



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Pouch

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Ps. 119:105

God's Word: A Wise Investment



We have all heard the expression, "You can't take it with you." But what if there were something in your present life which you could carry with you when you left this world; something so valuable that it would not only bring you joy and peace in this life, but also treasures untold in the life to come? Would you invest in it? And, if such an investment were available to you and me, what would it be? The answer is right before you. It is the Word of God, the Bible.

Saving faith in God is created by God Himself (the Holy Spirit) through the hearing/study of the Word of God. Check it out in Romans 10:17. Such a faith is not the accumulation of mere knowledge about God and what He did through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son for sinners like you and me, but rather is an ongoing and ever-increasing reliance upon His Son, Jesus, which trusts His promises & obeys His commands. It is this kind of daily reliance upon Christ Jesus which carries you and me through the trials of this life, so that He might also lift us into the glories of heaven beyond this earthly existence.

You might say, "Well, I already have a Bible." But is it your companion when you go to church? Is it with you when you attend a Bible study? Is it beside your devotional booklet at home? Does its wording correspond with the wording (translation) that you hear at church on Sunday morning or at other times when a Bible study is conducted? Are you allowing it to become the pattern by which you think and speak and act? See Ps. 119:105.

Some of us might have to admit that our present

Bibles haven't seen much action in quite a few years. They may have sentimental value to us, but not a whole lot of spiritual value.

For the last ten years, our congregation has used the (ESV) English Standard Version of the Bible. It is revered by scholars as one of the best English translations from the original languages of the early manuscripts to our modern English language.

In recent years, Concordia Publishing House has compiled a study Bible which includes an extensive concordance (word reference), study helps (notes about the history, religion and culture in Bible times), and commentary (verse by verse explanations and insights). It also includes the Luther's Small Catechism, prayers, detailed chronology of the Bible events, and a multitude of other helpful information to assist the reader in his/her daily walk of faith in God.

In the month of October, Christ Lutheran Church is encouraging its family members to make a wise investment in their future, which extends into eternity. Details of how to purchase such a Bible are found elsewhere in this monthly newsletter and will be published also in the weekly bulletins. God speaks to us through His Word. It is a living Word, a relevant Word, a saving Word, an eternal Word. Let that Word bring you and me to know and experience more than ever before the joy of our salvation and the love of the God who created us, has provided a Savior for us, and invites us to spend eternity with Him. He is calling us through His Word!

Pastor Myke

October 2015 Serving Schedule

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Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf
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Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am
Worship—9:30am
Sunday School—11:00am
Confirmation—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 Nov. Wed. Oct. 28.

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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!

October 4

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim & Gayle Maruska

Greeters: Grace Wells

October 11

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Keith & Trudy Youngren

Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

October 18

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

Greeters: Norma Johnson & Jane Sommerfeld

October 25

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; John Holt; Paul Holt

Greeters: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

November 1

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska

Greeters: Jan Main

Trustees:

Oct. 4: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

Oct. 11: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

Oct. 18: Libby Vukson & Spring Billiar

Oct. 25: Bob Dahl & Kim Matuseski

Nov. 1: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

Coffee Servers:

Oct. 4: Hannah Circle

Oct. 11: Council 2

Oct. 18: ROC

Oct. 25: Esther Circle

Nov. 1: Library

October Acolytes:

Oct. 4: Allyson Jurek & Jessica Stumpf

Oct. 11: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson

Oct. 18: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek

Oct. 25: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson

Nov. 1: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek

Thank You



*To : Members of Christ Lutheran Deacons,
We want to thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl that you
gave to Bill. It is perfect - because he is always cold & handy
to put on his shoulders.*

*Thanks to Andrew Virkus & Dale Lund to take the time to
bring it to him.*

*Sincerely,
Bill & Carol Blair*



Lorraine Anderson
Oct. 1

Bill McLean
October 15

Lydia Wiita
October 16

Brooke Mohar
October 22

Les Johnson
October 23

Donna Swanson
October 26

Noah Schramm-Phelps
October 27

Ruth Dahl
October 30

Paul Holt
October 31

*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*

Please Pray for...

The leadership of the church:

Pastor Main
President—Les Johnson
Vice President—Jim Carlson
Treasurer-Laurie Wiita
Deacons
Trustees

Youth group kids & leaders

Open Arms Day Care

Our Mission of the Month:

MN Teen Challenge

Pray for each other

The Stumpf family: Mission trip to the Philippines

Pray for our Country

Pray for our troops—remember those from our church:

Tyler Johnson
John Hodgkins
Derek Miletich
Ben Youngren
David Kirkland
Bill Kirkland

Persecuted Christians throughout the world

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

Those with Health needs:

Roy Hammerstadt
Chelsea Holt**
Joan Hansen**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Aletha Bartels*
Vi Boder
Brian MacDonald
Katie Lund**
Elna Linder**
Mark Malander
Marvin Lofald***
Shirley Kern
Olivia Schadel
Bill Blair***
John Schneeberger
Dale Lund
Dick Kern
Lorna McLean
Jane McLean
Laura Melander
Eli Miletich
Grace Wells

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

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

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.

YOUTH NEWS

We have a few events for October that I wanted to make sure everyone got on their calendars as soon as possible.

Oct 5th: World of Wheels skating. They have skating from 5-8 to Christian music that night. We will meet at World of Wheels at 5:30. If you need a ride, please let me know by Sunday the 4th. Cost is \$6.00 + skate rental (\$2.00 roller skates, \$3.50 inline skates). CLC youth group will cover the admission for church youth.

