

Faith and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches ELCA

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Pastor's View

40th Ordination Celebration – One of the things that I've had to do for 40 years is write newsletter articles. I'm not really fond of that and put it off as long as possible. A friend in Nebraska described my writing style as having "an economy of words." Since Jane did not want to say anything at my anniversary party and she is better at writing, she gets to write this part of the newsletter article.

Jane: He got the easy part. Saying thank you is the hard part. Thank you simply does not express what is in our hearts from the outpouring of love and giving that we received on Bill's ordination anniversary celebration. Having almost the whole congregation come up for the laying on of hands was an experience I will never forget. In every way someone from Calamus Lutheran Parishes stepped up to help us pull this event together. In the beginning we asked Mark and Marsha Witte if they thought the congregation would be open to hosting such an event. They said, "Yes." Still we couldn't decide if it was something we wanted to do. It was Naomi Nowland who said, "Do this. 40 years in the ministry is an amazing accomplishment and you need to celebrate it." So we began. Both church councils were amazing in their support of all that needed to be done. Both churches completely showed your love and care for us. You are a loving, caring people of God. Do not lose sight of that. The food was wonderful. I heard the rolls were fantastic. Bill was mad because we gave away so much of the beautiful chocolate cake that you had made for him. Jon didn't want the gluten in the house so he gave the cake away to guests who came up to the house after the event ended at church. It was fun to hear Pastor Hillary say she was the troublemaker. She has no idea what Bill had to do so that she could complete her internship and marry John. Jealaine and Bill went through so much together, so much difficult, sometimes-ugly things and deep, deep grief in our personal life and in the life of that church. We are so grateful that you were willing to welcome these people, friends and family and feed them and hear their stories. Thank you, thank you people of God for all that you did for us to make the 40th Ordination Anniversary celebration and day that we will never forget. Always keep your eyes focused on Jesus and His love for you and for others. As Pastor Jealaine said, "Love God, Love his people." Always do that. Never forget. Thank you.

Jane Runaas. Pastor Bill too.

Pastor's View:

Bible Study – We will start a Bible study based on the book *Power Thoughts* by Joyce Meyer. The first meeting is Monday, October 9th at 7:00 pm at Faith. At this meeting, we will set the calendar for the rest of the study dates. The point of the book is to learn how to overcome negative thinking. Meyer will lead us through 12 strategies that will provide an antidote for every battle within your mind. Everyone is invited. Please bring a friend to share the time with you. If you want the office to order you a book, please contact Rebecca as soon as possible. Or pick the book up at the library or a Christian book store or eBook on line.

First Communion Classes –It is important for all children to attend First Communion classes before beginning to receive communion. Classes will be offered at 6:30 pm at Faith on Tuesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 27th.

Cremation Worship Service – Do you have old Bibles and hymn books that you don't know what to do with? Bring them to church before October 29th. On that date, there will be a cremation of the Bibles at Chuck and Melisa Jacobsen's home. The ashes will then be put on the wildflower prairie ground. The cremation service will start at 3:30 pm. This will be the first worship service of this kind I have ever done. All are invited.

Fall Brunch – All are invited to the fall brunch to be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 11:30 am on Sunday, October 29th. Invite your friends to attend worship and then share in fellowship. Sharing in fellowship builds up the community of faith. See you there.

All Saints Sunday – November 5th is All Saints Sunday. The worship committee will again have the ringing of the bell and lighting of a candle for all members and relatives and special friends who have passed during this past year. Please let the office know the names you would like to have read during the service.

Thanksgiving Worship Service – Thanksgiving worship service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 19th. Worship will start at 5:00 pm. with supper to follow. Mark your calendars. Bring a friend.

Faith and Our Savior's have sponsored Yusuph Mkiramweni in Tanzania since 2002 when he was 7 years old. Yusuph is now a 22-year-old college student graduated from the Compassion program. Below is Yusuph's final letter to the parish.

