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Our Savior's
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Pastor's View

1st Communion Class - We had two young people who have finished 1st communion class. First Communion is on May 21. Pray for these students.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> – Monday Bible School is almost done. It has been held on May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 3:30 PM. I would like to thank the teachers and helpers for all the work they have done. Bible School has been a success because of all their work. The students have enjoyed all the different activities held each night.

FCTE – Pastor was at First Call Theological Event. This event is a gathering of all First year pastors in the Synod. Pastor Bill helped present the devotions for the event. Chick Lane was the main presenter. His topic was Embracing Stewardship. Chick stated that for most congregations the word stewardship is equal to Fall Fund Drive. I asked that same question to you and you answered that stewardship is much more than the fall fund drive. Our Stewardship understands that all belongs to God and we are to take care and share all that God has given us. Another point Chick made was that all giving can be grown to a higher giving level. And another point is that giving is a good measuring stick to measure our faith commitment to God and Church.

<u>Wednesday Worship</u> – We will be offering a Wednesday evening worship service during the

summer. There will be 6 worship events on: June 14, July 12, and August 9, at Our Savior's and June 21, July 19, and August 16 at Faith. The service will begin at 6:30 pm and be short like 45 min. or less. This service is geared for family and spiritual growth. The sermon will be interactive with those who want to share. Music will be light and fun. If you play an instrument please contact Pastor Bill.

Christmas – Christmas is a problem this year. It is always difficult when Christmas falls on a weekend. This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday night. The worship committee talked for a couple of meetings on what would be the best for all families. It was decided that Christmas season worship would look like this. Christmas Eve morning worship (Sunday) would be at Faith at 9 AM. Christmas Eve worship would be at 9 PM at Our Saviors. Christmas Day worship (Monday) would be at 9 AM at Faith. And the first Sunday in Christmas would be at 9 AM at Our Saviors. Mark your calendars.

<u>Worship Service Change</u> – On June 4th we will use WOV.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

and additional information. Council members will research an appropriate organizer with 12 slots.

Our Savior's Council:

Our Savior's did not have a quorum, so no business was conducted.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report April 2016

- ➤ Beginning Balance\$275.86
- > Deposits.....\$5,025.16
- ➤ Disbursements...\$(7,122.53)
- > Ending Balance,,\$(1,821.51)

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"The Prayer"

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and teach us to be wise in times we don't know.

Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.

Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace.

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us Lord, lead us in your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace,

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord.



The Noisy Offering will be collected on June 18



The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offering, selected by the 2017 Joint Council and committees, is Camp Courageous of Monticello, Iowa. Camp Courageous is a year-round respite and recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Several people in our communities look forward to attending Camp Courageous each year.

There will be a combined
July/August 2016 newsletter Newsletter items due
June 19, please.
Thanks for your cooperation!



Altar Flowers

You may provide altar flowers in honor of a special occasion. Please contact Altar Ministries for a preferred month to make arrangements. A message can also be posted in the bulletin if submitted on week prior to event.

Wednesday Worship



Come join us for Wednesday
June 14, July 12, and August 9
Worship at Our Saviors at 6:30
p.m.

June 21, July 19, and August 16 Worship at Faith at 6:30 p.m.

Meals of Love



Working together to spread Jesus' Love, by providing homemade meals to those in our church that is 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 grau.heather@gmail.com, and provide your name and best means to contact. Or there will be signup sheets at both churches. Our goal is to provide an individual/family 3-5 home cooked meals.

News About Our People



Cheyanne Renee, daughter of Mary Farrell, was baptized at Faith Church on May 21, 2017. Bennett's sponsors Jay Flores and Rebecca Hurt Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Bennett!

"To love another person is to help them love God."

- St. Augustine

News About Our People



Bennett Shorter, son of Zachery and Rebecca Shorter, was baptized at Faith Church on May 28, 2017. Bennett's sponsors were Nolan Christensen and BJ. Shorter Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Bennett!

FUEL UP FOR SUMMER FUN

Open to all children 1-18

no registration or identification is required
Dates: June 5th –August 4th
Time: 12:00 to 12:30

Location: Human Service Campus
250 20th Ave North, Clinton IA
(Enter behind building on Pershing Ave.)
Lunches also served at:
Jefferson Elementary School

"Your children may forget what you have taught them, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Bluff Elementary School

- Carl W. Buechner



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Naomi Circle Friday, June 23 – 10:00 a.m. Crossroad Garden Cafe in DeWitt, Leader: Jeannene Bousselot

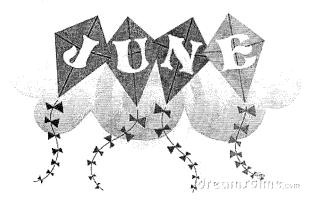
Bible School

The theme for Bible School 2017 was "Jesus Is My Shepherd" Thirty-eight kindergarten through fifth grade students spent time at Faith Church after school on the four Mondays of May.

Twelve adults organized the days for the kids. Six youth helpers led the groups to snacks, stories, crafts, music, and activities stations.

The Bible School lesson focused on following Jesus' example of caring, sharing, and love.

