justification, sin, **grace**, love, obedience, **endurance** and hope. This is truly the "Time of the Church."

Throughout the Season after Pentecost/Ordinary Time (which stretches until the season of Advent) we reflect on how Jesus' life and ministry are an example of how God's mission is lived out in the world. Like nature around us, which is blossoming and growing, the Season after Pentecost is a season of intentional growth in our faith and discipleship. It is a season where we learn to see how, as Jesus puts it, "the kingdom of God has come near." The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church—the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

Green is the color for the season after Pentecost. Green is the color of growing plants and life. As growing plants need water and nourishment, so we can only grow by living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord's Word and Sacraments.

The appointed Gospels for the Sundays after Pentecost are full of Jesus' teachings, such as His parables, words of wisdom, and debates with the Pharisees. We also hear the Word of the prophets (Old Testament), who are inspired by the Spirit to foretell Jesus' coming, and the word of the apostles (Epistle), sent forth by Jesus to preach in the power of the Spirit. The Time of the Church is a time to grow in godly knowledge. Through His Word, Jesus is still making disciples of all those who will follow Him.

Baseball Word Search

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BALK

BASE

BATTER

BUNT

CATCH

COACH

DEAD BALL

DEFENSE

DOUBLE HEADER

DUGOUT

FAIR BALL

FAIR TERRITORY

FLY BALL

FORCE PLAY

FORFEITED GAME

FOUL BALL

FOUL TERRITORY

FOUL TIP

GROUND BALL

IN FLIGHT

INFIELD FLY

INFIELDER

INNING

INTERFERENCE

LEAGUE

LINE DRIVE

LIVE BALL

MOUND

OBSTRUCTION

OFFENSE

OUTFIELDER

OVERSLIDE

PENALTY

PITCHER

PIVOT FOOT

RETOUCH

RUN DOWN

RUNNER

SCOREBOARD

SHORTSTOP

STRIKE

TAG

THROW

TIE GAME

TRIPLE PLAY

UMPIRE

WILD PITCH