

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR'S MAILPOUCH **LENT 2016 "Letters to Learn from"**



The Bible is never out of date. In spite of people who seek to minimize it, dismiss it, or call it nonsense and fairy-tales, God's Word is divinely inspired and perfectly truthful; and it will endure forever. For those who trust in the one true God, His Word is *"a lamp to our feet and a light to our path."*

In this ever changing and increasingly complicated world, as we draw near to the end, the Book of Revelation is meant to assure the child of God that the LORD is well aware of everything that occurs ... past, present, and future. He knows what His children are up against as they strive to live faithfully in a God-denying culture. And so, to encourage His children to *"be faithful unto death, so that they might receive the crown of life,"* the Holy Spirit inspired John to write seven short letters or messages to seven congregations in his day which were located in the province of Asia. The things that are shared apply to all churches in all ages.

As we hear them today and put them into practice, heeding the warnings and receiving the encouragement which those words convey, we will be blessed and strengthened for our continued faith journey toward eternity. So come and join your fellow brothers and sisters as John [in character portrayal form] shares the relevance of the messages to those churches for us to hear and heed today.

Feb. 10, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Ephesus Revelation 2:1-7

Feb. 17, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Smyrna Revelation 2:8-11

Feb. 24, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17

Mar. 2, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Thyatira Revelation 2:18-28

Mar. 9, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Sardis Revelation 3:1-6

Mar. 16, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13

Mar. 24, 2016 - The Letter to the Church in Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
Revelation 3:22

Pastor Myke Main

February 2016

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This Month:

- Lenten Services and Soup Suppers Begin on February 10. Supper is at 5:15 PM, services begin at 6:30 PM
- The Father/Daughter Ball is on February 6 & 13.
- The Husband/Wife Valentine Ball is on Feb. 12.

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Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am
Worship—9:30am
Sunday School—11:00am
Adult Bible Study—11:05 am

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

Mary Circle 1st Thur. 9:30 AM
Esther Circle 1st Thur. 6:30 PM
Hannah Circle 2nd Sat. 1:00 PM
Dorcas Circle 2nd Mon. 1:30 PM
Quilters 3rd Mon. 9:00 AM
Women's Bible Study
3rd Thursday 10 AM
Lutherans for Life
2nd Sunday 6:30PM
Council Meeting-
2nd Thursday of the month

**Deadline for submitting news for
the March Messenger is Wed.,
Feb. 24.**

Change of Address Reminder...

If you have moved, are
planning on moving, or are
switching addresses for the
season, please call the church
office to notify us of the
change. It takes only a minute
and saves us both time and
money.
Thank you!

February 7

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood
Greeters: Norma Johnson

February 10 Lenten Service

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar

February 14

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Keith & Trudy Youngren
Greeters: Grace Wells

February 17 Lenten Service

Ushers: Keith & Trudy Youngren

February 21

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; John Holt; Paul Holt
Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

February 24 Lenten Service

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

February 28

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska
Greeters: Jan Main

March 2 Lenten Service

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska

March 6

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood
Greeters: Norma Johnson

*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to
those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10*

Trustees:

Feb. 7: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
Feb. 10: Sandy Carlson & Stacy Homstad
Feb. 14: Sandy Carlson & Stacy Homstad
Feb. 21: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell
Feb. 24: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson
Feb. 28: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson
Mar. 2: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
Mar. 6: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar

Acolytes:

Feb. 7: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek
Feb. 14: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson
Feb. 21: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek
Feb. 28: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson

Coffee Servers:

Feb. 7: Hannah Circle
Feb. 14: Council Group 2
Feb. 21: ROC
Feb. 28: Esther Circle
Mar. 6: Mary Circle

*We are in need of additional Sunday Morning Greeters and Ushers.
If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Kim Matuseski at 727-2097.*

Please Pray for...

