

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Mail-pouch

*"All that it takes for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing."
Edmund Burke*



The above quotation is not from the Bible, but it serves to remind those whose trust is in the LORD that they are often meant to be the instruments through whom God acts to bring and/or to retain the blessings that the LORD wants people to experience.

Scriptures tells us, "Then the LORD raised up judges who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them." Judges 2:16

As an example, Gideon was called by God to rally the people of Israel against the Midianites and Amalekites who had been oppressing them for seven years (Judges 6:1-7:25).

What if Gideon had not responded in the way he did to the angel of the LORD? Yes, he required 'proof' in the fleeces, but eventually he got around to doing what the LORD had called him to do. That is what we (Christians) need to do as well.

Last week, I attended the 25th AALC Convention in St. Paul, MN. During that time we considered a number of resolutions, one of which dealt with the 2015 U. S. Supreme Court decision which redefined marriage and 'legalized' the relationship between two men or two women. Along with that decision, however, significant rights were jeopardized. (Obergefell v. Hodges) "raises serious questions about religious liberty," according to Chief Justice John Roberts, who voted against the decision. Another dissenting judge, Justice Clarence Thomas, declared, that the ruling has "potentially ruinous consequences for religious liberty."

In addition, by forcing this ruling upon each state and all of the people of the United States, the Supreme Court violates the 1st Amendment right to express one's religious belief for every United States citizen.

It was the unanimous consensus of the voting delegates at the 2016 AALC Convention to

affirm the resolution [found in its entirety in the July newsletter], calling for the U. S. Supreme Court, in light of holy Scripture, the U. S. Constitution and plain reason to strongly reconsider their ruling and to undertake measures to correct their error.

Like the apostle Peter, as he stood before the Sanhedrin in the days following Christ's resurrection from the dead and ascension in heaven, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

This is who we are as a church body, the AALC. Ours may be a small body of believers in Christ Jesus. We may even be ridiculed for believing that the Bible is God's inerrant and fully authoritative Word; however, even if we remain but one voice in the wilderness, it is a voice that must be spoken. If evil is to be curbed, it is a voice that must be heard and heeded.

Prayer: Merciful heavenly Father, forgive our reticence to act on behalf of Your Word to speak Your truth to the people of our families, communities, and nation. Cause our hearts to fear nothing except the day of judgment, when all people will give an account of their actions and their reluctance to act. Help us to see that our failure to speak and to act on behalf of truth and righteousness jeopardizes our religious freedoms as a nation and impairs our lives and testimony as belief in Christ and His inerrant Word. Grant that by Your grace, we may speak the truth in love and also be willing to endure the shame and punishment of those who would seek to oppose Your kingdom. Through our lives, my Your name be hallowed, Your kingdom come, and Your will be done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Standing on the Word of God, now and always!

Pastor Myke Main

July 2016

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This Month:

July 9 5-8 PM
Family Potluck and
Game Night

August 4 12:00
Mary Circle Picnic at
Enger Park

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Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am
Worship—9:30am
No Sunday School until Fall
Adult Bible Study—11:00 am

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

No Mary Circle
No Esther Circle
No Dorcas Circle
No Quilters
Hannah Circle 2nd Sat. 1:00 PM
No Women's Bible Study
Lutherans for Life
2nd Sunday 6:30PM
No Council Meeting

Deadline for submitting news for the August Messenger is Monday, July 25.

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!

July 3

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

July 10

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Mike & Wendy Pickar
Greeters: Grace Wells

July 17

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

July 24

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

July 31

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Mike & Wendy Pickar
Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

August 7

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

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by His love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.*
Zephaniah 3:17

Trustees:

July 3: Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad
July 10: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell
July 17: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson
July 24: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
July 31: Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad

Coffee Servers:

July 3: Mary Circle
July 10: Dorcas Circle
July 17: ROC
July 24: Council Group 1
July 31: Library

*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.*

**The Mary Circle Picnic will be held at Enger Park
On August 4th at 12:00**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Mary Circle Picnic. If you would like to join us please make your reservation and luncheon selection by calling Marlene Stauber at 722-1510

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 Shileds,
ALTS President

Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Open Arms Day Care

Our Mission of the Month:

Lake Superior Life Care Center
WGLR AALC

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

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

Those with Health needs:

Chelsea Holt**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Katie Lund**
Elna Linder**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Marvin Lofald***
Vi Boder
Brian MacDonald
Mark Malander
Olivia Schadel
Lee Koivisto (Spring's son)
Wayne Sundstrom
Russ Schramm
Dick Kern
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
Bob Carson
Kristen Carlson
Shirley Kern
Linda Beck
Carolyn Sue Anderson
Linda Roseen (post-surgery)
Carol Schramm (post-surgery)
Sue Boder (post-surgery)
Aletha Bartels (post-surgery)
Betty Stromquist (post-surgery)
Barbara Johnson (post-surgery)

*in the hospital or recently released or anticipating surgery
**receiving therapy or ongoing medical care
***in hospice care



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

So teach us to number our days that we get a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

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 July 10



The youth will once again be hosting the monthly family game night and potluck on July 9th from 5-8. All church members, family and friends are invited. Bring some food to share, a game you like and some friends. Contact Chris Stumpf with any questions. See you there!

The youth have a busy summer. Please stay tuned to announcements and emails as events get scheduled!

I would like to thank all the youth who helped with vacation bible school this year. They helped with crafts, games, leading songs, and so much more! We had many younger children this year and the older youth worked well with the kids and set a good example. Thank you Jonathan, Jessica, Allyson, Jackie, and Mathew for everything you did. I would also like to thank Pamela and Andrew Virkus, Carol and Arlene Ziemer, Sandy Carlson, Eric Thomson, and Mike Stumpf for their help and support.

Thanks again!

Chris Stumpf

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*I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless,
I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.*

Psalm 101:3

We are enjoying every minute of summer.

A few new little friends have joined us this past month. We are all enjoying getting to know each other. Sadly, a family of three left and moved to a new city and we miss them a lot already.

In July we will be camping out and going on Jesus adventures, we are all very excited.

Special thanks to Gwen Nelson for the wonderful Bible story books she gave to every child. We all love you Gwen. You brighten our days. Thanks again for being so very generous.

We are looking for someone to sew a few large floor pillows for our reading corner. I have the fabric. If you would be interested in helping us out, please let me know. Thanks so much!

Here are a few sweet lunch time prayers from the children:

“Thank you Jesus for the earth and the food you helped the people make.”

“Thank you for our friends and mommy and daddy.”

“Thank you God for the sunshine and our neighbors.”

We are planning on learning campfire songs and making prayer journals this month.

Please keep us in your prayers that the Lord will provide more children to fill our openings for fall as a few head off to go to Kindergarten.

Ethan and Oliver were very excited to attend Bible School at the church this year. They had a great time.

Mary Jo



July Missions of the Month:

Lake Superior Life Care Center & Great Lakes Region AALC Dues

Lake Superior Life Care Center: For many people, pregnancy is a time to rejoice and prepare. But for some, an unexpected pregnancy can bring fear and confusion. The Lake Superior Life Care Center is there to provide help by providing confidential and no-cost services.

The mission of the Lake Superior Life Care Center is to extend the love, compassion, and hope of Christ to women and families who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies. They help women make informed, life affirming decisions concerning all aspects of pregnancy and parenthood.

The motivation for this mission is to see lives saved and hearts changed. There is one word to describe this motivation: "Love." With love as their motivation, they want more for their clients. They want-as Jesus offered us all-abundant life for those they see. They desire for each of them to love fully and to be loved completely.

They want their clients to make decisions based in love for themselves and others, including the child a woman may be carrying. By first showing love in their actions they are setting the example of how a woman can base her decisions for herself and her family in love.

1 John 3:16 says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

At the Lake Superior Life Care Center they believe their calling is to love God with everything within them and to love all those they meet with the love of Christ.

Great Lakes Region AALC: July has also been designated the month to collect for the dues for the Great Lakes Region of the AALC. These dues help to cover the work of the AALC in our area of the country.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to either or both of 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."

