

## Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA Calamus Lutheran Parish

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#### Pastor's View

Reformation Worship Service - I would like to thank the youth of the church for their role in leading the Reformation service. They emphasized the points of reformation that they found important. Thank you for your wonderful work. Thank you to our youth and their leaders.

Reformation Meal – I would like to thank the committee for the pancake and sausage meal that they served at Faith. It is fun to have someone fix you a lunch right after worship. The wonderful good smells from the kitchen was enough to entice me to stay and eat and fellowship together. Thank You.

First Communion – We have 5 young people who will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday. Please pray for them and their families. The following students have completed their studies: Nora Glover, Alena Wilhelm, Isaac Wilhelm, Peyton Grau and Grant Hoffmann. They are one step closer to a living, loving relationship with their God. Bless them.

All Saints Worship - We will again have a special time of prayer for our loved ones who have departed us into glory. We will say their name, ring a bell and light a candle. These are the saints that have lived their life in Christ Jesus. At the worship service of the Baptism of Jesus we will honor the newly

baptized this past year. Our sainthood is based on God's grace and love. We honor and remember all the saints.

Thanksgiving Service - There will be a Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday evening November 20 at 5:00 for worship and 6:00 for a light meal. I would ask that you invite a friend for this worship service. The light meal will be soup and sandwich and you are invited to bring pies or bars or cookies. But the main point is to bring yourselves, your canned goods/dry goods for the Carroll Assistance Center and to give thanks with your neighbor to God.

Hanging of the Greens - On November 27th we will have a worship service to focus on the start of Advent and the preparation for Christmas. Should be lots of fun and very meaningful.

Advent – Advent is a time of preparation for the Coming of Christ. We often connect Advent with the Birth of Jesus. But there is also the meaning of the end time. During our four weeks of Advent we will study the following themes: worship, prayer, meditation, and the coming of Christ. Services will be about 35 minutes—short so young people can get home and go to bed.

- Pastor Bill

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 20 Faith Church ~ 5:00 p.m.

(There is no monetary offering only paper and dry goods for the Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland)



Soup and Sandwich Supper Served following Worship

## First Holy Communion



The following received their First Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday: from Our Savior's – Nora Glover, daughter of Shane and Amy Glover; from Faith – Peyton Grau, daughter of Pat and Heather Grau, Grant Hoffmann, son of Eric and Brittany Hoffmann, Alena Wilhelm and Isaac Wilhelm, children of Adam and Rebecca Wilhelm. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

"Let the children come to me"

- Matthew 19:14a



## First Sunday of Advent November 27



Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas. We focus on the long-awaited birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and to the second Advent, when Christ will return.

To help us prepare for the birth of Christ, in addition to Sunday worship, we will have mid-week Advent services on Wednesday evenings. A 6:00 p.m. served meal precedes the 7:00 worship service.

Midweek Advent Schedule: Our Savior's Church November 30, December 7



Faith Church
December 14 & 21

# Thank You for CROP Hunger Walk Donations



Thank you to all who contributed in some way to the CROP Walk either by walking or donating money to the cause. A total of \$578 was raised by the Calamus Lutheran Parish. This will be added to the donations from the Wheatland Walk which will then be combined with the DeWitt Walk donations. 15% of the total money collected goes to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt and 10% will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center. The remaining 75% is shared with the state, national and international levels to provide food for rural areas



## At the October Council Meetings

#### Joint Council:

- ➤ Pastor's request for vacation days from November 21—27, 2016 were granted.
- ➤ A parish pancake breakfast will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Faith Church.
- ➤ Four youth and two adults will attend the "Dirty Feet" Confirmation Retreat.
- A Facebook parish public page will allow closed groups to be added; a generic user account will be created which will allow administrators to manage the page and ease transfer as administrators change. Administrators will be Pastor Runaas, the president of each council and Heather Grau.
- A new copier will be purchased from Midwest Business Products for \$4300, with the cost equally shared between congregations; cost will include set-up, regular service and maintenance.
- Approval was given to collect donations of cash and dry goods at all worship services on November 13 and 20. Items will be given to Carroll Assistance Center which is in dire need of food products (this ministry is no longer called "Treat the Pantries."
- ➤ During Lent 2017 items for Personal Care Kits will be gathered and dispersed through Lutheran World Relief.
- Approval was given to approve the Platinum Portico plan. The cost is no greater than the current Gold Portico Plan and will provide a lower deductible for Pastor.