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

The Leadership of the Church:

Pastor Main
President—Jim Carlson
Vice President—Mike Pickar
Treasurer-Laurie Wiita
Deacons
Trustees
Rev. Curtis Leins,
presiding pastor, AALC
Rev. Richard Shileds,
ALTS President

Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Open Arms Day Care

Our Mission of the Month:

AALC

Pray for Our Church Outreaches

Father/Daughter Ball
Husband/Wife ball

Pray for Each Other

Pray for our Country

Pray for our Troops—remember

those from our church:

Tyler Johnson
Derek Miletich

Persecuted Christians throughout the world

Those with Health needs:

Roy Hammerstadt
Chelsea Holt**
Joan Hansen**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Aletha Bartels*
Vi Boder
Brian MacDonald
Katie Lund**
Elna Linder**
Mark Malander
Marvin Lofald***
John Schneeberger
Dale Lund
Eli Miletich
Barbara Johnson
Olivia Schadel*
Shirley Erickson
Lee Koivisto (Spring's son)
Russ Schramm
Wayne Sundstrom
Richard Seseman
Dick Kern
Mayme Olson
Priscilla Olson*
Carol Schneeberger*

*in the hospital or recently
released or anticipating surgery

**receiving therapy or ongoing
medical care

***in hospice care

If there are any people who have been accidently overlooked,
please contact the church office or Pastor Main.

Don't Forget!

The first Sunday of each month is **FOOD SHELF SUNDAY!**

Please bring an item or two to help those in need.

Cash donations are also appreciated. We are alternating donations between
Genesis House and Union Gospel Mission.

Happy
Birthday

Quitdee Carson
February 1

Al Decker
February 4

Mike Wendling
February 16

Kristine Holt
February 22

Judy Stocke
February 24

Darlene Saaf
February 25

John Kubiak
February 28

*All the days ordained for me
were written in your book before
one of them came to be.*

*How precious to me are your
thoughts, O God! How vast is
the sum of them!
Psalm 139:16,17*



Attention all circles: The youth are available and ready to help with setting tables and clean up during soup suppers. Please let Chris know if you would like the help. Best part is it is FREE!

Christian music skate night is the first Monday of every month. The youth will go again Feb. 1st from 5-8. Come and bring a friend or two! Please let Chris know if you are going.

Parents meeting after church on Feb 7th. Please plan on attending. Bring your ideas for events and programs

Chris Stumpf
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And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:7

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)

This month we are focusing on how we can help each other. The children will be learning how they can help at home and in our community. We will be doing random acts of kindness and sharing lots of love. We are learning about how when we bring joy to others we are filled with joy also. We will be sending out little love notes to shut-ins and anyone who might need an extra smile. If you know someone who could use a hug in the mail please let me know. We will also be learning about Lent this month. We will also be having a Valentine party and a special night out for the parents.

We are blessed to have a wonderful new helper named Hannah joining us this month. Hannah is studying child psychology at UMD. She enjoys crocheting, scrapbooking, playing hockey and soccer. We are so thankful to have her here.

Here are some of the cute things the kids have been saying...

Deyton was at home with his dad when he got the stomach bug. He was really wanting his mom and when she got home he told her he had been praying so hard for her to come home. Evelyn wrote a letter for Jesus. She drew Him a picture of her favorite thing, a kitty. She said she loves all animals because God made them. Teagan made a picture of herself with Jesus. She wants to give it to Him when she goes to Heaven when she is old. Little Hannah loves Daniel Tiger and we had misplaced our DVD. She prayed two times "Please, Jesus help us find the Daniel Tiger DVD" and He did!

Our songs this month are *Boomerang* by Mary Rice Hopkins and *Tell the World* by Michael Card. We love to sing and dance. If you have spare time and would like to share your musical talents with us we would love it!

If you have extra DVDs or CDs for children you no longer use, we would really like it if you wanted to share them with us.

Thank you all for your prayers and generosity it is very much appreciated.

Mary Jo



THANK YOU

Dear Members of Christ,
Thank you for your gift to help reach those at the end of the earth (as in Isaiah 49:6) with God's Word through their own language. Through such partnership we give the legacy of the Word to their future generations, too.

Mike Rodewald
Executive Director Lutheran Bible Translators



Thanks so much for the plant and cookies.
Christmas came too fast and went too fast
Happy New Year
Russell and Elsie Holm



Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and delicious cookies! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Norma Johnson and Pastor Main. Their visits are always very special to me.

