

*Our Mission:*

*“To know Christ and to make Him known”*

# Christ's Messenger



## FROM THE PASTOR'S MAILPOUCH

### **"Tradition - A Bane and a Blessing"**



A **tradition** is a belief or behavior that is passed down within a family, group or society which carries with it special significance, with its origins being in the past. Some common examples include our Christian holy days and the menu that we have at our Thanksgiving Day meal. Much of what we do in the Christian Church has its roots in the past. Hymns, liturgies, teachings ... all of these are part of a rich and infinitely valuable train of Biblical truth & church practice which moves the kingdom of God forward from the past to the present to the future.

Definitions: **Bane** - something that ruins a person's life

**Blessing** - something which improves the quality of a person's life

The blessing of **tradition** is found in the transmission of spiritual truth which connects the participants in a vibrant trusting relationship with the one true God (Father- Son-Holy Spirit). In such an experience, the beliefs and behaviors are not empty activities; but by the work of God, those traditions are used to draw people from the mundane and meaningless existence of life to a truly purposeful life in ongoing and intimate fellowship with God.

The bane of **tradition** is found in the transmission of belief and behavior which fail to draw a person into a deeper and more intimate relationship with God. Instead, the tradition itself become a god that is elevated and served, rather than the God to whom it is meant to point.

Within the local Christian congregation, there is always a tension that exists among the members when **tradition** is the issue. On the one hand, for those who are uncomfortable with change 'in general', or who have a strong sentimental attachment to the familiar traditions of the past, or who sincerely believe that nothing can replace or improve the present traditional practices ..... it is clear to them that tradition is a blessing and not at all a bane.

On the other hand, for those who have no vested emotional interest in the present traditional practices, but find a dis-connect between the church's tradition and the practical understanding and application of everyday life as a believer, ..... it is clear to them that tradition is a bane and not at all a blessing.

It is the responsibility of the divinely appointed spiritual leader (pastor) of the congregation to prayerfully navigate the ship of the church through the turbulent waters .... recognizing that tradition is both a bane and a blessing. Which old hymns are to be retained is matched with which new spiritual songs are to be introduced and used for worship. Which liturgies must continue, and what liturgical practices ought to be used to speak more clearly to a new generation without losing the sound Biblical content of the older liturgies?

This is the tight-rope walk which the present pastor has been striving to achieve since he came over 16 years ago. Changes have taken place over that period of time. They will continue to take place. However, it is important to know these three things:

1. Over the centuries within the Christian Church, although tradition has served to retain the truth of God's Word and to propel the Church forward in the right direction, traditions have changed.
2. Within the Christian Church today, all of those congregations which have a rich liturgical and musical heritage wrestle with the place of tradition and new forms and expressions of Christian worship.
3. Just as authentic as the Holy Spirit inspired hymns and liturgies of the past are the refreshing spiritual expressions of worship which the Holy Spirit in His creative power inspires in His people in this era of the Church.

What then is **the proper and God-pleasing attitude** that the LORD would have us hold as we continue to wrestle with the place of traditional expressions of worship and creatively new expressions of worship? **We must keep our hearts and minds on God Himself**, identifying both traditional and newly created expressions of worship as having originated from God; thus, moving you and me to give thanks to Him for both.

**Pastor Myke Main**

## March 2016

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### This Month:

- March 2, 9, 16 - Lenten Soup Suppers & Services  
Supper is at 5:15 PM  
Services at 6:30 PM
- Rite of Confirmation:  
Sunday, March 20
- March 24 at 5:15 PM  
Maundy Thursday Meatball Supper
- March 25 at 6:30 PM  
Good Friday Service
- March 27 - Easter Sunday

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## March 2016 Serving Schedule

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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 April Messenger is Monday,  
Mar. 28.**

#### 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!

### March 2 Lenten Service

**Ushers:** Jim & Gayle Maruska

### March 6

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

### March 9 Lenten Service

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar

### March 13

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

### March 16 Lenten Service

**Ushers:** Keith & Trudy Youngren

### March 20

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

### March 24 Maundy Thursday

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald

### March 27

**Ushers:** Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood  
**Greeters:** Jan Main

### April 3

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Keith & Trudy Youngren  
**Greeters:** Norma Johnson

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*Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.  
Psalm 37:3,4*

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### Trustees:

**Mar. 2:** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar  
**Mar. 6:** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar  
**Mar. 9:** Sandy Carlson & Stacy Homstad  
**Mar. 13:** Sandy Carlson & Stacy Homstad  
**Mar. 16:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell  
**Mar. 20:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell  
**Mar. 24:** Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson  
**Mar. 27:** Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

### Acolytes:

**Mar. 6:** Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek  
**Mar. 13:** Jessica Stumpf & Zachary Carson  
**Mar. 20:** Confirmation Sunday: No Acolytes  
**Mar. 27:** Jessica Stumpf & Zachary Carson

### Coffee Servers:

**Mar. 6:** Mary Circle  
**Mar. 13:** Dorcas Circle  
**Mar. 20:** Council Group 1  
**Mar. 27:** ROC  
**Apr. 3:** 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:

East European Missions Network

### Pray for Our Church Outreaches

### 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\*\*  
Larry Kubiak\*\*  
Jean Sundstrom\*\*  
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo\*\*\*  
Aletha Bartels\*  
Vi Boder  
Brian MacDonald  
Katie Lund\*\*  
Elna Linder\*\*  
Mark Malander  
Marvin Lofald\*\*\*  
Dale Lund  
Eli Miletich  
Barbara Johnson  
Olivia Schadel\*  
Shirley Erickson  
Lee Koivisto (Spring's son)  
Russ Schramm  
Wayne Sundstrom  
Dick Kern  
Mayme Olson  
Carl Swanson  
Jerry Wiita  
Julie Guddeck  
Ruth Dahl  
Carrie Bruns  
Bob Carson

\*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

**Wayne Sundstrom  
March 8**

**Laviere Johnson  
March 26**

**Dale Nielson  
March 29**

**Gloria Nielson  
March 30**

**Callie Showalter  
March 30**

**Florence Kubiak  
March 30**

*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!*

*Psalms 139:16,17*



The youth are selling colored Easter eggs again this year. They are \$2.00 per 1/2 dozen and will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday. If you are a shut in and would like them delivered, please call Chris at 218-310-2747 and we can set something up.

There will be no Easter breakfast this year. We will have coffee and sweets after the service.

There are many plans in the works. Please watch for emails as we continue the planning process.

Chris Stumpf  
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*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*  
1 Timothy 4:12

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On my way to work this morning the gigantic moon was in front of me and the sun was just beginning to rise behind me. I am so excited that I was able to enjoy both of these beautiful gifts God has provided for us all.

Genesis 1:14 says: *Let there be light in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night and let them be for signs and seasons, days and years.*

Oh, the promise of spring time! The children have been very excited watching the sky change colors as the sunsets. Most days they stand at the window and say, “now the sky is orange and red and yellow”. One day the girls were very happy because God had painted the sky pink and lavender. I hope you all have days where you can catch glimpses of God's incredible gifts.

We are all so excited about Easter. We are doing lots of fun activities. We are learning about how Jesus died on the cross for us all so that we can live with him in heaven forever and ever. We are also making Easter prayer boxes and we will be having an egg hunt.

Special thanks to Marilyn and Glen for the Barbie cars and doll clothes, the kids are really enjoying them. You are so nice to think of us. Thank you to Stacy for the great car puzzle mat. It is so much fun. Thank you for all the great things you have given to us, Stacy. You are so thoughtful and generous. Thank you Gwen for our special story time each week and for the new book and yummy treats. You brighten our days with your love and kindness.

We are so excited that we have a new friend named Paisley who will be joining us in a few months. We love meeting new friends. If you know of someone who would like to have their child join us this summer for fun faith filled days, just give us a call about our summer openings.

Mark 10:16: *And He took the children in His arms placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

Blessings to all of you for an amazing Easter!

He is Risen!

Mary Jo





### Magandang araw!

That is good day in Filipino. Joshua and I would like to thank you for your support of our recent outreach mission in the Philippines. We brought over a big suitcase full of bibles, toys, school supplies, and more to give to different organizations. I spoke with the Bible study leader at one of the places call *Our Bacud Charities* and he was so excited to have Bibles for the older children. Everything was so appreciated. The *Bacud* teaches and grows organic veggies and herbs that are given out free to the community. They also have weekly Bible study for ages 6-12, weekly feeding program and parlor games for over 265 children ages 1-12, medical missions, and more. We provided them with many supplies and also sponsored the weekly feeding program at one of the smaller sites for the month of February. They are expanding into AJ's home area of San Mateo and are looking for sponsors to feed 60 children and provide games, supplies, and Bible study. Our next trip will focus on building up this site as it is near where we stay. Please feel free to talk to me about any questions you have. I feel very blessed for all the support you have given us. God's continued blessings to you!

