



Our Mission: "To know Christ and to make Him known"

# Christ's Messenger



## From the Pastor's Mail Pouch "Change"

**"For every thing there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Eccl. 3:1**

I recall the day that Jan and I watched our oldest son, Matthew, get on to the school bus to experience his first day of Kindergarten. It was a hard day for us, accompanied by many tears and not a little anxiety. However, later on in the afternoon, Matthew returned on the same bus that had picked him up in the morning .... and he had a big smile on his face. All went well. Matthew was on his way to growing up and experiencing the big world beyond the doors of our home.

The writer of Ecclesiastes declares, **"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."** Life continues to change, and our experiences continue to expand. Some of those times are fearful and produce unfounded worry. Yet God's Word tells us two very significant things about this phenomenon called life: # 1. Expect change, because the very nature of life involves change; and # 2. Expect God's presence, God's promise, and God's provision, because He is faithful and true, and His steadfast love for us never ends.

As long as this world has existed, there has been change; and as long as this world continues to exist, there will be change. That cannot be stopped. Our lives are part of that ongoing march of events and transitions. On the last Sunday of October in 1999, I preached for the first time at Christ Lutheran Church. It was referred to as a "trial sermon"... giving the people of Christ Lutheran Church a 'sample' of what this pastor's sermons would be like if they elected to call him to be their permanent pastor. The following Sunday, the people voted to call this man. I began on the first Sunday of January in the year 2000.

That was a change for you; it was a change for me. Looking back, it was a good change. Even so, it was not without its tears and sadness in leaving the old and familiar things of the past. I had to say good bye to my old congregations and friends in Glenwood City. You had to bid farewell to Pastor Aadland and his family. Change is inevitable. Expect change. And with it, all of us will experience both joy and gladness as well as sorrow and sadness.

Yet amid the changes and the emotions which accompany those changes, our faithful God will be present to give us comfort and hope. As Jan and I stood

at the driveway holding hands as tears streamed down our faces while watching the school bus drive away, I was comforted in knowing that **"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them" (Ps. 34:7)**. God was present, according to His promise, to protect and provide .... both for Matthew and for us. He is now very well educated, has a good job, and has a family of his own. He and his wife have also experienced standing at the edge of the driveway waving good bye to their oldest son, Mitchel, with tears streaming down their faces.

**"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."** Life continues to change and our experiences continue to expand. What awaits Christ Lutheran Church is in God's gracious hands. Yet our faith in Him compels us to believe that He has already provided a man of His wise choosing to come into your midst to be your pastor and teacher. This man's gifts will be different than mine, because the needs of this congregation have changed since I came over 17 1/2 years ago. Yet we remember this; that the new pastor will represent Christ: comforting you with the words and promises of Christ, exhorting you with the counsel and truth of Christ, encouraging you with the stories of Scripture which reveal the goodness and faithfulness of Christ. Finally, although there is ongoing change that continues to take place in this world, and in His Church, and in our lives, there remains the unchanging hope of eternal life and the certainty that we and all those who have trusted in Christ shall be reunited in glory in heaven. In this, we have our greatest consolation. Our good bye is only temporary. I am grateful for the time I have had among you and the people of Christ Lutheran Church. You have been a blessing to me; and I take that joyous memory with me. May the Lord Jesus grant you a good and blessed relationship with your new pastor. Keep him ever-present in your prayers. Support him in his work. Work with him in this mutual ministry to bring the love and truth of Jesus to a world which needs Him so desperately.

In Christ,  
**Pastor Myke**

Sept. 2017

### This Month

**Sat., Sept. 9**  
5-8 PM  
Game &  
Potluck Night

**Sept. 10**  
11 AM  
Sunday School  
Begins

**Sept. 10 & 17**  
Rite of  
Confirmation

**Sept. 17**  
4 PM  
Gospel & Blue-  
grass Music by  
Sarah Mae &  
the Birkeland  
Boys

**Sept. 22-23**  
TAALC  
Regional  
Conference  
Chippewa Falls,  
WI

**Sept. 24**  
11 AM  
Pastor Main's  
Retirement  
Dinner

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## September 2017 Serving Schedule

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main  
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218-722-7537