August 5, 2017

Praise the Lord Jesus. I hope you are doing well spiritually and physically, too. I am doing well together with my family and we thank God so much for you. Myself, I thank God for the great blessing you have been to me since when I got the chance to know you through the Compassion ministry. I have been comforted so much by the great love you have shown to me and my family.

I also take this chance to thank you so much for helping me with different things spiritually and physically. You have been paying my school fees up to where I am right now. I also received different gifts from you very often. You shared with me the good news of God through your letters and nice pictures. I have been comforted through you.

Also, I will never forget the day Marsha came to our place in Tanzania to visit me. You showed a great love to me and to my family. May God bless you so much.

For now I am in higher education, in the first year of psychology studies. Thank you so much for your prayers because through your prayers I have reached where I am now and being the way I am now. I have so much to thank you for, but I can only say, may God bless you so much.

My family thanks you for the great love you have shown to us and they pray for you. May heavenly God bless you so much and be with you in all the days of your life.

(2 Timothy 4:22) Thank you!!! Yusuph

Note: The parish continues sponsorship of 16-year-old Vanessa Madrid of Honduras through Compassion International.

Future Ministry Options for Calamus Lutheran Parish

Notes from the meeting with Rev. Dr. Nesson on September 19:

1. Continue to add points to the parish structure. Take our two-point parish and add more congregations. Has a low expectation pay-off that may have a declining future.
2. Teaching and Learning Options:
 - a. Internship Site – This is what St. John, Bleidorn is doing now. Congregation applies for intern at the synod level and at the seminary. Intern would serve for one year. This is the third year of the seminarian's 4-year program. Would commute from Dubuque. Cost is housing and \$30-40,000 for the year. Challenge is having nearby pastoral supervisor and congregational committee to provide feedback.
 - b. Collaborative Learning Program – This is a 4-year Master of Divinity program. The student would spend all four years at the congregational site. The candidate is a ½ time student at seminary and ½ time pastor in the congregation at about 50 hours per week. Cost is about ½ time pastor salary plus benefits and housing. Challenge is the need for a mentoring pastor and a supervising pastor. The student most likely would not receive a call to the hosting congregation. Challenges would be to find a person who will commit to this call and contact with synod and seminary to work out all the details.
 - c. Theological Education for Emerging Ministry – TEEM is a focused ministry that works with the needs of a special congregation. Small rural congregations fulfill the definition of a TEEM qualified site. Synod helps to find the candidate for a TEEM site. This is a three-year program. The candidate will study ½ time and work ½ time. After study, the candidate is ordained into the ministry of that congregation and remains in the congregation. Student usually comes from the congregation. Age is usually over 40 or retired. Cost is negotiated.
3. Geographical Parish – This is not a multi-point parish. This is a multi-point congregation that would mimic a large congregation. There would be a staff situation supporting many congregations. Those congregations could be churches in full partnership with the ELCA. The goal would be to work under a unified mission, a unified council, and a unified program. The staff would reflect the needs of the geographic parish. There might be pastor(s), deacon(s), church administrator, youth worker, musician, and education director. Challenge would be the amount of change that would be required. Change causes greater risk, but also a chance for greater growth in the ministry of the parish. Challenge is the amount of time needed to form a new parish with everyone willing to change, share, and drive to where the ministry would be taking place. Challenge would be the fact that each congregation would not have worship every Sunday in their building. Challenge would be the amount of trust that is needed to grow this into a dynamic model of a church.

We have a lot to pray about, think about, and work towards a goal that will carry Faith and Our Savior's congregations forward into the coming years.

Thank you for looking at these options.

Pastor Bill





September Council Meetings

Joint Council:

Pastor's report:

- Sept. 19. Rev. Dr. Nissan will be at Faith to discuss future in ministry options.
- Synod is having a meeting to discuss restructuring synod with two goals: leadership at the church level and congregation vitality building.

Worship Committee:

- Discussed Reformation Sunday worship, All Saints Sunday worship, and Christmas worship.

Christian Outreach Committee

- Movie Night September 16
6 p.m. supper 7 p.m. movie.

