



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

July 2017



# Christ's Messenger



## "Baby Ruth" Who are You Named after?



From the  
Pastor's  
Mail Pouch

Baby Ruth is an American candy bar made of peanuts, caramel and chocolate-

flavored nougat covered with a coating of chocolate.

In 1921, the Curtiss Candy Company refashioned its Kandy Kake and marketed the tasty chocolate bar under the name "Baby Ruth."

According to the Curtiss Candy Company, the candy treat was allegedly named after President Grover Cleveland's daughter Ruth. At least, that is what they said in a courtroom when they were sued by the attorneys representing the famous baseball player, Babe Ruth.

The truth of the matter is: The Curtiss Candy Company sought to avoid paying royalties to Babe Ruth for the use of his name on the candy bar that they were selling. The facts bear this out. For President Grover Cleveland had already been out of the White House 24 years. In addition, his daughter, Ruth, had died 17 years earlier. In any legitimate court of law today, the evidence would be obvious. The Curtis Candy Company got away with a big-fat lie. In reality, Baby Ruth was named after the ball player, George Herman "Babe" Ruth. No royalties were ever paid.

More denying of a namesake than the Curtiss Candy Company is the individual who claims not to be a child of Almighty God...and for that matter, the person who although he or she knows this truth, lives as though God has no authority over his or her life. As Bible believing Christians, you and I know that we are "children of God." When we confess in our weekly worship service, "I believe in God the Father, almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," we are proclaiming our true Creator and professing our true identity.

What then does this imply about the manner in which you and I are meant to live our lives? If God is indeed our Creator, He has a right to expect from us a certain kind of life to be lived by His creatures. As a child of God, I am not free to live as I please. I am accountable

to God. In fact, ultimately ..... on the Last Day ..... I will be required to give an account of the life that I have lived (See Hebrews 9:27).

Yet, since God is not only our Creator, but also a loving Father who gives good gifts to His children, He sent His greatest gift - Jesus - to become our Savior and Lord (See John 3:16). It is God the Father's intention that you and I and all people would hear and heed this good news and walk in faith and fellowship with the One who created us and whom we are named after !!!

Have you forgotten who you are and whose you are, ..... having forgotten who you were named after? The one who is writing this article has a name: Michael Richard Main, child of God. I am accountable to God my Creator; and not only because He created me and gave me life, but also because He sent His only-begotten Son to redeem me from my sin and make me His own forever. The apostle Paul reminds us, "You are not your own. You were bought with a price; so glorify God in your body" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

In order to accomplish this directive from the apostle Paul, God has sent out His Gospel [in the preaching and teaching of His Word], given me His Spirit [in Holy Baptism], and has nourished me along the way with His grace and forgiveness and truth [in Holy Communion]. He has done the same for you!!! Yet when we neglect the means by which God calls us and enlightens us and strengthens us in our identity as His children, we live a counterfeit life which denies the One whom we were named after.

If we have forgotten, let's not forget any longer. Let us remember and rejoice in the truth that we were created by Him as His namesake, to glorify Him with all our being. Let us consistently worship Him who created us and saved us for Himself. Let us honor Him with lives that daily hear His Word, and pray for His grace, and reflect His love. After all, we are the children of God!

## July 2017 Serving Schedule

August Ushers & Greeters are listed on our website

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main  
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Treasurer: Laurie Wiita  
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Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

### Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am  
 Worship—9:30am  
 No Sunday School until Fall  
 Adult Bible Study—11:15 am

### MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

**NO Mary Circle**  
**NO Esther Circle**  
**NO Dorcas Circle**  
**Hannah Circle 2nd Sat. 1:00 PM**  
**Women's Bible Study -**  
**3rd Thursday 10 AM**  
**Lutherans for Life -**  
**2nd Sunday 6:30PM**  
**NO Council Meeting-**

**Deadline for submitting news  
 for the August Messenger is  
 Tues. July 25.**

### July 2

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim & Gayle Maruska  
**Greeter:** Norma Johnson

### July 9

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Mike & Pam Wendling  
**Greeter:** Jan Main

### July 16

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; Keith Youngren  
**Greeter:** Norma Johnson

### July 23

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska  
**Greeters:** Grace Wells

### July 30

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

### August 6

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling  
**Greeters:** Norma Johnson

### Trustees:

**July 2:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell  
**July 9:** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder  
**July 16:** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar  
**July 23:** Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo  
**July 30:** Grace Wells & Kim Michell  
**August 6:** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

### Coffee Servers:

**July 2:** Mary Circle  
**July 9:** ROC  
**July 16:** Dorcas Circle  
**July 23:** Council Group 1  
**July 30:** Library  
**August 6:** Mary Circle

Thank you to all those who serve in so many ways!  
 We know that the summer months are a busy time of year  
 and we appreciate everyone committing their time to the Lord.  
 Please remember your giving throughout the summer as well,  
 the work of the ministry is vital every month of the year!

### FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2017 Annual Budget - \$240,428; Weekly - \$4,624; YTD need - \$115,600

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>06/18/2017</b>	\$ 7,072	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 7,672
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$ 74,306	\$ 3,610	\$ 24,414	\$ 102,330

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

**We hope you are enjoying the monthly meals to go by Hannah Circle. Plan now for August: The meal to go will be sloppy joes! Meals are \$5.00 each and are available for pick up during coffee time the first Sunday of the month. Order ahead by signing up during coffee time or talk to Pam Virkus or Chris Stumpf.**

**We can even deliver to your house! Thank you!**

## Please Pray for...

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### 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 Shields,  
ALTS President

### Youth Group Kids & Leaders

### Open Arms Day Care

### Our Mission of the Month:

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry  
Philippine Mission  
WGLR AALC Dues

### Pray for Our Church Outreaches

### Pray for Each Other

### Pray for our Country

Pray for our Troops—remember  
those from our church:  
Derek Miletich

### Persecuted Christians Throughout the World

### Those with Health needs:

Donna Swanson\*  
Carol Ziemer\*  
Shirley Kern\*  
Jim Maruska\*  
Carol Miletich\*  
Dick Hilmoe\*  
Del Sandberg\*  
Marge Novack  
Larry Kubiak\*\*  
Bill & Jane McLean\*\*  
Wayne Sundstrom\*\*  
Jean Sundstrom\*\*  
Katie Lund\*\*  
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo\*\*\*  
Evelyn Melander  
Bryan Goeppinger  
Vi Boder  
Mark Malander  
Russ Schramm  
Carl Swanson  
Ruth Dahl  
Carol Schramm  
Aletha Bartels  
Florence Kubiak  
Brian MacDonald  
Darlyn Sundstrom  
Leo Plewa  
Mary Jenny

\*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 accidentally overlooked, please contact the church office or Pastor Main. We apologize for any oversights.

# Happy Birthday

Lynn Lund  
July 10

Jan Main  
July 11

Gwen Nelson  
July 11

Carol Blair  
July 14

Carolyn Lofald  
July 24

Zach Carson  
July 24

Don Johnson  
July 27

Bob Johnson  
July 31

I would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year. We had a great time learning about our maker God and how he made us all for a purpose. We had 17 kids and most of them were from outside our church! Jessica, Jackie, and Allyson did a fantastic job with the kids. Thank you also to Kim, Ethan, and Jonathan who helped with games and crafts and our kitchen helpers - Arlene, Carol, Lowaine, Pam and Andrew.

Chris Stumpf

A great big thank you to all who donated money to send children to school in the Philippines. We collected enough to sponsor the 16 children and a few more as well! We will be bringing them school supplies when we go in August as well. God bless and thank you from the Bacud Charities.

# THANK YOU

**July Missions of the Month:  
Wittenberg Campus Door Ministry  
Philippine Missions**

**Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry** brings the good news of Christ's perfect life, his death in the place of sinful people, and his role as the one who promises eternal life and hope to the college and University campuses in the Columbia, Missouri area. Central to this work is having a pastor often present on campus, ready to talk, and, more important, ready to listen.

Having a pastor means you have someone who can help you find that hope. You have someone who will pray for your specific troubles, meaningfully and confidentially. You have someone who will walk with you through your trials, not judging you, but bringing God's words of guidance, guarding your confidentiality, and treating you with respect. When you realize you need God's forgiveness, the pastor reminds you that Jesus came to earth, suffered, and died for all your failings and that he lives to bring you eternal forgiveness. Through individual and small group Bible studies we can explore the riches of God's Word together. Occasionally we have larger gatherings, either in local churches or on campus, for celebrations of historic worship.

**The Stumpf family Philippine Mission** has been working with groups in that country for the past 4 years with financial and spiritual support.

**The Bacud Charities:** This organization works with the poorest of the poor informal settlers in the Arayat area. They have a feeding program, scholarship program, a Bible study program, and much more. In the past we have brought much needed supplies to them, sponsored a week of food for the feeding program, and recently sponsored 16+ scholarships for children to attend school. This upcoming trip we will be doing a week long VBS with 50+ children ages 6-12 in San Mateo.

**Christ Our Living God Fellowship Church:** This church is a Bible based Christian Church that ministers to those who are living in the remote areas of the Philippines. The church in Laguna has grown a lot in the past 4 years. With the help that we have provided them, they have been able to add a regular Sunday school program. We have sent them Christian children's books, school supplies, money (which helped rebuild after a typhoon and also bought tables and chairs for the children's ministry) and Bibles. Most recently we helped them buy the material for a floor for the Sunday school expansion of their church.

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

**MISSION OF THE MONTH DONATIONS FOR MAY**

*Project Timothy: \$750*  
*World Gospel Mission: \$420*

Happy Day Everyone!

We have been having lots of happy days at Open Arms.

We are so glad to have Gwen back with us. We are so thankful you are feeling better Gwen!

Four big kids from daycare attended VBS at Christ Lutheran this year.

They had a great time !

We are having a fun time loving up our new baby, Addy Mae. The kids are learning lots of fun things about babies. They will be learning about baby Moses and Samson this month.

There have been many precious prayers from the children this past month.

Ethan who just turned five prayed for everyone coming to his birthday party. The next week he thanked Jesus for his new Legos and the nice people that gave them to him.

Evelyn is back for the summer and she shares Jesus everyday with her friends here. We love how she reminds everyone how much Jesus loves them.

Sometimes I will over hear one of the children reminding another child to ask God to help them.

It is so precious and cute. We are all so thankful for how much our Lord loves and cares for us.

We love Jesus and we want to remind all of you that Jesus loves you so much too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wishing you lots of blessings!

Mary Jo



**The youth will be hosting a "Date Night"** July 12th from 5-8. This is a great opportunity for parents to drop their children off for a few hours and go out for dinner, take a walk, go shopping, go to the movies, or get some yard work done. This is a free event! There will be crafts, games, story time, and more! Dinner and snacks provided. Please let family, friends and neighbors know about this free event!

**Youth nights will continue through the end of July.** Come and bring a friend on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30. Food is provided. We will continue the theme from VBS about being built for a purpose.

**The youth will be selling concessions** at the soccer games again. More to come as the schedule is released.

**Potluck/game night in July** will include outdoor games for the youth and young at heart. The whole church is invited to attend. See you there on July 8th from 5-8!

Any questions, please contact Chris Stumpf by email at [clcyouth\\_duluth@yahoo.com](mailto:clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com) or at 218-310-2747 .