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Pastor's View

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:5-6)

For fun, my husband, Chancy, and I like to watch Judge Judy. I can always predict the verdict when someone wants their money back after buying a used car which they are not satisfied with because it has mechanical issues. First of all, the person did not have a mechanic inspect the vehicle before the purchase. Their first mistake. Their second mistake was not realizing that when you buy a used car it is an "as is" sale. They are not going to get their money back.

We are all like that used car. We have our issues, we are far from perfect, and maybe we are not even road worthy. We all walk around with an "as is" sticker on us. The good news is that God loves us despite our faults. God has taken us into God's family just the way we are. God will not try to give us back. God believed in us so much that he gave his only Son to die for our sins and give us the promise of eternal life. This happened because we were hopeless sinners.

If God is so generous with us, why can't we be that generous with others? The love God shows us is the same love God wants us to show to other people. We are not to look at their "as is" stickers and find fault in how they live their lives. We are to see that we all have faults. No one is perfect. Instead of looking for faults, why not look for the things we have in common?

Those people on Judge Judy must have liked something about that used car or they would not have bought it. Maybe it didn't run right and needed some work, but maybe the body was in good shape with no rust or the interior was clean. Maybe the tires were good. Something caused them to hand over their hard-earned money for that car.

Next time you disagree with someone and want to walk away, maybe you can take the time to think about what brought you together in the first place. God has accepted all of us with our "as is" stickers. Maybe it is time we accept others with that same love and caring.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta

August Newsletter

August Worship Services for Calamus Lutheran Parish

Joint Council, Worship Committee, Faith Council, and Our Savior's Council met in June to discuss in-person worship services. The group considered Synod recommendations, the well-being of parish members, and the preparation and implementation of various types of services. Worship services began on July 5th at both churches; however, each congregation determined its own way of doing so. Faith Council and Faith's Worship Committee members met again on Thursday, July 23, to evaluate worship. It was decided to continue to worship outside at Faith for the month of August, weather permitting. The same practices remain in place for August.

Faith Church 8:00AM August 2, 9 16, 23,30

Pastor Roberta will use the Order of Service posted on the parish website. No hymnals or bulletins will be used. This allows limited use of materials and less contact between people and materials.

- Outdoor worship will be held in the church parking lot or a shaded area.
- Bring a lawn chair or sit in your vehicle.
- Communion will be offered. Individual sealed wafer/juice cups will be used.
- Face masks are encouraged, but not required.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- Please attend if you feel well and accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.
- The outdoor service is automatically cancelled if the weather does not permit outside seating.

Our Savior's Church 9:30AM August 2, 9 16, 23,30

Pastor Roberta will use the Order of Service provided in a bulletin. Lectors will continue to lector on their designated week.

- Service will be held indoors.
- Seating will be designated by an usher and will be from front to back.
- Bulletins will be pre-arranged in the designated pews. No Hymnals or Bibles will be available.
- Coats should be kept in the pew you are sitting in.
- Families will be seated together if they arrive at the same time.
- Communion will be blessed during the service and completed outside at the conclusion of the service.
- Face masks are encouraged, but not required.
- A donation plate will be present, but not passed.
- Only the West and Southwest entrances will be open. Movement is restricted to entering and leaving church; do not enter the kitchen, Sunday school rooms, etc.
- The bathrooms are available for use in case of emergency; please flip sign to indicate that the bathroom has been used so it may be sanitized.
- Please attend if you feel well and accept responsibility for your own health and well-being.

If you are still uncomfortable attending worship in person, you can listen to Pastor Roberta's sermons by going to the Calamus Lutheran Parish website <http://clparish.org> and locating the date. A Sunday "bulletin" with an order of worship will be emailed each Friday. You may also request a printed copy of the sermon. Please call the church office at 246-2622 with any questions.

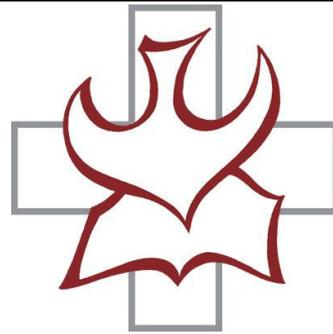
Faith Church will remain open Monday through Friday from 10:00-2:30 for anyone wishing to pray in the sanctuary. The front pews are reserved, cleaned daily, and cleaned after each visitor.