Faith Council:

N/A

Our Savior's Council:

- Request for burial at Kvindherred Cemetery from non-member whose parents were members.
Jason to look into by laws.
Will bring up at annual meeting.
- Stools for visitation
Deb is looking into.
- Chair-lift- A lady from Maquoketa offered to donate a used chair lift. Due to concerns about condition, repairs, installation, council decided to decline offer.
- Door – Bids on new doors \$ 5,500 plus tax from Doors Inc in Davenport. Megan moved to accept the bid.. Seconded by Melissa Jacobsen,. approved.

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

August 2016

Beginning Balance \$ 2,417.14
Deposits \$3,904.96
Transfer from Memorial Account \$2,000.00
Disbursements \$(7,078.86)
Ending Balance \$ 1,243.24

News About Our People



Marcella Husen
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
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Please submit items for the November 2017
newsletter to the church office by
October 16.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Coffee & A Little Jesus'



You are invited to a Women's/Mom's Bible Study, We will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

Topic: Little known books of the Bible.

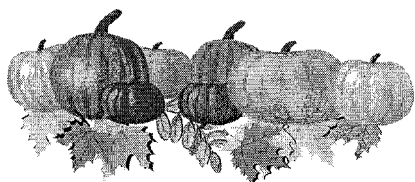
Book of Jude: Salvation and Treats on the Church

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus
October 4 – 9:00 a.m.**



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



Bible Study

All are welcome!

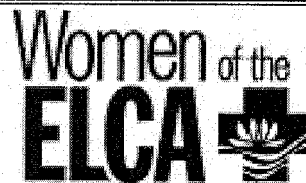


October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

**"Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies to
Win the Battle of the Mind"**

By Joyce Meyer



The Apostles' Creed

Session Two

I believe in Jesus Christ...

How does the creed encompass faithful
living in imitation of Christ?



Lydia Circle

Wednesday, October 18, noon

Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt



Naomi Circle

Friday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.

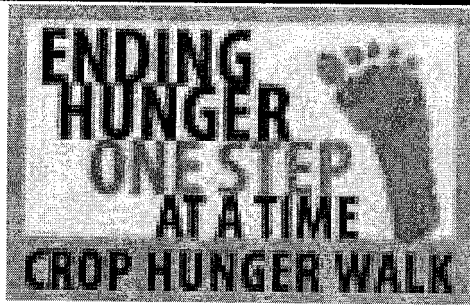
Crossroads Garden Cafe - DeWitt

Confirmation Classes

for all 7th and 8th grade students



**Wednesdays at Faith Church
6:00 p.m.**



CROP Walk

October 1, 2017

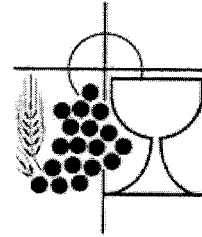
Special collection during worship.

Registration for the walk
is at 12:30 at the
Activity Center in Wheatland
(by the high school)

Walk starts at 1:00



First Communion Classes



First Communion classes will be offered at
Faith on Tuesday October 24 at 6:30 and Thursday
October 27 at 6:30.

People of all ages are welcome. It is
recommended that all children attend class before
receiving communion.

First Communion will be on October 29 as
part of the Reformation Celebration.

Please call the office at 563-246-2622 if you
plan to attend.



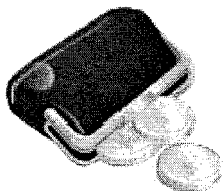
Prayer Chain



Would you like to be a part of
the prayer chain?

Please call the church office at
563-246-2622 to be included.

Noisy Offering to be Collected October 22



The 2017 recipient of the Noisy Offerings
is Camp Courageous, a year-round
respite care and recreational facility for
individuals of all ages with disabilities.



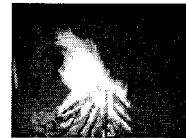
Sunday October 29

8:00 Worship at Faith

9:25 Sunday School at Our Savior's

10:30 Worship at Our Savior's

Cremation of old religious items.

