

*Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA*

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*Our Savior's*  
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## Pastor's View

**40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Celebration** – Thank you for hosting my 40 years of Word and Sacrament in the Church. Jane helped me realize that I would not be in a congregation for my 45<sup>th</sup> celebration. I will be retired by then. So we made a choice to have the celebration now. You all are a good congregation to celebrate with. You know how to have fun. At the celebration, look for pictures of me – Much younger. Of the Interns I have had the joy of working with. Look for My letter to Orfordville Lutheran Church, my home congregation, for their 150<sup>th</sup> celebration this year. Look for the people who have touched my life. Look for the Pastor that mentored me into the ministry. Our faith story is always about being touched in three ways; one is how I touch others. Two is about how others have touched me. Three and most important is how God touches us and makes us the church.

**Confirmation Classes for 2017-2018** – It's time to start confirmation again or the first time for some. There will be a meeting for parents and students on September 13 at 7:00pm. Tentatively confirmation will start for the students on September 20 at 6:00 pm. Make plans to be there. Thank You.

### **Do you want your church?** (By Fredrick Schmidt)

When I went to seminary in the seventies, the church was a given. ... That isn't the case any longer. Most congregations, regardless of their size need to be asking themselves questions about the future. But the most important question is, "Do you want your church?"

The answer to that question will probably depend upon what you think "your church" is.

For far too many, the answer is often that it is a place that my needs are met. It's not uncommon for people to say that they have chosen a church because it had a program for their children or that the church had an outstanding music program, that the time of the services fit with their lives, or that they liked the preaching. To put it crassly, some people treat the church as an end-user of a product. ...

But a better way of defining church, apart from the all important definition of it as "the body of Christ," is to ask ourselves, "Where can I be available for the work of Christ in the world?" — because it's not all about us, about our needs, or about the needs of our families. The church is a living extension of the work of Christ and is meant to be a living, breathing embodiment of Christ's love in the world that draws and embraces a broken world.

As an end user, the answer to — "Do you want your church?" — is always conditional and it can be answered by asking the question, "What is it doing for me now?" For the Christians who have sought out a community where they can be the living, breathing embodiment of Christ's love in the world, the answer is always "yes."

That's not a question your minister can answer for you, but the future of your church depends upon it.

## Ministry in the Future

Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson will be at Faith Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. to help us discuss the pastoral leadership options that were outlined in last month's newsletter and again below. It is important for all members of Faith and Our Savior's to attend this meeting and be part of the planning for the future of ordained ministry in this parish.

There is already a shortage of Lutheran pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In the ELCA, there is an expected shortage of 1,000 pastors in the next 2-3 years. In the next 10 years there will be over 2,000 openings for pastors.

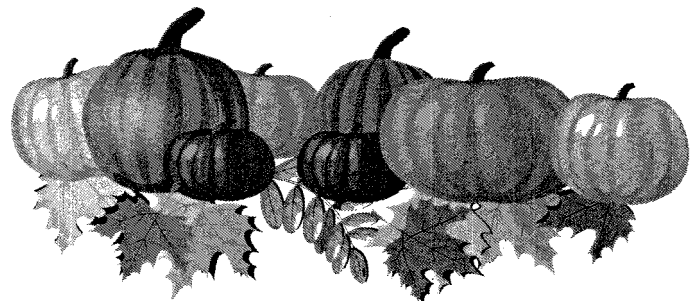
How will this affect the Calamus Lutheran Parish? I have been looking into this concern. When I retire, I want the parish to have or be working on a solution to pastoral leadership. What are some choices right now?

1. Calamus Parish becomes part of a "Geographic Parish." This is where 2-5 congregations come together to share a pastor and another certified person. This Geographic Parish model could include other denominations that are in fellowship with the ELCA.
2. Calamus Parish supports an "M.Div. Collaborative Learning Program" with a person who wants to become a pastor in the ELCA. This person (from our congregation or another congregation) will serve as a "student-pastor" during the four years of academic online studies. The advantages for the "student-pastor" are: reduced student loans, real-time classroom participation, two campus workshops per year, and site congregational leadership. Calamus Parish becomes a teaching congregation; similar to an intern site. Candidates for the Collaborative Learning Program are nominated by their synods and approved by the ELCA.