Serving the Lord with a joyful heart,  
Chris Stumpf



### Hannah Circle News:

We are no longer collecting shiny paper.  
Thank you for all your support in this project.



Thank you very much for the donation of hats, mittens, and scarves. We here at Piedmont will put them to very good use. It never fails the kids lose their mittens and hats on a regular basis.

Thank you very much,  
Jodi Keller  
Secretary at Piedmont Elementary School



The church received this card recently:  
Wishing you a Valentine's Day to remember.  
We are a small congregation in Piqua, Ohio and want to let you know we care about our AALC brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Our Congregation is praying for your congregation during the month of February. Love in Christ,  
Members of Our Savior Lutheran



Dear Pastor Myke & friends of Christ Lutheran,  
May God, whose love is everywhere,  
bless you every day  
For bieng what you always are—  
so nice in every way!

Thank you so much for the visits and prayers. The Christmas cookies were delicious and the plant was an added cheerful addition to our sunroom. We feel so blessed for so many friends.

Love,  
Jean & Wayne Sundstrom



I am looking for a black & white jacket. There is one that has been unclaimed at church for several weeks. Could anyone have taken the wrong jacket by mistake? If found, please call Jan Main at 218-213-8627 or the church office. Thank you.

Jan

## March Mission of the Month:

East European Missions Network

Eastern European Missions Network began in 1992 in the wake of the fall of communism. It is an evangelical, inter-Lutheran mission organization which seeks to encourage American churches to minister alongside the brothers and sisters in East European churches. Seeking to rebuild and equip the body of Christ in Eastern Europe and Russia.

EEMN's highest priority is to help train a new generation of Christ-centered, Bible-based leaders committed to fulfilling the Great Commission and the rebuilding of the church.

EEMN works in close relationship with indigenous believers in Belarus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Turkey. Bible Schools, seminaries, lay training, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and prayers are the tools for developing this long-term rebuilding.

As a sending agency EEMN has placed career missionaries in Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, and Hungary. From the historic fall of communism to the steady progress being made, the work of God in these nations is best described by the prophet Habakkuk, "Look among the nations and see, wonder and be astounded for I am doing a work in your day that you would not believe if told" (Habakkuk 1:5). Out of the hard and rocky soil of atheistic communism, God has prepared a field ripe for harvest.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen mission. 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."



### PACT Televised Services:

Duluth: Charter Ch. 180  
Saturdays @ 9am & 9pm; Sundays @ 7am

Hermantown: HTV Ch. 7  
Sundays @ 11am & Thursdays @ 7pm



Our website has been updated!

The address is the same:

[clcduluth.org](http://clcduluth.org)

Our goal is to keep the site fresh and user friendly. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the office.

### 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](http://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.

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

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
2/21 /2016	\$ 2,080	0	2,662	4,742	4,726	16
YTD	\$ 17,053	1,250	7,389	25,692	37,808	(12,116)

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*

Christ Lutheran Church Members,

This month and moving forward you will find an updated listed of maintenance projects that need our attention. We are all members of the body of Christ and His church, and as members of this body each of us has a responsibility to help maintain this house of worship as we are able and called to do. As I announced a couple of Sundays ago this form has three purposes:

- 1) To inform you of what needs to be fixed.
- 2) To seek help with the maintenance of the church and the grounds.
- 3) For you to help me know what needs to be fixed.

In my role as your Vice President I am in charge of heading up the Maintenance Committee but it is not my job to complete all of the work alone. Please sign up to help as you are able. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Pickar, Vice President/ Head of Maintenance

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*Romans 12:4-8*

PROJECT	VOLUNTEER	DATE REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Move outlet out of quilting closet			
Fix garage siding			
Install heat tape on garage roof			
Repair faucet in janitor's closet			
Repair women's bathroom sink			
Clean out floor drain in women's bathroom			
Repair fan in upstairs bathroom			
Fix leaky P-trap in kitchen sink			
Repair fan in women's bathroom			
Paint women's bathroom	Stacy Homstad		
Replace sprung oven door	Glen Nelson		