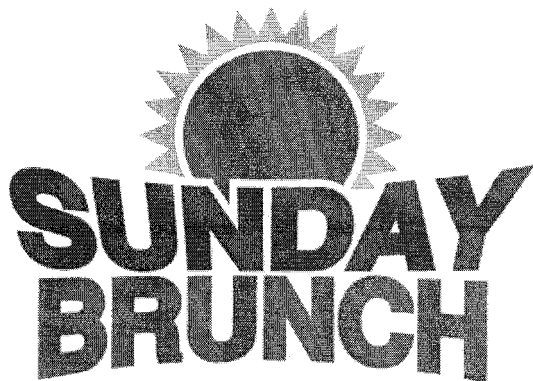
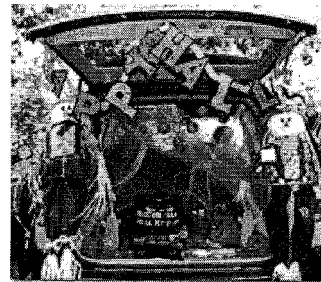


Bring any religious items you would like to have cremated to the Jacobsen's Farm at 2740 160th Ave, Calamus, IA at 3:30 on October 29. They will be cremated and ashes spread on the prairie.

Halloween Supper

Tuesday, October 31 at Faith 5:30

Trick or Trunk



Reformation Sunday

October 29

**Our Savior's Church following the
10:30 Worship**

Come hungry! Leave full!

All Saints Sunday November 5

On Sunday, November 5, the Christian Church celebrates "All Saints Sunday." On this day, we remember with thanksgiving those saints who have gone before us. At our baptism, God made us saints, as well, and wrapped us in the pure, white robes of eternal life.

There will be a sign-up sheet in both churches to add the names of those dear to you who have died this past year. Or you may phone the names in to the church office (246-2622).

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutherans Come to North America

Most of us know that Lutheranism had its start in Germany with Martin Luther. But when and how did it come over to North America? The story begins with the arrival of a pastor with a distinctive name, at least to our ears. On April 17, 1640, Swedish pastor Reorus Torkillus arrived in Fort Christina, near present-day Wilmington, Delaware. The Swedish government was developing a small settlement there and needed someone to attend to the spiritual needs of the Swedish immigrants.

If we wish to see a sustained presence of Lutherans, though, we must wait about a hundred years. Germans had begun arriving in America in the 1680s, with most settling in Pennsylvania and upstate New York but others heading for Louisiana and the southeastern colonies. Many were fleeing poor conditions in Germany, and though they brought their beliefs from home, there was, at first, no provision for Lutheran pastors. But in 1741 Lutherans in Pennsylvania issued a call to a thirty-year-old pastor in Saxony, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1742. Muhlenberg turned out to be an excellent choice. Not only was he untiring in his pastoral work, but he laid the foundations for what would become the Lutheran church in America. He helped more congregations to organize and call pastors. He called into existence the first North American organization of Lutherans, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He helped prepare a standard Lutheran liturgy and create a constitution. He even contributed deeply to a hymnal published in 1786.




Lutherans kept coming from different European lands. Swedes and Norwegians settled largely in the upper Midwest; Danes were more widespread. German immigrants were concentrated in a band across the northern part of the country, but they also established concentrations in places like Missouri and Texas. Slovaks, heirs to Luther's predecessor Jan Hus, also arrived. Often these groups set up their own separate church systems, such as the Augustana Synod, the Norwegian Synod, and the German-based General Synod. Then there were groups that formed in opposition to teachings of the earlier groups, like the Hauge Synod and the Missouri Synod. Mergers have occurred, but so have divisions. Currently the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is by far the largest Lutheran body in the United States, followed by the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and many smaller bodies.