3. Calamus Parish uses the "Theological Education for Emerging Ministries" (TEEM) style. The TEEM program provides preparation for those who will provide pastoral ministry in emerging ministry contexts including inner city, multicultural, **rural**, and other communities. Candidates for the TEEM program are supported by their community and will complete a two-year program with Wartburg Seminary. Candidates for the TEEM program are nominated by their synods and approved by the ELCA. Normally TEEM candidates are age 40 or older.

The point of repeating this long explanation is that joint council will be considering these choices. When the joint council makes a choice, they will take the next step in reaching the goal of having pastoral leadership for Calamus Parish in the coming years. The council and I will work with the Synod during this process. Please pray about our future. Please pray about our ministry. Please come to this important meeting with your questions.

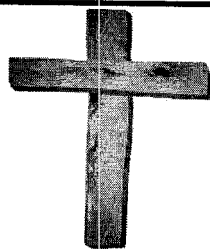
In Christ,  
Pastor Bill



**Mark Your Calendar!  
One Worship Service Only  
Sunday, September 3**



**9:00 a.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church**



**40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration**

September 3 at Faith Church

Come join us for the service at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor William Runaas, Jr.

will be renewing his ordination vows.

Stay for a lunch.

Meat, cake, and beverage will be provided.

Parish members are asked to bring a side dish.

**Sunday School Preview**

Preschool and Kindergarten students

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Our Savior's Church

9:30-10:15

Sunday School  
is Fun!



Come see where your room will be.  
Meet your teachers, sing songs, and play games.

**Fall Worship Schedule  
Beginning September 10**



**8:00 a.m. Worship**

**Faith Church**

**505 Second Street**



**9:25 a.m. Sunday School,  
God Squad & Adult Class**

**Our Savior's Church**



**10:30 a.m. Worship**

**Our Savior's Church**

**2589 – 190th Avenue**



**First Day of  
Sunday School**



**Sunday, September 10, 9:25**

**Our Savior's Church**

*If you are 3 years of age or older by  
September we have a class for you!*



**8:00 Worship – Faith Church**

**10:30 Worship – Our Savior's Church**



## At the July/August Council Meetings

### Joint Council:

- A service to cremate Bibles will be held at the Jacobsen residence and the ashes spread on the prairie on October 29 at 3:30 p.m. Parishioners may bring Bibles to the service or deliver them to each church prior to the date.
- Each congregation will make their own decision about purchasing chairs for funeral services.
- Motion made by Braet to use Gold Plus level of Portico insurance. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried. Medical insurance rates will increase 5%.

### Pastor Report:

- Dr. Craig Nesson will present a program to all parish members on September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith on the following future ministry topics: "Geographic Parish," "MDiv," and "TEEM."
- Pastor will attend a conference September 24-26.

### Worship Committee:

- 3 – 12 people have attended the Wednesday Evening Worship Services this summer.

### Christian Outreach Committee:

The following events are planned.

- September 10 – Blessing of backpacks during worship services.
- September 15 – Movie night at Our Saviors. 6:00 p.m. supper and 7:00 p.m. movie. Rain location will be Mark Olson's shed.
- October 29 – Brunch at Our Saviors after 10:30 a.m. service.
- November 19 – Thanksgiving Meal will be held at Faith. Soup, Meat and Cheese 5:00 p.m. Worship and 6:00 p.m. supper

### Education Committee:

- Bibles for Sunday School youth have been purchased at a cost of \$1,009.28 = \$504.64 per congregation.