Oct 17th: Simek's Farm/corn maze. Meet at church at 9:30AM. Bring the family and friends. Admission is \$5.00, hayride is an additional \$2.00. Admission includes corn maze, farm animals, and activity yard (giant silo slide, rope swings, hay pile to jump in, etc). There is also a little cafe and fresh produce you can buy. CLC youth group will cover the admission for church youth.

Oct. 20th - Set up and prep for Spaghetti dinner. Meet at church from 5:30-7PM to set up for the spaghetti dinner we are serving before the congregational meeting on the 21st.

Oct. 21st - Spaghetti dinner serving. Those who can be there by 4:30, please let me know. We start serving at 5:00. We will also need help with clean up. Please let me know who can come and when for this fundraiser for the youth.

Thank you all so much for your support and for bringing your youth to events. If you have any ideas for November or December let me know! I am already planning events for that time as well.

Gods blessings to you and your family,
Chris Stumpf



The next
Hannah Circle
Food Share will be on Oct. 11

We are celebrating the fall season with joyful hearts! The children are in awe of the changing colors outside. It is so much fun to see how excited they get. We give all the thanks and glory to God.



This October we will be learning more Bible stories. We will be learning about Daniel and the lions den. We will also be learning about how Jesus fed 5,000. We will then be preparing a meal to give to someone in need. Also in October we will be having a fun costume carnival!

Special thanks to Gwen our great reader. We love you Gwen! Thank you for our three new books!

We appreciate you so much!

Blessings to everyone!

Mark 10:16

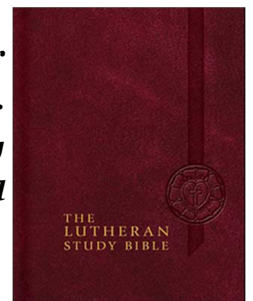
The Lutheran Study Bible

<i>Retail price</i>	\$ 39.99
<i>Christ Lutheran Church price</i>	\$ 32.00
<i>Less subsidized discount</i>	<u>-10.00</u>
<i>Your price in the month of October</i>	\$ 22.00

The Lutheran Study Bible is a complete resource for those who desire to grow in their understanding of God's will and ways. The one volume includes: The ESV Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, Bible footnotes, Lectionary for daily Bible reading, Article and Charts, Maps, and a Bible Concordance.

This would make a great Christmas present. Buy one for yourself, and let His Word become for you "a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path." (Ps. 119:105)

Call the church office to order your Lutheran Study Bible. Leather Bound Lutheran Study Bibles are also available, add an additional cost.



It is already October!
The annual meeting will be on October 21 at 6:30 pm.
PLEASE turn in your reports to the office by October 14, an email attachment is best, but a hard copy is okay, too.
The youth will be serving spaghetti dinner at 5:15 pm.



The Teen Challenge Choir and speaker (former FBI agent Sue Thomas) will be here on October 18.

If you are interested in attending the Teen Challenge annual Fall banquet and silent auction please see Gary or Carolyn Lofald.



Fields of Faith, a student led group that encourages students to pray for others, share with their , and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ, will meet Wed. Oct. 14 at 8 pm at Public School Stadium in Duluth. All area youth groups are encouraged to attend.



**Pasties will be made
October 23rd and 24th!**

Pick up will be on Saturday between 11:00 am- 2:00 pm.

Order sheets will be out soon.
please consider joining us in the preparation Friday evening and/or Saturday morning.
Look for more details soon.



Christ Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/1/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

The Stumpf's will be giving a 5-10 minute presentation after church on Oct 11th about their upcoming mission trip to the Philippines.



Hannah circle will also be selling soup mixes to support this ministry during coffee time.



If anyone has photos of church activities (Father-Daughter Ball, Husband-Wife Ball, Open Arms Daycare, Youth events, Sunshine group, Circles, photos of the interior or exterior of church, etc.) to include in the new church directory please email them to the church office at:
christlutheranduluth@yahoo.com.



Come and join us anytime for the American Heritage study series. We meet every Wed. at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.



In reviewing some of the Church property we have 9 cemetery lots at Sunrise available for our members to be able to purchase. If anyone is interested, please see Kim Matuseski.

October Mission of the Month

MN Teen Challenge

For over 30 years Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge has been assisting teens and adults in gaining freedom from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Teen Challenge offers a residential program for teenage girls and boys struggling with chemical addictions, as well as behavioral problems.

For teens, there are both long and short term options. Programming is provided in a structured therapeutic community offering continuous observation and treatment by professional multi-disciplinary staff members.

Additionally, they offer a long term faith-based residential recovery program for adults that assists individuals in gaining freedom from drug and alcohol addiction and the life controlling problems associated with it.

These programs are not offered cost free. Each resident is required to pay monthly room and board fees. Some fees are covered by outside agencies, but the majority of funding comes from private sources such as churches, businesses, and individuals.

In addition to your monetary support, there are several other ways you could help, job/intern opportunities, volunteering, or becoming a mentor.

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."

HOW TO PLANT A GARDEN FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of Peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant three rows of Squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be patient

Lettuce really love one another

No Garden is complete without Turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have Thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for each other

Thyme for family

Thyme for friends

Thyme for yourself

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

*A big thank you to everyone who has helped so far on putting together the new Lifetouch directory. It takes a lot of people working together in so many areas to make this work...
Thank you everyone!*

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2015 Annual Budget: \$245,283; Weekly \$4,717

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
9/13/2015	\$ 3,536	400	800	4,336	4,717	(381)
YTD	\$ 122,050	6,572	30,480	159,242	174,529	(15,287)

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