Council President: Jim Carlson  
Vice-President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita  
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Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf  
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Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

### Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15AM  
Worship—9:30AM  
Sunday School - 11AM  
Adult Bible Study—11:15 AM

### MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

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

**Deadline for submitting news**  
**for the October Messenger is**  
**Tues., September 26.**

#### 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!

### September 3

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling  
**Greeter:**

### September 10

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; Keith Youngren  
**Greeter:** Grace Wells

### September 17

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

### September 24

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

### October 1

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



### Trustees:

**September 3:** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder  
**September 10:** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar  
**September 17:** Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo  
**September 24:** Grace Wells & Kim Michell  
**October 1:** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

### Coffee Servers:

**September 3:** Mary Circle  
**September 10:** ROC  
**September 17:** Dorcas Circle  
**September 24:** Council Group 1  
**October 1:** Hannah Circle

*We are sending out a plea to you. We are asking you to please consider becoming an usher or greeter for our Sunday mornings. If more individuals help you would only need to serve once a month.*

### Lay Ministry Opportunity

As our church begins preparing for Pastor Myke's departure, we want to make sure that our flock will be properly cared for. We are blessed to have four faithful deacons/deaconesses and we are looking for other laypeople willing to help them out as needed with home, nursing home, and hospital visits. We are asking each of you to pray about this – asking God to open your heart and the heart of others in our congregation – remember, we are all one family! If you can bring a warm smile and a hug when needed, bring comfort through scripture and console others in times of need and offer up a prayer for them, you would be such a blessing! Again, please pray about this and contact: Jim Carlson at 343-6755 or 723-1653; Carol Ziemer at 722-5421; or Gary Lofald at 590-8217 or 722-8392 if you are interested or have questions. Pastor Myke would then provide you with all the guidelines which include scripture readings and prayers.

Thank you for your willingness to be part of this ministry.

## 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

### The Call Committee

### Youth Group Kids & Leaders

### Open Arms Day Care

### Our Mission of the Month:

The Gideons

### 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:

Shirley Randa\*  
Michael Lowney\*  
Marilyn Nelson\*  
Dennis Peterson\*  
Donna Swanson\*  
Shirley Kern\*  
Carol Miletich\*  
Del Sandberg\*  
Larry Kubiak\*\*  
Bill & Jane McLean\*\*  
Wayne & Jean Sundstrom\*\*  
Katie Lund\*\*  
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo\*\*\*  
Dave Schlossin  
Evelyn Melander  
Bryan Goeppinger  
Vi Boder  
Mark Malander  
Russ & Carol Schramm  
Carl Swanson  
Ruth Dahl  
Aletha Bartels  
Florence Kubiak  
Brian MacDonald  
Leo Plewa  
Mary Jenny

\*in the hospital or recently released  
or anticipating surgery

\*\*receiving therapy or ongoing medical care

If there are any people who have been accidentally overlooked, please contact the church office or Pastor Main. We apologize for any oversights.

### **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.**

**The next  
Hannah Circle  
Food Share  
will be on  
September 9**



# Happy Birthday

Joyce Larson  
September 9

Justin Carlson  
September 13

Diane Malander  
September 13

Pastor Main  
September 16

Kelly Carson  
September 19

Gayle Maruska  
September 20

Payton Holt  
September 22

Eli Miletich  
September 23

Sandy Carlson  
September 24

Elizabeth Kent  
September 28

Cindy Kent  
September 29

*So teach us to number our  
days that we get a heart  
of wisdom.  
Psalm 90:12*



The Youth will be hosting a Date Night on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5-8 PM. Bring the kids for a fun evening of food, games, Bible stories, and more while you and your spouse enjoy a fun night out!

The youth will continue to sell concessions at the soccer games held on the church field into September. They are doing a great job!

We have many things in the works for the next year. There will be a youth planning meeting for the newly confirmed youth and those already confirmed September 20th at 5:30. Parents are welcome as well.

We will plan the activities (who is doing what) for date night the next day along with planning the fall activities. Please let me know if you can attend.

Any questions, please contact Chris Stumpf at 218-310-2747 email at clcyouth\_duluth@yahoo.com or .

