



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Mail Pouch

"Separation of Church and State?" or "One Nation Under God?"

Let's Check the Facts: National Thanksgiving Day



Proclamation of Thanksgiving

This is the proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. During his administration, President Lincoln issued many orders similar to this. For example, on November 28, 1861, he ordered government departments closed for a local day of thanksgiving.

Sarah Josepha Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor, wrote a letter to Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." She explained, "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, mainly in New England and other Northern states. President Lincoln responded to Mrs. Hale's request immediately, unlike several of his predecessors, who ignored her petitions altogether. In her letter to Lincoln she mentioned that she had been advocating a national thanksgiving date for 15 years as the editor of Godey's *Lady's Book*. George Washington was the first president to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, issuing his request on October 3, 1789, exactly 74 years before Lincoln's.

The document below sets apart the last Thursday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise." According to an April 1, 1864, letter from John Nicolay, one of President Lincoln's secretaries, this document was written by Secretary of State William Seward, and the original was in his handwriting. On October 3, 1863, fellow Cabinet member Gideon Welles recorded in his diary how he complimented Seward on his work. A year later the manuscript was sold to benefit Union troops.

Washington, D.C. October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been pre-

served with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

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Two of our United States Presidents, George Washington who led us through the American Revolution and into independence from the despotism of Great Britain, and Abraham Lincoln, who led this republic through the Civil War to preserve the union and to establish the freedom for negro slaves, acknowledged the providence of Almighty God in the blessings that this nation enjoys. By presidential proclamation, they established a national day of Thanksgiving to God for His benefits.

Though much of our nation has become blind to the presence and providence of Almighty God, those who abide in His Word still recognize the reason for the abundant goodness that we enjoy as a nation. God has "shed His grace on thee," America. Lest we continue as a nation in a downward spiral of independent-minded arrogance and destructive pride which would move us to declare, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth,' let us heed the words of Moses as he spoke to the people of Israel just before they entered into the Promised Land:

"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:17-18

We cannot control what goes on in the hearts of the 300,000,000 citizens of this nation. However, we are able to determine what goes on within our hearts. By faith in God and His Word, we know that the LORD alone is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. By faith in God and His Word, we know that the prosperity of this nation and the stability of its governance has come as a result of our forefathers acknowledgement of the LORD's sovereignty, and the truth of His holy Word, the Bible, as the source of our Constitutional Law and the organization of this government.

On this Thanksgiving Day, may we lift our hearts and voices to God once more, giving Him unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings which, of His abundant grace and mercy, He has afforded us in the past; and may we continue in intercessory prayer for this republic, so that our churches, our political leaders, and the citizens of this nation may again acknowledge His gracious hand and the singular truth of His righteous ways.

A Blessed Thanksgiving "to God" from us all!

Pastor Myke Main



Art and the Reformation

**Field Trip
to the Twin Cities
Tuesday, Nov. 15,
2016**

The Minneapolis Institute of Art is partnering with four German institutions to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the writing of Martin Luther's 95 theses. Key works will travel to the MIA for this first-of-its-kind exhibition.

Objects on display include:

- Paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder, including: Martin Luther (ca. 1541), lent from the Luther Memorials Foundation in Saxony-Anhalt; The Death of Holofernes (1531), lent by the Foundation Schloss Friedenstein Gotha; and Law and Gospel (1529), lent by Foundation Schloss Friedenstein Gotha.
- Old and New Testament, the so-called Ortenburg Bible (1535) lent by the Stiftung Deutsches Historisches Museum.
- A recreation of Luther's studio, including original furnishings and precious objects in gold and silver.

A major section of the exhibition devoted to Luther's personal life will feature recent archaeological finds from his boyhood homes in the towns of Eisleben and Mansfeld, as well as his house in Wittenberg, the base for his history-making activities. Excavations, undertaken in 2004 and 2005, uncovered household goods that reveal new information about Luther and his family. A selection of those objects will be displayed for the first time in the United States and offer new insights into Luther's daily life, especially his childhood.

Christ Lutheran Church is organizing a Field Trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art on Tuesday, November 15th. Pastor Myke has applied to Thrivent Financial for a partial grant to help defray the cost of the field trip for those who participate. (Although the cost of a ticket is \$ 20.00, we are able to apply a portion of the grant to reduce the cost to \$ 10.00.) We will travel by car, leaving from the church at 9:00 a.m. on that Tuesday morning. We will return in the early evening.

You may reserve a place by calling Christ Lutheran Church through Sunday, November 13th. Sign up soon, as space is limited. If you have any further questions, you may contact Pastor Myke at church or by phone (218) 390-9987.