### Faith Council:

- The video of church contents was completed by Braet and Steffens. Copies are stored in the church office and the safety deposit box.
- Motion made by Braet to purchase four counter height stools at a total cost of \$320. Steffens seconded. Motion carried. Payment will be made from the undesignated memorial account.
- Approved financial reports with a designated balance of \$37.27 and a working balance of \$34,348.74

### Our Savior's Council:

- Stools for visitation to be kept at the church Deb Detlefs will look into price.
- River Clean Up on August 25 Baked goods will be provided by council.
- Accessibility Chair Lifts  
Members are worried about cost, will bring up at Annual Meeting. Historical society said there is no need to go through them for the chair lifts.
- New refrigerator was purchased and installed. Melissa Jacobsen will dispose of the old one.
- Bids for new door  
Brain and Art Bousselot with get bids.
- Approved financial reports with a balance of \$2,417.14.

### Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

#### June/July 2016

Beginning Balance .....	\$ 4,126.65
Deposits .....	\$ 4,731.17
Disbursements.....	\$(6,770.68)
Ending Balance .....	\$ 2,417.14



## Bless the Backpack!



Students are invited to bring their school backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, September 10.** (They need not bring the contents of their school bag.) Pastor Bill will bless the backpacks during the worship service in both congregations.

## Confirmation Class Meeting

Students and parents of this year's confirmation class will meet with Pastor Bill for orientation on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church. If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please let the office know if you will be coming so there will be enough material. Phone number of the church office is 563-246-2622



The Christian Outreach Committee will be hosting a **Movie Night on Friday, September 15, at Our Savior's.**

Hot dogs, popcorn, and lemonade will be served starting at 6:00 with the movie starting at 7:00.

Bring your lawn chairs and your friends to this outdoor event. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, family festivities.

If it rains, it will be in Mark Olson's Shed.

## Noisy Offering Collected September 17



Noisy Offering is designated for Camp Courageous

A huge **THANK YOU** to anyone who helped in any way with the Calamus Days Basket Raffle. 71 baskets were raffled off for a total of \$ 2,241.03. \$ 441.00 was the offering collected at Calamus Days Worship in the park. The CALCO, Calamus Fire Department, and the Calamus Library will each receive \$894.00.

## News About Our People



Michael Gronewold and Sara Davis  
Married July 18, at Faith Church  
May God bless your marriage!

**Darcy Aune's** surgery has gone well and they are waiting for results. If you would like to send her a card, Darcy's address is 2304 Meadowland NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Please submit items for the October newsletter to the church office by September 18.  
Thanks for your cooperation!

## Fall Bible Study

This fall there will be a Bible study offered to all who want to attend.

It is based on a book by Joyce Meyer called "Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies to Win the Battle of the Mind."

The theme will be to renew your mind and transform your life. We all have tapes running in our heads; sometimes the tapes tell us to do healthy things and sometimes they lead us to do unhealthy things.

Let Pastor Bill know what day and time work best for you.



**WOMEN**  
of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Are you a woman? Are you a member of Faith or Our Savior's? Then you are a woman of the ELCA. There are many ways to live out the mission and purpose of **Women of the ELCA**. Maybe you worship regularly. Maybe you are a prayer warrior. Maybe you serve on the church council or a parish committee. Maybe you teach or attend Sunday School. Maybe you prepare meals for shut-ins. Maybe you contribute to Lutheran World Relief projects or other charities. Maybe you attend circle or a Bible study with neighbors.

**Gather is the magazine of Women of the ELCA.** *Gather* has more than just the Bible study guides for Women of the ELCA. It has stories, articles, and essays that relate to the theme of the month. The magazine also has information about the activities of Women of the ELCA. *Gather* is a publication of faith and action.

**The fall three-session Bible study in *Gather* is on the Apostles' Creed.** The author of the study is Julia Seymour. She is the pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska. Pastor Seymour writes, "For our life of faith together, creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy, and sorrow."

SEPTEMBER - Session 1: I believe in God . . .  
How does the creed stir our holy imagination?

OCTOBER - Session 2: I believe in Jesus Christ . . .  
How does the creed encompass faithful living in imitation of Christ?