#### **Faith Council:**

- > Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$1,112.40 and a working balance of \$41,907.03.
- > Dave Johnson will inspect the tuck pointing around leaking windows.
- > A \$100 donation will be given to the God Squad to offset retreat costs.
- > Eric Sands has made minor repairs to the church furnace and the furnace has been inspected and in functioning.

#### Our Savior's Council:

- > Financial reports were approved with a balance of (\$1,185.71).
- > Funeral guidelines which included catering at Barnes were distributed and approved.
  - > The siding has been completed.

- > Brian will follow up on the sidewalk after harvest.
  - > A thank-you was signed for a donation.
- > Dan will research costs to replace the wireless microphone.
- Retreat donation will donate \$145 towards cost of retreat for confirmation students.
- ➤ Approval was given to purchase a new weed trimmer if cost exceeds \$150, council will need to notified.
- > Grave opening fee for Our Savior's Kvindherred Cemetery will increase from \$500 to \$750, which is more in line with other cemetery grave opening fees.

## Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report September 2016

September 2010	
Beginning Balance\$	2,108.96
Deposits\$	
Disbursements\$	
Ending Balance\$	



# Find us on Facebook

Calamus Lutheran Parish is now on Facebook.
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## Noisy Offering to be Collected November 13



The ELCA Disaster Response (emphasizing the Syrian refugee crisis) has been selected by the church councils and committees to be the 2016 recipient of the Noisy Offerings.

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill for any reason, please use his cell phone number: 319-231-5262. Thank you.

#### "Stock the Shelves"



As you count your blessings this Thanksgiving season, share some blessings with others.

Member of Faith and Our Savior's have many opportunities for giving support to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland:

- November 13 Worship, 8:00 and 10:30
- November 20 Worship, 8:00 and 10:30
- November 20 Thanksgiving Service, 5:00 at Faith
- ▶ November 20 Soup and Sandwich Meal following 5:00 Worship at Faith

100% of the money donated and all of the pantry donations will go to Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. All donations can be placed on the tables or in the money containers at the back of the churches.

#### Items needed at the food pantry are:

- ▶ Canned and boxed food items (except for canned corn and canned pumpkin there is a large amount on hand now)
- ▶ Paper products towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc.
- ▶ Hygiene products tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand and body soap, shampoo, etc.
- ▶ Home cleaning products

"There is no joy in possession without sharing."

- Erasmus

Choir RehearsalWednesday, November 97:00 p.m. – Faith Church





# When God Chooses the Unlikely

"Paul and the Power of Failure"



Friday, November 18 – 10:00 a.m. Crossroads Garden Cafe, DeWitt Hostess: Diane Christensen Leader: Jeannene Bousselot

## "Coffee & A Little Jesus"



You are invited to the

Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus November 1 – 9:00 a.m.

