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Pastor's View

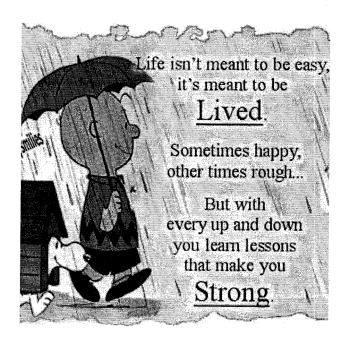
Blessed New Year – It seems that the season of Advent is covered up by the pressure of Christmas shopping and getting ready for the day of gift giving. Then it seems that Christmas is covered up by Bowl games and getting ready for New Year's Celebrations. So as we work our way into this New Year may God bless our attempts to remain faithful and grow in that faith. Max Lucado tells the story; a little boy fell out of bed. Mom asked him, "What happened?" He said, "I guess I stayed too close to where I got in." It is easy to do with our faith. We are asked to grow in our faith. Compare your faith life to one year ago. Is it the same? Have you read a book about faith? Have you watched a DVD about faith? Have you prayed - a lot? May your Baptismal vows and God's grace touch your life in 2016.

Thank You – Jane and I would like to thank you for all the wonderful blessings that were shared with us this year. We thank you for all the gifts and cards that have been given this season. Your love is greatly received.

Star Wars and Faith – Like a lot of people I went to the movie this Christmas break. It was Star Wars 7. It is a good flick. It is like SW 4. But in talking with my son he told me the next SW movie would be made without

the use of the FORCE. It will only be about stealing the Death Star plans. Disney wants to see if the movie can be made as only an adventure movie. It reminds me of all the things that the Church has created that no longer have anything to do with the church. The church, at its best, created hospitals, schools, welfare support for the poor, disaster relief and many other things that were not being done before. What is our life like without the FORCE of Gods' spirit in our life? Life will be an adventure without the support of the Spirit of God. Go to the movies and think about life without God. Ask God for the Force – His Holy Spirit.

- Pastor Bill



FAITH CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 31, 2016 Following 8:00 a.m. Worship



OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 31, 2016 Following 10:30 a.m. Worship

Annual Meeting Preparations

To be able to distribute the annual reports the Sunday before the annual meeting, the following deadlines will need to be met:

Committee and organization reports for the congregations' annual reports are due in the church office by January 4, 2016. These reports include: Pastor's report; Council Presidents; all committees (Education, Stewardship, Christian Outreach, Memorial and Gifts, Property and Management); Our Savior's Cemetery; and God Squad.



Financial reports for Confirmation, God Squad, Women's Circles, Financial Secretary, Treasurers, Proposed Budgets and audit reports for the congregations are due in the church office by January 18, 2016. Thank You!

"You've got to be careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there."

"I tell the kids, somebody's gotta win, somebody's gotta lose. Just don't fight about it.

Just try to get better." - Yogi Berra

"Treat the Pantries"

Faith and Our Savior's contributed \$1,300 toward the "Treat the Pantries" collection in November. Seven Lutheran congregations in western Clinton County donated a total of \$2,194 and Thrivent Financial added \$1,000 for a total of \$3,194 distributed to the four food pantries serving western Clinton County. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday School, God Squad and Adult Class resume
January 3, 2016, 9:25 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The Noisy Offering Will Be Received January 17

February Newsletter Items
Due January 20, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!

There will be no Education or Stewardship/Christian Outreach Committee Meetings in January.





At the December Council Meetings

Joint Council: No minutes available.

Faith Council:

- Financial reports showed a designated balance of \$1,510.12 and a working balance of \$33,270.82.
 - No minutes available.

Our Savior's Council:

- Financial reports showed a balance of \$-2,829.47.
 - > No minutes available.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report November 2015

Beginning Balance	\$	1,889.55
Deposits	\$	5,531.26
Disbursements	\$(1	0,250.28)
Ending Balance	\$(2,829.47)

Would You Like to Try Something New?

The 2016 lists for lectors, ushers, communion assistants, greeters (Faith only), altar ministry (Faith only) and cleaners (Our Savior' only) will soon be compiled. If anyone would like to be added to or removed from the ministry assistants lists, please let one of the following people from your congregation know - at Our Savior's: Dan Burke, Jason Bousselot, Deb Detlefs, and Linda Whitman; at Faith: Diane Christensen, Andrea Shelton, Ashley Steffens and Terri Bousselot. Thank you to all those who continue to assist in these ministries!