Hannah Circles meal to go for October 1st will be Beef Stew. Sign up or let Pam Virkus or Chris Stumpf know your order. Meals are \$5.00 each! Thank you!

**Family Potluck & Game Night  
Sat., Sept. 9  
from 5-8 PM**



**The Stumpf family would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our missions in the Philippines. Chris and Jackie will be returning September 4th and will have lots to share with everyone. Many lives have been touched. We have shared the news of God's love and mercy with so many. We will have a presentation after we return! God bless!**



**Happy Fall Everyone!**

Although we do look forward to the amazing changing colors of nature, I think many of us would love to have a few more months of summer. The weather has been so wonderful. We love being outside enjoying this beautiful world the Lord created for us! Often when we go outside I say "look up at the pretty blue sky and say thank you Lord." Recently we stepped outside and the children looked up at the beautiful sky and said "thank you Jesus." It fills my heart with joy to hear the children praising the Lord and thanking Him for all He provides for us.

Here are some precious prayers the children have shared: *"Thank you for daycare and for my good food."* *"Thank you for my friends and for our Father in Heaven."* *"Thank you for art time and things that make me happy."* *"Thank you for mommy and daddy and rainbows and sunshine."* Sweet little Evelyn prayed that Mary Jo will see her mom and dad and family in heaven someday. She drew this cute angel picture for me and said "This is how pretty you will look in heaven." What a blessing she is. She often reminds the children that God will help them if they just ask .

Special thanks to Orien Olson for his lovely card and gift. You are so kind and thoughtful. We really enjoy making pictures for you. We would like to make cookies for you and meet you someday. Thanks again Orien !

Special thanks also to Bruce Wells for repairing our swing set. It gets lots of use and we are so grateful that you were able to fix it for us. Thanks Bruce!

Thank you Jim for all you do for us. We really appreciate all you do to help us. You are always so kind. Thank you so very much!

Adam's sweet baby sister Maggie was just born. We look forward to her joining us at daycare in a few months. One of the themes for this month is *Look How We Are Growing*. The kids will be bringing baby pictures of themselves and we will be learning about all the things babies can do. Then they will be learning about what they can do as big kids.

We will also be learning about how we grow in the Lord by learning scripture through song.

Blessings to all!

Always believe something wonderful is going to happen.

Mary Jo





## Together Let's Honor the Ministry of Our Pastor as He Retires!

Sunday, September 24, 2017 will be Pastor Main's last Sunday with us!  
Everyone is invited to join us for a catered dinner to recognize and show our appreciation for his faithful ministry these past 17 years.



MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir  
will be joining us on October 22

Would you be able to donate any of the following  
needed items to this ministry?

### Desperately Needed

#### Personal Grooming

#### Supplies\*

Deodorant

Shampoo/conditioner

**(2-in-1 kind preferred)**

Body wash

**\*ALL PRODUCTS MUST BE**

**ALCOHOL FREE**

**\*\*NO AEROSOLS**

#### Miscellaneous

Hard candy (no chocolate  
please)

Stamped common size  
envelopes

Chapstick

### School Supplies

Notebooks

Highlighters

#### Clothing

Plain white dress shirts  
and ties-any color

Black dress pants and  
shoes

Other gently used suits,  
dress pants and dress  
shirts

New men's underwear/  
boxers, socks, undershirts  
Hats, gloves, jackets and  
boots

Other men's clothing –  
new or good condition

### **Stir your soul with Bluegrass Gospel Music Sunday, Sept. 17 at Christ Lutheran Church**

*Sarah Mae and the Birkeland Boys*  
will be sharing an original blend of bluegrass and  
gospel music at Christ Lutheran Church,  
**Sunday, Sept. 17 at 4:00 PM!**

The band shares stories in song form –  
about the importance of family, overcoming hardship,  
the relevance of faith and reasons for hope in a troubled  
world. They mix original bluegrass and gospel acoustic  
music to produce a mix of tunes that uplifts all ages.

More information about the band can be found at:  
[www.sarahmaeandthebirkelandboys.com](http://www.sarahmaeandthebirkelandboys.com).

### **MN Adult & Teen Challenge Northland GALA**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the DECC,  
Harbor Side Ballroom**

Gary & Carolyn Lofald have 8 seats available at their  
table if anyone is interested in joining them at this  
year's dinner and silent auction to raise support and  
awareness of MN Adult & Teen Challenge.

