



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



"Endurance"

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

I Corinthians 13:7

As I turn the page of the calendar and see the month of August appear, I am reminded of the baseball season of 1970, when my American Legion Baseball team entered into tournament time and advanced to the state tournament. I was one of four pitchers on the team. We had lost our first game in the double elimination tournament. If we were to advance, it would require that our team would play and win the next four games.

This meant that at least one of our pitchers would need to throw a whole lot more pitches over a short span of time than is normally permitted according to the 'regular' Legion Baseball rules. The organizers of this regional tournament agreed to permit pitchers to go beyond the normal limit. Consequently, when our team advanced to the championship round, we were staring at a Sunday double-header 18 innings. I was the most rested of the pitchers, so the coaches chose to start me for game # 1.

At the end of the 8th inning, our team was ahead 9-4, so the coaches decided to pull me out from pitching the last inning so that I could pitch the entire second game also. At the end of the day, we won the second game 10-5, and I ended up pitching 17 innings in about six hours. My teammates started called me "Iron Arm." The coaches were concerned about injuring my arm; so that made sure that I wore a light jacket following the game. The temperature that day was 95 degrees, and the humidity was just as high; so I was nice a loose even if I hadn't worn the jacket.

At 17 years old, the LORD had given me great endurance. My arm was not sore; nor was it weak. In fact, two weeks later, as we headed for the state tournament, I pitched the first 12 innings of our first game which went 13 innings in our 2-1 victory. I was required to stop pitching only because of the tournament rule which limited the amount of innings that one pitcher could pitch in a 72 hour time-span.

To endure means "to last, to remain, to stay, to survive, to persevere, to keep on going...without yielding." Endurance has to do with remaining on course until the very end...like a ship that is tossed by the wind and the waves but remains on course through the ups and downs of the long and challenging journey at sea.

This is what God has called us to do in our earthly sojourn as His children. Because we are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, we have a divinely appointed goal and a divinely determined destination. If we are to be successful in arriving there, it is important that we recognize the power to endure on the course which the Lord has provided for us. It is the pathway of His divine "agape" love - a capacity so powerful that you and I will be able to endure 'anything' and yet remain on that course without deviating from it.

Yet we must recognize that such a power is beyond our natural ability. We cannot love simply by determining by our own human will to love others. God Himself must come to us and place His Son within us, so that Jesus Himself may live in us and convey His love through us into the lives of others. Yet in order for such love to flow into us and through us, you and I must surrender our will to God...including our self-serving attitudes and emotions. Paul said it best when he wrote "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

How can we forgive and do good to those who mistreat us, speak evil of us, deal unfairly with us, or mock us? We can't ... but Jesus can. And that is why, as believers in Christ we must permit the very life of Christ to be formed in us. There is no other way to "endure" the things that others do to us. Surely, we may react humanly with a fake-smile and a polite greeting. However, if Jesus has not transformed our hearts and taken lordship of our souls, we will be seething inside, with repressed anger and bitterness and resentment. That is not what the Bible is referring to as 'endurance.'

The challenge of every believer in Christ is to daily let Jesus do in us what He has promised to do and is so eager to do: to form us into 'little Christs' with His love flowing from us as we truly experience His love within us. Then, we will supernaturally be able to bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and ENDURE all things. Let's work on it together! Let go; let God!

Pastor Myke



August 2017

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This Month:

Tues. Aug. 1
5-7 PM
Youth at Piedmont
Dental Neighborhood
Night Out

Mary Circle Picnic at
Enger Park
Thur., Aug. 3
12:00 PM

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Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am
Worship—9:30am
No Sunday School until Fall
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 September Messenger
is Monday, August 21.**

**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.

August 6

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling
Greeter: Norma Johnson

August 13

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; Keith Youngren
Greeter: Jan Main

August 20

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska
Greeter: Norma Johnson

August 27

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

September 3

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling
Greeters: Jan Main



Trustees:

- August 6:*** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder
- August 13:*** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
- August 20:*** Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo
- August 27:*** Grace Wells & Kim Michell
- September 3:*** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

Coffee Servers:

- August 6:*** Mary Circle
- August 13:*** ROC
- August 20:*** Council Group 2
- August 27:*** Esther Circle
- September 3:*** 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!