Are you in need of a face mask to protect yourself when you leave your home? Please contact Rebecca at 246-2622 or clparish@fbcom.net to order a cloth mask.

You may collect your mask at Faith during office hours (Monday-Friday; 10:00-2:30). Reusable, washable cloth face masks are on the table outside the secretary's office. In order to maintain sanitary conditions, the masks may not be tried on before making your selection.

Check the Calamus Lutheran Parish website <http://clparish.org> and Facebook page for current information as state guidelines for safety concerning the coronavirus continue to change. Group emails will be sent when there is news for all parish members.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will be held on Wednesday, August 5, online at 4:00 pm, and Friday, August 7, online at 9:30 am. A new bishop is to be elected at the assembly. Faith's delegates are Terri Bousset and Mark Witte. Our Savior's delegates are Brian Bousset and Mary Timmerman.



Condolences to the family of Oscar Shelton who passed away July 17. Pastor Roberta led a funeral service at Schultz Funeral Home in Grand Mound and Oscar was laid to rest in Kvindherred Cemetery on July 21.

**Noisy Offering will be collected
Sunday, August 16.**

The noisy offering bucket for loose change will be next to the offering plate.



Recipient for 2020 is Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. Flooding

The **SE IA Synodical Women's Gathering** scheduled for June has been changed to October 16 and 17 at The Hotel at the Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids. Please continue to save cancelled stamps. They will be collected at that event. The stamps are given to a company that sells them to collectors and generously donates money to Lutheran World Relief.

TO: Parents of Sunday School Children

COVID-19 continues to alter the way we live our lives. The Education Committee is trying to plan for Sunday School this fall. The first day of Sunday School is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, at Faith. Through prayer and thoughtful discussion, it has been decided that each child and teacher will be required to wear a face mask for protection. There are still many questions!

The committee wonders if parents will feel comfortable sending their children to church for classes. Please send an email to the church clparish@fbcom.net with names and ages of your children and ***YES they will be coming*** or ***NO they will not attend***. The answers will indicate how many children to expect on Sunday mornings and help the Education Committee continue with plans.

There will be online options available each week. If you are not comfortable sending your children to church, or church is cancelled, this option will be available.

Thank you for your prompt attention! You are welcome to contact any member of the committee with suggestions, questions, or concerns.

FROM: The Education Committee

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| Cindy Burke | 563-468-8149 |
| Eric Hoffmann | 563-343-1466 |
| Rebecca Hurt | 563-221-2134 |
| Melisa Jacobsen | 563-349-0811 |
| Ashley Steffens | 563-212-2540 |

Thank you for your continued financial support of the congregations. You may put your envelope in the offering plate at worship services, in the plate on the table outside the secretary's office, mail your offering to the church, or mail it to the Financial Secretary of each church.

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September newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, August 17.

To contact Pastor Roberta, please use her cell phone number: **406-478-9518**

MINISTERS for August 2020

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Daryl Henning
Doreen Henning
Blaine Henning
Kayla Henning

Lectors:

Aug 2: Ruth Braet
Aug 9: Brian Tulley
Aug 16: Marsha Witte
Aug 23: Andrea Shelton
Aug 30: Mark Witte

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

Aug 2: Dan Burke
Aug 9: Cindy Burke
Aug 16: Brian Boussetot
Aug 23: Neil Holmquist
Aug 30: Marcia Edens

Cleaners:

Marcia Edens
Mark Olson

August 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>Faith worship is outdoors if weather permits. Our Savior's worship is in the sanctuary.</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS | 3 | 4 | 5 SE IA Synod Assembly 4:00 pm online | 6 | 7 SE IA Synod Assembly 9:30 am online | 8 |
| 9 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS | 10 | 11 Christian Outreach and Education Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at OS | 12 | 13 Worship Committee 6:00 pm at OS Joint Council 7:00 pm at OS | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Noisy Offering for U.S. Flood Relief 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 8:00 Worship – F 9:30 Worship – OS | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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