A January Choir Rehearsal A Wednesday, January 13

7:30 p.m. 🗗 Faith Church

Come join us—we'd love to have you!

♪ Diane Christensen



Christian Citizenship 101-Paul's Letter to the Philippians



"Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings"

Theme verses – Philippians 1:1—26

Friday, January 15 - 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Joan Shelton Leader: Marsha Witte

Wednesday, January 20
Hostess: Arlene Green
Leader: Pastor Bill

News About Our People



A funeral service for Malinda Malmanger was held at Our Savior's Church on December 4. Malinda passed away on November 30.

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Rita Seastrand passed away on December 27. A funeral service will be held on January 5 at Faith Church.

Something to Think About...

If you could teach someone you know one life lesson, who would it be and what would they learn?

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1: Kenneth Eschbach January 2: David Olson January 3: Isaac Wilhelm January 4: Dirk Braet

Ethan Wilhelm

January 6: Adam Hayes January 8: Joan Shelton

Alec Olson

Shelly Mayerhofer Pastor Bill Runaas

January 9: Peter Whitman

January 10: Pastor Sarah Goettsch

Wyatt Easterday

January 13: Steve Hansen

Blake Elias

Pastor Marvin Robeck

Noah Mullin

Junior Homrighausen

January 14: Declan Olson January 15: Gerry Wulf January 17: Vicki Garrett January 18: Anne Tulley January 19: Gary Braet

January 20: Austin Henning Herb Wilhelm January 21:

Jody Schnede-Henning

January 22: Arlene Green

> Kevin Henning David Bousselot

January 23: Jessica Schroeder

Noelle Steines

January 25: Doug Willet January 26: Keegan Allen

January 27: Rick Olson

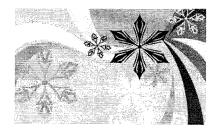
January 28: Chris Morehead

Brody Koch

January 30: Michele Calef

January 10: Marlon & Sandy Olson

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



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who remembered me in a special way this Christmas season. I enjoy doing what I do and being able to serve in this way. Thank you so much. - Jeannene

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to **Eternal Life.** Amen



MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2016

FAITH

<u>Ushers:</u>

Daryl Henning Doreen Henning Blaine Henning Kayla Henning Ashley Steffens

Acolytes:

Caleb Banowetz

Altar Ministry:

Lois Wessels Diane Christensen

Communion Assistant:

Laurie Storjohann

Greeter:

January 3: Joan Shelton

January 10: Jeannene Bousselot January 17: Jim Gronewold January 24: Diane Christensen

January 31: Brian Tulley

Lectors:

January 3: Doreen Henning

January 10: Alan Lee

January 17: Ashley Steffens January 24: Diane Christensen January 31: Colette Christensen **OUR SAVIOR'S**

Ushers:

David Olson Brian Bousselot

Acolyte:

Drake Olson

Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

Lector:

January 3: N

Mark Olson

January 10:

Jason Bousselot

January 17:

Brian Bousselot

January 24:

Marcia Edens

January 31:

David Olson

Cleaners:

Brian Bousselot

Dylan Bousselot

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.

Annual Meetings - January 31

FOLLOWING RESPECTIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Faith Worship — 8:00 a.m. Our Savior's Worship — 10:30 a.m.

(No Sunday School - Classes Resume February 7, 9:25 a.m., Our Savior's)

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SATTIBDAY	2	6	16	23	30
FRIDAV	-	œ	15 9:30 Naomi Circle H-Joan Shelton L-Marsha Witte	22	
THIRSDAY		7	14 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:30 Joint Council - F	21	28
WEDNESDAY		6 6:00 Confirmation Class – F	13 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Arlene Green L-Pastor Bill 6:00 Confirmation Class - F 7:30 Choir Rehearsal - F	20 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	27 6:00 Confirmation Class - F
THESDAY		v	12 NO COMMITTEES THIS MONTH	19	26
MONDAY		4 COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	11	18 FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Newsletter Items Due	25
SUNDAY		3 God Squad Bake Sale 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	10 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship - OS	17 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS God Squad Bowling	24 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS 31 Annual Meetings Follow Worship Services NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Books of the Old Testament

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KINGS
MICAH
SAMUEL
ZECHARIAH

CHRONICLES
EZEKIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
LAMENTATIONS
NAHUM
SOLOMON
ZEPHANIAH

DANIEL
HABAKKUK
ISAIAH
JONAH
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Calamus Lutheran Parish Worship Schedule

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