NOVEMBER - Session 3: I believe in the Holy Spirit . . . How can we use the creed to perceive and honor the Spirit's work?

**Naomi Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15, at the Garden Café in DeWitt for the lesson in *Gather* followed by lunch. Lois Wessels is the leader.**

**Lydia Circle meets at noon on Wednesday, September 20, at the Garden Café in DeWitt. Following lunch, Pastor Bill will lead the lesson.**

Order *Gather* today by calling 1-844-409-0576. Consider joining in on the study of the Apostles' Creed.

## "Coffee & A Little Jesus"



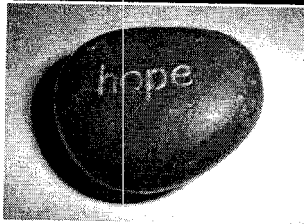
You are invited to the Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus  
September 5 – 9:00 a.m.**



If interested, please email me  
[grau.heather@gmail.com](mailto:grau.heather@gmail.com) or call me 563-424-0507

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



## Hope Cluster's Fall Retreat

Friday and Saturday September 8-9

Camp Wyoming-Owl's Nest

Registration starts at 6 p.m. Friday

Registration form is on bulletin boards.

Provided: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, bedding.

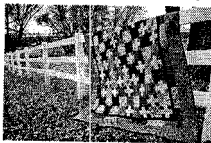
Please bring: snacks to share, flashlight, personal items.

Optional: Gently used white sheets for Global Health Mission.

## Cremation Service for Old Religious Items

Please bring your old Bibles, hymnals, and any other old religious items you wish to have cremated to the Jacobsen residence, 2740 - 160th Avenue, Calamus, IA on Sunday, October 29, at 3:30 p.m. The items will be cremated and the ashes spread on the prairie.

## 30th Annual Fall Festival & Quilt Auction



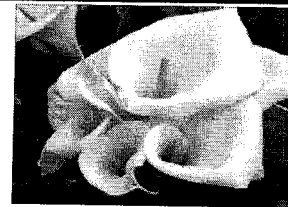
Saturday, September 16, 2017

Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center

Activities begin at 9:00 a.m

Bring a lawn chair

1-563-933-4700



## 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.



## 25th Ordination Anniversary Reverend. Solveig A.H. Zamzow

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton, IA.

You are all invited to join the celebration.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

A light lunch will be provided.

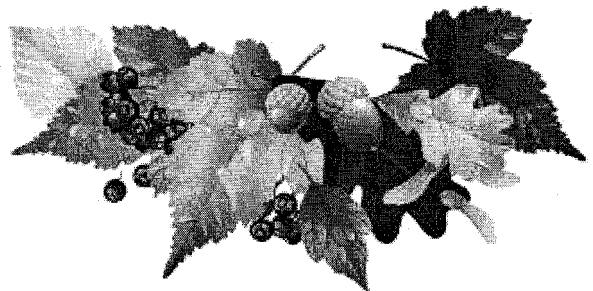
Cards may be sent to the church:

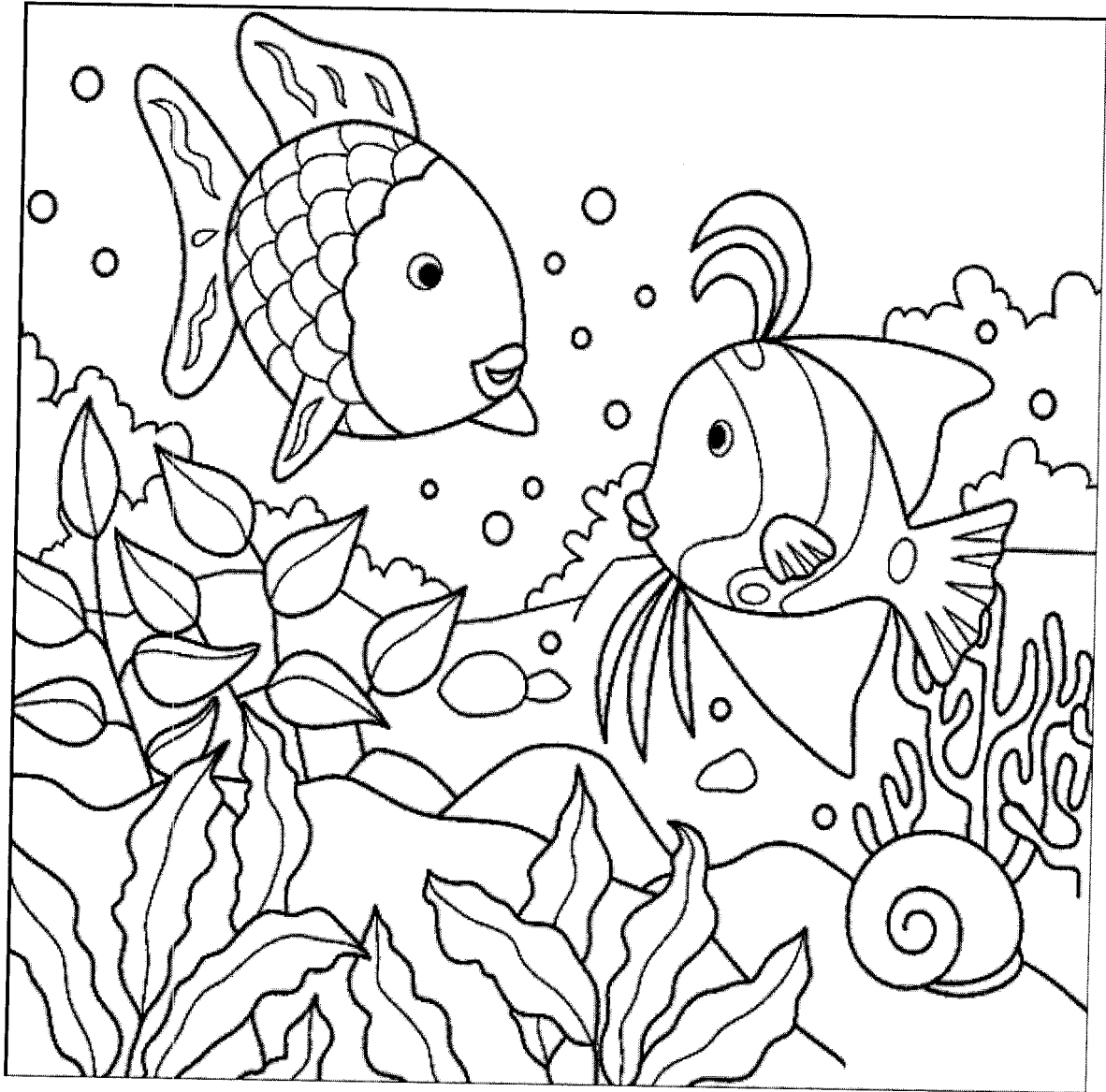
308 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

P.O. Box 282

Grafton, IA 50440

Pastor Zamzow was ordained on September 27, 1992  
at St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, IA  
after a year as supply pastor at Calamus Lutheran Parish.







## Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 1: Kim LaMaster  
Kelli Brown  
Abe Maske

September 2: Evelyn Jacobs

September 3: Daniel Bickle

September 4: Michele Wulf  
Rebecca Wilhelm  
Brooke Hewer

September 5: Robert Rock  
Skylar McMahon  
Nicholas Costello  
Ki Sosa

September 6: Kara Brady

September 8: Dave Olive  
Erik Runaas

September 11: Elsa Sullivan  
Rachel Burke

September 12: Peyton Grau

September 13: Christa Wulf

September 14: Kristopher Meier  
Austin Rickertsen

September 15: Wanda Elias  
Clara Wilhelm  
Mark Olson  
Betty Schau  
Amelia Barnes