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If interested, please email me grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563-424-0507

You can also follow on Facebook at Coffee & A Little Jesus

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

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 1: John Ihns November 2: Bob Barnard November 4: Ryan Olson November 5: Magnus Sands

Benjamin Harkness

November 7: Brodina Bousselot

November 8: Joe Bruckman

Lance Seastrand
Jason Wilhelm
Scott Peters
Matt Olson
Tammy Olive

November 9: Braeden Hayes November 10: Terri Bousselot November 12: Wendi Seastrand

Nathaniel Cunningham

Jacob Montover

November 13: David Lahann

November 15: Brandon Septer

November 18: Adam Wilhelm

November 20: Chayse Griebel

November 21: Florence Petersen

November 23: Sherri Brady Debra Dillon

November 24: Linda Lindaman Conrad Dosland

Makenzie Garrett

November 25: David Burke

November 26: Vera St. John Shelley Weiss

November 27: Eldon Pewe

November 28: Macailah Jacobsen

November 29: Tina Braet-Thomas Julie Olson

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November 11: Terry & Julie Steines

November 12: Leonard & Linda Elsner David & Hilda Hellyer

November 18: William & Janice Berger November 22: Pr. Rick & Marlene Miller November 28: Dave & Linda Lindaman

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

## God Squad Bake Sale



## Sunday, November 6

#### **Set Your Clocks Back!**



## Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

### Meals of Love



Working together to spread Jesus' Love, by providing homemade meals to those in our church who are experiencing life changing events; new moms, surgery, illness/injury recovery, death in the family, etc.

If you would be interested in being contacted to make a freezable meal please contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or <a href="mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com">grau.heather@gmail.com</a>, and provide your name and best means to contact. Or there will be sign up sheets at both churches. Our goal is to provide an individual/family 3-5 home cooked meals.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex of each church.



9:4,30

- Maya Angelou



# Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindiau! Great Forks Hersid 2012

- 1. GIVING
- 2. THANKS
- 3. THANKSGIVING
- 4. HOLIDAY
- 5. GRATEFUL
- 6. GRATITUDE
- 7. KINDNESS
- 8. CARING
- 9. FAMILY
- 10. FRIENDS
- 11. HEALTH
- 12. APPRECIATE
- 13. RESPECT
- 14. THANKFUL
- 15. POLITE
- 16. MANNERS

#### **MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

**FAITH** 

**Ushers:** 

Marilyn Schau Larry Schau Diane Wilhelm

Herb Wilhelm

**Acolytes:** 

Ryan Dick

**Altar Ministry:** 

Larry & Marilyn Schau

**Communion Assistant:** 

Mark Witte

Greeter:

November 6: Jim Gronewold November 13: Keith Steward November 20: Marilyn Steward

November 27: Gary Braet

**Lectors:** 

November 6: No Lector Needed November 13: Heather Whitman November 20: No Lector Needed

November 27: Alan Lee

**OUR SAVIOR'S** 

Ushers:

Dan Burke Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Maia Glover Hailey Glover

**Communion Assistant:** 

Dan Burke

Lector:

November 6: No Lector Needed

November 13: Amy Glover

November 20: No Lector Needed

November 27: Mark Olson

**Cleaners:** 

Marcia Edens

Mark Olson

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.

# Thanksgiving Community Worship



Faith Lutheran Church Sunday, October 20, 5:00 p.m. A Soup & Sandwich Supper Follows

# **NOVEMBER 2016**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9:00 "Coffee & a Little Bit of Jesus" Bible Study at Heather Grau 1658 – 257th Street	2 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	3	4	<b>α</b>
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY God Squad Bake Sale 8:00 Worship -OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	7	8 7:00 Committee Night - F	9 6:00 Confirmation Class – F 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 Worship Committee – F 7:00 Joint Council - F	11	12
13 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship -OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	14	15	16 2:00 Lydia Circle (To be determined) 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	17	18 10:00 Naomi Circle Crossroads Cafe, DeWitt H-Diane Christensen L-Jeannene	19
20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:00 Worship –OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC – F 10:30 Worship – F 5:00 Thanksgiving - F	21	22	23  No Confirmation Class	24 Thanksgiving Day  Pive  Thanks	25	26
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Worship -OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	28	29	Advent 6 6:00 Advent Meal – OS 7:00 Worship – OS No Confirmation Class			

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

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

"Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more, — a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise."
~George Herbert