Guest Speaker: Robert Totman

Living the high life as an FAA Air Traffic Controller, Robert S. Totman had the unimpeded ability to see and direct, with razor-sharp clarity, the complex flow of air traffic through the congested corridors of New York Center's airspace. On a sunny morning in September, Robert watched a hijacked plane disappear from the radarscope, triggering a series of events that would crumble his personal and professional life along with the Twin Towers. As Robert confronted the harsh consequences of his life choices, he discovered revelations that opened him to healing, new life, and glorious new corridors in the sky.

**September Missions of the Month:  
The Gideons**

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices.

Nearly half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 per day. For these people, purchasing a Bible or a New Testament would be impossible. With the help of the Gideons, these people receive a copy of God's Word in their language, at no charge.

Distributing copies of God's Word allows people to read the truth of God's love for themselves. It also provides a continuing witness after the Gideon leaves and makes it possible for people to grow in their faith.

To date, the Gideons have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with your support. Follow them on that journey as The Gideons partner with churches anywhere, to reach the unreached everywhere.

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."



**Christ Lutheran Church Call Committee:**

- Jim Carlson**
- Lillian Fontaine**
- Bob Halvorson**
- Carolyn Lofald**
- Kim Matuseski**
- Kim Mitchell**
- Mike Pickar**
- Mark Wiita**
- Keith Youngren**

**Western Great Lakes Region AALC Convention, Sept. 2017**

Christ Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the West Great Lakes Region of the AALC. Every two years, a regional convention is held to worship together, enjoy fellowship, and to conduct the business of our region which helps to coordinate our joint efforts in Christian ministry.

If the Lord Jesus is prompting you to become more involved in the work of His Church, please prayerfully consider attending this two day event at Christ Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, WI (less than two hours away). For those who need overnight sleeping accommodations, the AmericInn of Chippewa Falls is only two blocks away from the church.

Contact: AmericInn Hotel & Suites Chippewa Falls: 800-491-9657  
Please note the positions below for regional and national representation that are available and which need to be filled.

The theme for this year's convention is:

**"Reformation: Beginning with the Household of God" 1 Peter 4:12-19**

The two day affair begins on Friday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. with a good old German brat and beer fest, hosted by the old German Sauerkraut himself, Pastor Mark Homp. A 7:00 p.m. worship service will follow.

On Saturday morning, there will be an 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast served at Christ Lutheran Church by our gracious hosts, followed by devotions and prayer and a 9:00 a.m. business meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, Christ Lutheran Church will provide a meal before we return to our homes.

**AGENDA:** The WGLR Convention Meeting; Sat., Sept. 23, 2017 9:00 a.m.

- Opening Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Michael Main, Regional Pastor
- Presentation by our Presiding Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins
- Presentation on Congregational Revitalization: Pastor Dean Stoner
- Presentation on Evangelism: Pastor Larry Juergensen
- Presentation regarding the AALC Foundation: Pastor Tom Baumgarten
- Pastors and Wives Retreat: *2016 Report and Interest in the Future*
- Regional Dues
- Report on Round-Robin Pulpit Exchange Sunday (2015 and 2017)
- Other Reports
- Determination of Host Church for the 2019 WGL Region Convention
- Election of Officers/Delegates/Representatives

**AALC National Offices which need filling:**

Association Council Clergy Rep.	2017-2019	
Association Council Lay Rep.	2017-2021	
Commission for Publications	2015-2019	Position Suspended
Commission for Women	2015-2019	
Standing Committee for Men	2015-2019	Position Suspended
Commission for American Missions	2015-2019	
Nominating Committee	2017-2019	

**West Great Lakes Region Offices which need filling:**

- Regional Pastor: 2017-2019
- Closing Prayer and Meal Time Prayer
- Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church of Chippewa Falls for hosting the convention
- Meal

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2017 Annual Budget - \$240,428; Weekly - \$4,624; YTD need - \$152,592**

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>08/13/2017</b>	\$ 2,412	\$ 0	\$ 2,300	\$ 4,712
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$ 92,864	\$ 4,650	\$ 34,040	\$ 131,554

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