Evangelism is sponsoring a diaper drive again this year in conjunction with the July mission of the month, Lake Superior Life Care Center. We will be collecting packages of diapers and wipes throughout the month of July, and any other baby related items that you would like to donate. The center especially needs size 2 and up for diapers and has a great need for packages of wipes also. Thank you for your generosity.



PACT Televised Services:

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

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

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

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
06/05/2016	\$ 3,101	\$500	\$2,769	\$ 6,370	\$4,726	1,644
Year to Date	\$67,202	\$ 5,458	\$26,952	\$95,458	\$ 108,968	(13,240)

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*

RESOLUTION TO THE SUPREME COURT
(a unanimous vote from the AALC Biennial Convention 06/24/2016)

Re: Response to the Court's June 26, 2015 (Obergefell v. Hodges) ruling which declares that all states must grant equal legality, rights and privileges to same-sex marriages as those currently provided opposite-sex marriages. All current laws to the contrary are ruled null and void.

Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court:

Whereas, we The American Association of Lutheran Church do hereby covenant together to respectfully register with the Court that, like our Lutheran antecedents, our consciences are bound to the Holy Scriptures which are the divinely inspired, inerrant and authoritative Word of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (II Timothy 3:14-17; II Peter 1:19-21; 1925 Minneapolis Theses, 1930 and 1960 American Lutheran Church Constitutions; and the 1987 American Association of Lutheran Churches Constitution, and ...

Whereas, the June 26, 2015 Supreme Court Same-Sex Marriage Decision (Obergefell v. Hodges) is in direct violation of Holy Scripture (Genesis 2:23-24; Leviticus 18:22, 26 and 20:13; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:24-28; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Ephesians 5:1-6; I Timothy 1:8-11) and therefore contradicts our Lutheran doctrine which is derived from Scripture (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XXIII 28-34), and ...

Whereas, Holy Scriptures clearly sets forth that when a law of the land (man's word) stand in contradiction with Holy Scripture (God's Word), God admonishes His people to give full precedence to Holy Scripture; "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29, 4:19-20), and ...

Whereas, James Madison, in accord with others of our nation's Founding Fathers (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Henry and Franklin) gave recognition to Scripture's right of precedence and in 1789 introduced the 1st Amendment to the Constitution which, upon its passage in 1791, assured the right of religious belief to every U. S. citizen, and ...

Whereas, "the Court's majority opinion in Obergefell v. Hodges raises serious questions about religious liberty," as Chief Justice Roberts stated in his dissenting opinion and, according to Justice Clarence Thomas, the Court's decision has "potentially ruinous consequences for religious liberty," and ...

Whereas, the Court's ruling exhibits a continuing commitment to the doctrine of "substantive due process," whereby Justices read their own policy views into the Constitution and violate the text of the Constitution and its intended meaning, thus imposing "rule of judges" in place of the "rule of law" and usurping the authority delegated by the Legislative Branch and to the States, and making the decision of the High Court as act of will, not a judicial judgment, and ...

Whereas, the Court's ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges is an unconstitutional act of social transformation without representation which robs the people of the most important liberty they asserted in the Declaration of Independence and won in the Revolution of 1776; the freed to govern themselves," (Justice Antony Scalia) therefore be it ...

Resolved, that in order to restore proper and deserved legal certitude of religious liberty and freedom of a representative for of government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," we the undersigned prayerfully urge, appeal and beseech the Court to be led by the precedent of the Founding Fathers of the first 174 years of the Supreme Court's history, which acknowledged the Scriptural foundation of Law, and implement our Nation's return to its original course of Constitutional stability and legal certitude and to reestablish State laws respecting the institution of marriage as a union of one man and one woman, and be it further ...

Resolved, that we will continue to believe, teach, confess and proclaim our Scriptural Lutheran tenets free from and against any legal repercussion due to our variance from the law of the land.

Codicil: We prayerfully present these Resolutions, imploring the Honorable Court to consider and act upon them. We wholeheartedly agree with the four dissenting Justices in their concerns and we thank those Justices who voted against the ruling. In the same vein, we seek that those Justices who voted for the ruling may, in the course of time, be led by Scriptures, the U. S. Constitution, and plain reason to understand the errors of their ruling and undertake means to correct them. Then, in unity, may we all emphatically proclaim to each other and to the world, "GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!"