The church council would like to put together a video montage for Sept. 24. If you have any pictures of Pastor Myke from over the past years, would you let us use them?
Make sure your name is on them and they will be returned to 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:

Lutheran Bible Translators

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:

Michael Lowney*
Marilyn Nelson*
Bob Johnson*
Dennis Peterson*
Donna Swanson*
Shirley Kern*
Carol Miletich*
Dick Hilmoe*
Del Sandberg*
Larry Kubiak**
Bill & Jane McLean**
Wayne & Jean Sundstrom**
Katie Lund**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Dave Schlossin
Marge Novack
Evelyn Melander
Bryan Goepfinger
Vi Boder
Mark Malander
Russ & Carol Schramm
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
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.

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

**Russell Schramm
August 13**

**Jean Sundstrom
August 20**

**Jane Sommerfeld
August 26**

**Lorna McLean
August 29**

*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*

Stir your soul with Bluegrass Gospel Music Sept. 17 at Christ Lutheran Church

Get ready to tap your toes and stir your soul. A local family band, 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 authentic original bluegrass and gospel acoustic music to produce a toe-tapping mix of tunes that uplifts all ages.

The Band's namesake, 18-year-old Sarah Mae, took a one-hour lesson and then taught herself how to play the bass fiddle at the tender age of 12. When she isn't playing, she impresses audiences and spectators alike with her ability to haul the heaviest and largest member of the fiddle family around--an impressive sight unto itself given her diminutive stature!

The Birkeland 'Boys' are comprised of 19-year-old Derek, Sarah's older brother, a past Minnesota Old-Time Music Fiddle Contest finalist. He also plays guitar, mandolin and sings lead and harmony vocals.

The youngest family member, Adam, 16, is an accomplished Resonator Guitar player. Their dad, Mike, plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals. His original songs about life, faith and family tug heartstrings and touch the soul.

Family friend, Tedd Williams, from Saginaw, Minn., picks along with Sarah and the Boys on his stellar 5-string banjo.

Sarah Mae and the Birkeland Boys look forward to sharing the joy of bluegrass and gospel music at Christ Lutheran Church, Sunday, Sept. 17 at 4:00 pm.

More information about the band can be found at: www.sarahmaeandthebirkelandboys.com.

***Do you not know that in a race all the runners run,
but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
1 Corinthians 9:24***

We have been having a fun time this summer!

We are so happy to be having special visits with Pastor Myke again. Thank you for teaching us about the Bible, Pastor. We have also been enjoying going to the library. We think the new look is fun. It also makes it easier to check out the books.

We are so blessed too that Gwen comes the very next day to read to us. Gwen even read to us outside on the swing one sunny day. Thanks Gwen!

In August we will be learning about the Ten Commandments and being faithful.

We are having a Prince and Princess Party for the little son's and daughter's of the King of Kings.

Sweet things the children have said....

"Thunderstorms are God and Jesus bowling."

"The lightening is the light from the angels so we won't be in the dark."

"If you are thinking of something bad to say, keep it in your head so it won't hurt someone's feelings."

"Dear Lord Jesus please take good care of Grandma and Grandpa Mustache."

"Thank you for Jesus and God and our families, oh and our good food."

Little Evelyn was so excited to see the picture in the library of "the last dinner with Jesus." She said she had that picture at home but "it goes the long way."

This month we will also have a whole week of silly.. days. We are having a Backwards day, an Art day, a Wacky Wednesday, Farm day, and a Super silly day.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer full of blessings!