Yours in Christ,
Evelyn Melander



To the people of Christ Lutheran Church,
I wish to give a big thank you for the beautiful plant and cookies. Each day this plant blooms I will be reminded of the kindness and blessings which come from the hearts of wonderful folks. May the good Lord smile on you for your wishes throughout the new year and God bless you.

Orien Olson



The Father/Daughter Ball will be held on Feb. 6 & 13.

We are looking for volunteers to help in many different areas. Please contact Deb DeRocher, Kristine Holt, Carolyn Lofald, or Laurie Wiita if you would be able to help.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Esther Circle hat and mitten clothesline project for Piedmont School a success again this past year!

We collected a total of 54 items. The items donated were so nice and a big thanks to those of you that handmade items.

We are so blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.



The Esther Circle Ladies



The Husband/Wife Valentine Ball will be on February 12 from 6:30-11:00 pm in the Harbor Side Ballroom of the DECC.

Tickets are \$85.00 per couple.

Dinner selections are:

Walleye, Roast Sirloin, or Cheese Tortellini.

Please call the church office at 722-7537 to make your reservations.



SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of inclement weather that might effect an event, we will try to make a decision by 7 a.m. on the morning of, or at least two hours before the event.

Always check the following for weather related decisions:

•**PHONE:** Call the church office: 722-7537; a message will be posted

•**WEBPAGE:** Look on our website home page at www.clcduluth.org

•**RADIO:** Listen to KDAL-AM 610; WDSM-AM 710; or NU-92-FM for announcements

•**TELEVISION:** Listen to KBJR and WDIO

•**if you** desire a phone call, please contact the office. We will make every effort to maintain the usual Sunday worship service.

Church staff and congregational members must use their own judgment in determining if traveling to church is reasonably possible. Please use your discretion to decide if it is safe for you to leave your home and travel to church.

February Mission of the Month:

American Association of Lutheran Churches

Is the Lutheran Church relevant in the 21st Century?

The AALC believes that God *is* relevant to our world today and His Word never changes as 1 Peter 1:25 says: "the Word of the Lord stands forever." The AALC believes that Jesus is the only way of salvation, as Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

It is the goal of the AALC to confess Christ in this unstable world. With this goal in mind, the AALC formed to encourage and equip churches to carry out mission and ministry in their location, to help churches and pastors communicate the changeless Gospel to an ever-changing culture, and to train Lutheran Pastors (strengthen pastors to strengthen congregations).

The AALC is distinctively Lutheran in its core beliefs. Every church and pastor that voluntarily joins the AALC confesses that they believe the words of Scripture to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice and affirms without reservation the doctrines explained in the *Book of Concord*.

Today the AALC continues with great pleasure in the conservative ALC tradition to offer a viable alternative to Lutheran congregations across America who find themselves unable to feel comfortable in either of the larger Lutheran church bodies.

The AALC is our supporting organization and we need to help spread the Good Word by our continuing financial support. Please consider making a donation to the AALC throughout the month of February. You may make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your continued support in our mission "To know Christ and to make Him known."

**Thriving in the Family of God
A FREE Fellowship Feast,
followed by a Study in God's Word on
"Prayer"**

Hosted by Pastor Myke and Jan

Please join us as we enjoy time around the table to eat and talk, as we experience fellowship with each other and with the Lord.

Place: Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Time: 12:00 Noon

Menu: Papa Murphy's Pizza, Salad, Dessert



We will have a 45 minute study following the meal to learn about Prayer and its intended use and significance in the lives of God's people today.

You will not be "put on the spot."
All of us will be encouraged to grow in this life-long discipline.

**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED
by Sunday, February 14th**

See you there!!

Thrivent Financial Services provides funds for this event.

All Adults are invited!

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2016 Annual Budget: \$245,733; Weekly \$4,726

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
1/24 /2016	\$ 2,459	0	0	2,459	4,726	(2,267)
YTD	\$ 9,018	450	2,468	11,936	18,904	(6,968)

Full Financial reports are posted in the narthex after each council meeting.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7