September 16: Daniel Wingate III  
Audrey Jacobs

September 18: Maia Glover  
Jeff Olson

September 19: Annette Braet  
Leon Boussetlot  
Ciara Delever

September 20: Mitchel Christensen  
Curtis Dosland  
Zander Berger

September 21: Elizabeth Whitman

September 22: Brian Rickertsen

September 23: Michelle Bronder  
Lois Wessels  
Robert Drake Olson

September 24: Linda Elsner  
Sarah Tulley

September 25: David Hellyer  
Emily Grau  
Alexa Jacobi

September 26: Dennis Malmanger  
Cody Berger  
Geneva Meadows  
Brent Shelton

September 27: Ed Meadows

September 28: Darin Braet



September 13: Pat & Heather Grau

September 14: Ole & Diana Olson

Norman & Jeannene Boussetlot

September 16: Leonard & Nancy Olson

September 17: Jason & Haley Sullivan

September 19: Jeff & Charity Griebel

Keith & Tracy Gasper

September 20: Larry & Sharyl Banowetz

September 26: Matt & Ellen Mueller

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

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



## September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:00 Worship - F Luncheon to Follow	4	5 Coffee & a Little Jesus 9:00 a.m. at Heather Grau's	6	7	8	9 Sunday School Preview at OS 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m
Pastors 40th Ordination Celebration						
10 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	11	12 Committees 7:00 p.m. at F	13	14 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. at F Joint Council 7:00 p.m. at F	15 Naomi Circle 10:00 a.m. Crossroads in DeWitt Movie Night at OS Eat at 6:00 p.m. Movie at 7:00 p.m.	16
17 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	18 Newsletter Items Due	19 Ministry of the Future Rev. Dr. Craig Nessian 7:00 p.m. at F	20 Lydia Circle Noon Crossroads in DeWitt	21	22	22
24 8:00 Worship - F 9:25 SS/GS/AC - OS 10:30 Worship - OS	24	26	27	28	29	30

## MINISTERS FOR September 2017

### FAITH

#### Ushers:

Diane Sievers  
Lonny Sievers  
Brittany Hoffmann  
Eric Hoffmann

### OUR SAVIOR'S

#### Ushers:

Art Bousselot  
Mark Olson

#### Acolytes:

Sarah Tulley

#### Acolytes:

Brendan Olson

#### Altar Ministry:

Brian and Deb Tulley

#### Communion Assistant:

Cindy Burke

#### Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

#### Greeter:

September 3: Diane Sievers  
September 10: Lonny Sievers  
September 17: Andrea Shelton  
September 24: Diane Christensen

#### Lector:

September 3: Jason Bousselot  
September 10: Brian Bousselot  
September 17: Marcia Edens  
September 24: Cindy Burke

#### Cleaners:

Jason and Chad Bousselot

#### Lectors:

September 3: Andrea Shelton  
September 10: Gary Braet  
September 17: Annette Braet  
September 24: Diane Christensen

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.

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**8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship**  
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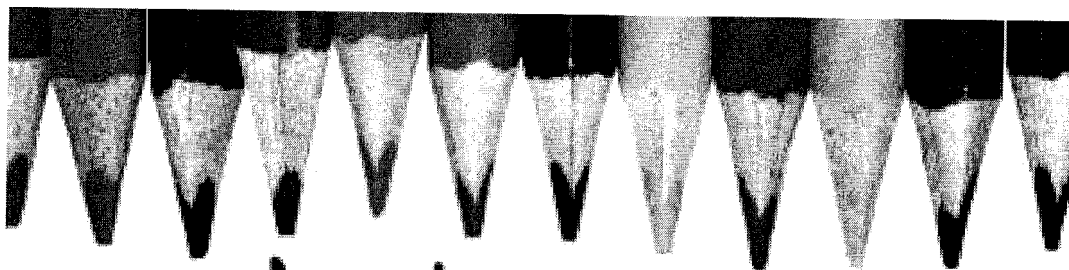


**9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**



**10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
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**Back to SCHOOL?**

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