November 2016 Serving Schedule

*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.*

Ushers & Greeters:

November 6

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

November 13

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

November 20

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Bob & Pam Halvorson
Greeter: Norma Johnson

November 22-Thanksgiving Service

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

November 27

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; John Holt; Paul Holt
Greeter: John & Bonnie Kubiak

December 4

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

Trustees:

Nov. 6: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

Nov. 13: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar

Nov. 20: Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad

Nov. 22: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Nov. 27: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Dec. 4: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar

Coffee Servers:

Nov. 6: Hannah Circle

Nov. 13: Dorcas Circle

Nov. 20: ROC

Nov. 27: Council Group 1

Dec. 4: Hannah Circle

Acolytes:

Nov. 6: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

Nov. 13: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita

Nov. 20: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

Nov. 27: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita

Dec. 4: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main
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Vice-President: Mike Pickar

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Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am

Worship—9:30am

Sunday School—11:00 am

Adult Bible Study—11:00 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 December Messenger is Fri.
Nov. 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!

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:

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

Those with Health needs:

Bruce Wells (surgery Nov. 4)
Gwen Nelson*(Oct. 31)
Lil Fontaine* (Nov. 8)
Jane McLean*
Don Olson*
Edna Corser*
David MacDonald*
Bryon Goeppinger*
Elna Linder**
Wayne Sundstrom**
Chelsea Holt**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Katie Lund**
Karl Randa**
Bob Johnson**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Marvin Lofald***
Vi Boder
Mark Malander
Olivia Schadel
Russ Schramm
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
Bob Carson
Kristen Carlson
Carol Schramm
Aletha Bartels
Betty Stromquist
Jan Arrezo
Florence Kubiak
Brian MacDonald

*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

*Mark Wiita
November 9*

*Jane McLean
November 12*

*Betty Roseen
November 14*

*Dave Kent
November 16*

*Susie Decker
November 18*

*Pam Wendling
November 20*

*Kay Dahl
November 22*

*Carol Schramm
November 22*

*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*

Upcoming Ministries

- ◆ Family Potluck & Game Night Saturday, Nov. 12 5- 8 PM
- ◆ The next Hannah Circle Food Share will be on Nov. 15
- ◆ Hannah Circle Vendor Sale Sat., Nov. 19 9 AM—2 PM
- ◆ Thanksgiving Praise Service Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 PM
- ◆ Dorcas Circle is packing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Please see Carol Ziemer if you would like to pack a shoe box to help children around the world hear the Good News of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas. The boxes will need to be returned to the church by Sun., Nov. 20.
- ◆ Father/Daughter Ball tickets will go on sale Saturday, Dec. 3 at 9 AM



Youth Night every Wednesday 6:30-8pm. All ages are welcome. We will work on skits, plan projects, have devotions, and fun!

Potluck/game night for all church members hosted by the youth. November 12th 5-8.

Any questions, please contact Chris Stumpf by email at clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com or at 218-310-2747 .

We are counting our blessings this month and learning about being thankful.

We are thankful to have two new children join us this month.

We have been doing lots of singing. Little Melanie loves to dance and sing "Lord, Lord" when we sing "This is the day that the Lord has made."

We have been practicing many other new songs, too.

"Jesus loves me" is still one of our favorites to sing.

We have been working on our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

It is such a blessing to see the children thinking about ways they can share the Lord.

By choosing items for children in need "far, far away" they are learning to be caring and compassionate.

We have lots of fun activities planned. We will be making cute turkey crafts. We will also be trying out some fun new recipes.

We miss our sweet Gwen. We have been praying for you everyday. We pray you will be healed very soon and feeling great again. We love you Gwen!

God's riches blessings to all!

Mary Jo



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
- **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.

November Mission of the Month

The AALC

Is the Lutheran Church relevant in the 21st Century? The AALC believes that God **is** relevant to our world today and His Word never changes as 1 Peter 1:25 says: “the Word of the Lord stands forever.” The AALC believes that Jesus is the only way of salvation, as Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

It is the goal of the AALC to confess Christ in this unstable world. With this goal in mind, the AALC formed to encourage and equip churches to carry out mission and ministry in their location, to help churches and pastors communicate the changeless Gospel to an ever-changing culture, and to train Lutheran Pastors (strengthen pastors to strengthen congregations).

The AALC is distinctively Lutheran in its core beliefs. Every church and pastor that voluntarily joins the AALC confesses that they believe the words of Scripture to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice and affirms without reservation the doctrines explained in the *Book of Concord*.

Today the AALC continues with great pleasure in the conservative ALC tradition to offer a viable alternative to Lutheran congregations across America who find themselves unable to feel comfortable in either of the larger Lutheran church bodies.

The AALC is our supporting organization and we need to help spread the Good Word by our continuing financial support. Please consider making a donation to the AALC this month as we continue 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

The 2017 Christ Lutheran

Church Council:

President: Jim Carlson

Vice President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita

Deacons:

Dale Lund
Carol Ziemer
Gary Lofald
Norma Johnson

Trustees:

Sandy Carlson
Ouitdee Carson
Grace Wells
Wendy Pickar
Stacy Homstad
Kim Mitchell
Sue Boder
Bill Arrezo



Winter weather is right around the corner! The snow often covers the lines in the parking lot so we would ask that you remember to leave a driving lane open near the basement door of the church. This makes it much easier to pick up people at the door and keeps our parking lot safer!

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

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/16/2016	\$ 1,735	\$0	\$ 1,170	\$ 2,905
Year to Date	\$ 109,371	\$ 11,0258	\$46,041	\$166,437

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