Thank you to all who made Bible School a successful event.



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.

Topic: "From Lost to seeing the Way; a time when we were loss"

Bible Lesson: John 14:1-10 "Jesus the Way to the Father

Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus June 6 – 9:00 a.m.

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This the last one until September.

If interested, please email me
grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563424-0507

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



Basket Raffle for Calamus Fun Days August 19 & 20

Mary Timmerman has offered to serve as coordinator.

Helpers and baskets are needed.

Jeannene Bousselot and Sharyl Banowetz have offered to buy things if you wish to just donate money instead of making a basket.

Please bring your baskets to Faith and put in basement on stage.

More information to come.

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Riverside Bible Camp Fundraisers

Riverside 5K Run/Walk August 5, 2017 Story City

Check in and registration will be from 7:30 am - 8:15 am on August 5, with the race starting at 8:30 am 100% of registration goes to camperships, complimentary shirt, food and drink for runners, R5K cup will be awarded, Pool open after the race.

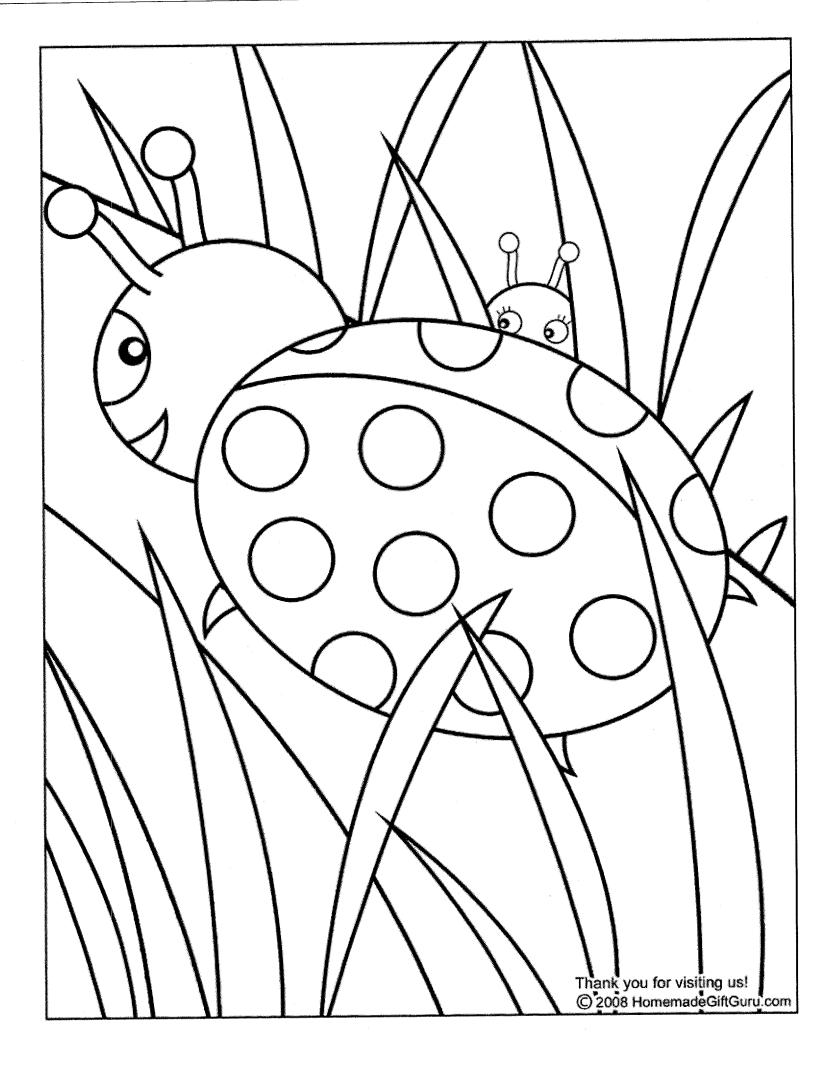
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Riverside Quilt Auction Saturday August 5, 2017 Story City

10:00- 12:30 Quilt Preview in chapel
10:00-12:15 Silent Auction bidding (baby items/small items) will be known by 1:00
10:30 Breif worship
11:00-12:30 Lunch will be servered in Dinning Hall(free will offering)
1:00 Quilt Auction in Chapel

Riverside Golf Classic- Ames

September 15, 2017
Four-person Best Shot
Check in: 9:30 a.m.
Start: 10:30 a.m.
Lunch during play.
Held at Veenker Memorial Golf
Course.



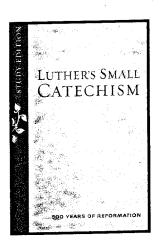
ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Luther's Small Catechism

Of all the things Martin Luther wrote, he is probably best known for two things: the hymn "A mighty fortress is our God" and the Small Catechism. Interestingly, Luther himself was ambivalent about the lasting value of most of his writings, with two exceptions—and one of them was this little pamphlet, the Small Catechism. And this from someone whose writings changed the whole landscape of the Western religious world.

Most of us know the Small Catechism well. Many spent hours memorizing it as teens. But how did it come to be, and what is it that makes it so helpful?