God is Faithful

1 Corinthians 1:9

Mary Jo





Together Let's Honor the Ministry of Our Pastor

Michael Main

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Everyone is invited to join us for a catered dinner to recognize and show our appreciation for the faithful ministry of Pastor Main these past 17 years.

Dinner will immediately follow the morning service.

The youth will be selling concessions again this year at the Piedmont soccer games held at the church field. The schedule will be out soon, so parents please watch your email for dates and times.



On August 1st the youth will be doing a fishing pond and face painting at the Piedmont Dental National Night Out event! We will also be handing out flyers with our youth group information. Thank you to Piedmont Dental for giving us a spot at their event!

Please note that there will be no youth night on Wednesday nights in August.

The September meal to go will be ham and scalloped potatoes. This will be ready for pick up on September 3.

Please let Pam Virkus know if you need it delivered.

Meals are \$5.00 each.

Thank you! The Hannah Circle uses the funds raised from the meals to go to continue the food share program and to support the youth and missions.

The Stumpf family would like to thank everyone who have donated to our Philippines mission trip. Piedmont

Dental generously donated 100 toothbrushes and toothpaste for the kids in Cebu. Jackie and I leave August 16 and return September 4. Please keep us in your prayers as we lead a Vacation Bible School in a small village and bring needed supplies to others.

Thank you again for your support!

Everyone is invited to the Mary Circle Picnic at Enger Park!

Thursday, August 3 at 12:00

The cost is \$7 for KFC dinner

Please call the office (722-7537)

or Marlene Stauber (722-1510)

to sign up and place your order for either light or dark meat.



The Regional AALC Conference is September 8 & 9 at Christ Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

The conference begins at 6PM on Friday and ends at noon Saturday.

Please contact the office for more information.



The next Hannah Circle Food Share will be on August 13

August Missions of the Month Lutheran Bible Translators

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) has been bringing the Scriptures to people without the Bible for 50 years. An independent Lutheran mission organization, their missionary efforts are funded completely by the generous donations of churches and individuals.

Starting in Liberia and Sierra Leone, they have grown to 78 missionaries serving in 17 countries on 5 continents. LBT missionaries, working with local churches and partners, have helped translate over 30 New Testaments, making God's Word available to more than 7 million people. But there are still more than 4,000 languages in the world have no portion of the Scriptures translated into their language. This represents over 350 million people.

Translation is at the heart of what LBT does, but it is only the beginning. LBT missionaries organize and help co-ordinate literacy and Scripture Engagement programs. Those who can learn to read obviously benefit from the printed New Testament translations. For those who cannot read they develop other types of communication and media, including CD's and DVD's. LBT missionaries also encourage, promote and help develop use of local music and instruments for worship and liturgies.

As people use, study, and share Scripture, their lives are transformed through God's grace and the Holy Spirit. LBT believe all people should have the opportunity to understand God's Good News as presented in the Scriptures. No language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to God's Word.

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."

THANK YOU

Dear friends of Christ Lutheran Church,
Thank you for all the concern, prayers, cards and visits during my illness. A special thanks to Pastor Main for his prayers and visit. I'm doing fine but have to learn how to walk again.
God bless you,
Love,
Marge Novack

Dear friends at Christ Lutheran,
Thank you for the prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks to Pastor Main for his visits.
Carol Ziemer

Dear Christ Lutheran Church family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, telephone calls, flowers, and gifts during my recent mishap.
With love and appreciation,
Del Sandberg

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your generous gift to sustain the work of Project Timothy-Kenya. You are sharing in a wonderful ministry, the theological education and spiritual formation of pastors & deaconesses in east Africa (Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia). Please send me an email address or two!
God bless you all!
Love in Christ,
Tom & Mary Aadland

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FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2017 Annual Budget - \$240,428; Weekly - \$4,624; YTD need - \$138,720

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total
07/23/2017	\$ 2,197	\$ 0	\$ 2,353	\$ 4,730
Year to Date	\$ 84,999	\$ 4,110	\$ 31,565	\$ 120,674

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