But the story doesn't end with the first immigrations from northern Europe. The nineteenth century brought increased missionary activity to the scene, and in time some of those who had been



taught by these missionaries also came to North America, bringing their own Lutheran customs. So now our mix includes heritages such as Ethiopian, Nigerian, Liberian, Korean, Chinese, Indian, Palestinian, Brazilian, and many more. Where can your congregation trace its roots?

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CROP Walk Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS CROP Walk – 12:30	2	3 Coffee & a Little Jesus 9:00 a.m. at Heather Grau's	4 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	9	10 Committee Night 7:00 p.m. at OS	11 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	12 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. at OS Joint Council 7:00 p.m. at OS	13	14
15 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	16 Newsletter Items Due in Office	17	18 Lydia Circle noon Crossroads in DeWitt Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	19	20 Naomi Circle 9:30 a.m. Crossroads in DeWitt	21
22 Noisy Offering 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	23	24	25 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. at F	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 SS/GS/AC – OS 10:30 Worship – OS Brunch after Worship at OS 3:30 Cremation of Bibles at Jacobsen's	30	31 				

MINISTERS for October 2017

FAITH

Ushers:

David Bousselot
Terri Bousselot
Hannah Perrone
Garrette Perrone

Acolytes:

Colin Grau

Altar Ministry:

Rebecca Hurt and Heather Grau

Communion Assistant:

Andrea Shelton

Greeter:

October 1: Terri Bousselot
October 8: Sharyl Banowetz
October 15: Duane Petersen
October 22: Donna Petersen
October 29: Diane Christensen

Lectors:

October 1: Terri Bousselot
October 8: Sharyl Banowetz
October 15: Kevin Henning
October 22: Marsha Witte
October 29: Shirley Ferguson

OUR SAVIOR'S

Ushers:

Brian Bousselot
Joe Morehead

Acolytes:

Brendan Olson

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

October 1: Dan Burke
October 8: Joe Morehead
October 15: Amy Glover
October 22: Deb Detlefs
October 29: Mark Olson

Cleaners:

Art and Sharon 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1: Ronnie Voss
 Oct 2: Sally Holst
 Brian Tulley
 Oct 4: Brendan Olson
 Oct 5: Violet Jacobs
 Jacob Warnemunde
 Oct 6: Jody Passig
 Oct 7: Kathy Willet
 Lisa Ross
 Theresa Eschbach
 Jane Runaas
 Bennett Shorter
 Oct 8: Hilda Hellyer
 Hope Olson
 Oct 9: Samuel Mueller
 Oct 13: Linnae Wingate
 Oct 14: Nathan Wingate
 Kendra Rock
 Oct 16: Jeannene Bousselot
 Ellen Olson
 Oct 17: Paul Olson
 Chad Bousselot
 Oct 18: Brienna Hayes
 Oct 20: Brittney Crossen
 Aubrey Knight
 Oct 21: Shawn Henning
 Chase Knoche
 Oct 22: Dawn Olson
 Oct 23: Kennedy Maske
 Pastor Rick Miller
 Beth Tulley
 Oct 24: Bill Morehead
 Dawn Dosland
 Oct 25: Brian Johnson
 Oct 26: Alan Lee
 Oct 27: Cindy Marsh
 Oct 28: Doreen Henning
 Wade Petersen
 Oct 29: Joey Henning
 Oct 31: Tracy Gasper



Oct 2: Tait & Jessica Steines
 Oct 4: Leon & Sherri Bousselot
 Neil & Jane Mason
 Oct 5: Jason & Chad Bousselot
 Oct 10: Rod Smith & Robin Costello-Smith
 Oct 15: Amber & Eric Claussen
 Oct 16: Fred & Dorinda Wilhelm
 Oct 17: Jason & Brenda Wilhelm

Oct 18: Blake & Chelsea Elias
 Oct 20: Eric & Brittany Hoffmann
 Dave & Linda Whitman
 Oct 30: Ken & Alice Fitzgerald

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.



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Fall Sunday Worship Schedule



8:00 a.m. Worship

Faith Church

505 – 2nd Street, Calamus



9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



10:30 a.m. Worship

Our Savior's Church

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