In 2017 we are observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's start, when Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses. If that was the act of a passionate young man, a decade later he was facing the needs of the church he was reforming. If it was no longer enough just to go through the



motions, following the lead of a Latin-rite priest, then what was at the heart of what people needed to know—and how were they to learn that? To meet that need, Luther the pastor and teacher created two catechisms—the Large (primarily intended for pastors) and the Small (for use in the home).

A catechism is a document that lays out the basic ideas of religion in a simple question-and-answer format. For the Small Catechism, Luther chose to open up some of the basics of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments of Holy Baptism

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and Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys and Confession. It's worth noticing that he based this teaching document on what already existed rather than starting from scratch and inventing a whole new system. Luther was committed to the church catholic.

His genius is shown in the way he opened up these statements of faith. The famous question in each case was, in German, "Was ist das?" In English, most of us know this as "What does this mean?" but a literal translation would be "What is that?" And then



he proceeded to tell, in beautifully simple language, what each commandment, each part of the creed, each petition of the Lord's Prayer, tells us about God and about us as God's children. These explanations set out a God who is not the stern judge of Luther's own childhood, but a loving parent who offers us unconditional grace and only then invites us to live accordingly.

How profound was Luther's achievement in writing the Small Catechism? A mark of it can be seen in the simple fact that nearly five hundred years after its first publication in 1529, and after being translated into hundreds of languages, it is still one of the most effective tools for learning and teaching what the Christian faith is all about.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

| June 1: | Cameron Garrett | | |
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| | Avery Jacobi | | |
| June 2: | Alicia Rock | | |
| | Megan Will | | |
| | Haley Sullivan | | |
| | Rachel Christensen | | |
| 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 Bousselot | | |
| | Lonny Sievers | | |
| June 17: | Brian Bousselot | | |
| | 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 | | |
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| June 26: | Courtney McMahon Barbara Nunn |
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| | Lawson Perrone |
| I 27. | Sherri Bousselot |
| June 27: | |
| 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 |
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| June 18: | Art & Sharon Bousselot |
| June 20: | Adam & Rebecca Wilhelm |
| | Pastor Mary & Bey Robeck |
| June 21: | * ************************************ |
| June 22: | Kim & Kevin Miller |
| June 26: | Josh & Teisha Jacobi |
| June 29: | Gary & Ruth Braet |
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If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office.



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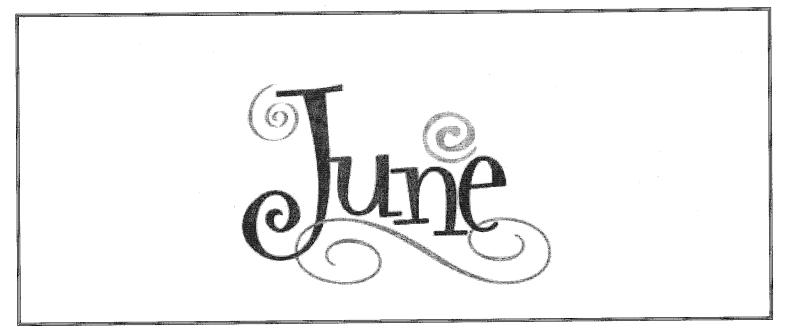
Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

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

> 9:30A.M. Worship Faith Church 505 2nd St. Calamus,la

Sunday School/God Squad/Adult Class Resumes September 10



| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | 9 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
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| | FRIDAY | 2 | 6 | 16 Naomi Circle-10 a.m. Crossroads in DeWitt | 23 | 30 |
| | | ∞ | 15 Jt. Council Meeting at 7:00 at O.S | 22 | 29 | |
| June 2017 | WEDNESDAY | | 7 | 14 Wednesday Worship- O.S 6:30p.m. Worship Committee & Christian Outreach Committee after service. at O.S | Vednesday Worship- F- 6:30p.m. | 28 |
| | TUESDAY | | 6 Coffee and a Little Jesus at 9a.m at Heather Grau. | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| | MONDAY | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| | SUNDAY | | 4 Pentecost 8:00 Worship-OS 9:30 Worship -F | 8:00 Worship-OS 9:30 Worship -F Ed Committee 9 a.m. | 18 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship-OS 9:30 Worship -F | 25 8:00 Worship-OS 9:30 Worship -F |

MINISTERS FOR May 2017

FAITH

<u>Ushers:</u> Diane Sievers

Lonny Sievers

Brittany Hoffmann

Eric Hoffmann

Acolytes:

Braeden Hayes

Acolytes

Altar Ministry:

Terri and David Bousselot

Communion Assistant:

Dirk Braet

Greeter:

June 4: Diane Christensen

June 11: Diane Sievers

June 18: Lonny Sievers

June 25: Andrea Shelton

Lectors:

June 4: Diane Christensen

June 11: Dirk Braet

June 18: Heather Whitman

June 25: Andrea Shelton

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Art Bousselot Mark Olson

Acolytes: Chase Knoche

Courtney Knoche

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

June 4: Joe Morehead

June 11: Dan Burke

June 18: Deb Detlefs

June 25: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

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.