



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2015

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Christ's Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR'S MAIL POUCH:

"I tell you, on the Day of Judgment, people will give an account for the careless words they speak; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matthew 12:36-37



Words are the way that people communicate what is hidden inside of their hearts. With words, we not only share information; we also share our feelings: joy and excitement, anger and bitterness, fear and anxiety, courage and confidence.

The tone in which we express those words can reveal even more. Whether spoken loudly or softly, merely muttering in a tone of bitterness will convey that attitude dramatically; and words of gratitude and admiration spoken in a whisper will have their full and blessed effect upon the hearer.

Most of us grew up with the rhyme "Sticks and stone may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Such is NOT the case. In recent years, we have seen the dramatic and even tragic effect that cyber-bullying can have as school-age children use facebook and other social media to communicate to friends and enemies alike. Words can kill, driving those who are attacked verbally to take their own lives.

Even when the sharing of hurtful words and negative comments does not meet with such destructive ends, it may very well have a negative impact upon those to whom the words are conveyed.

In the realm of the Christian Church, the Body of Christ, verbal abuse ought to be easily and accurately identified as sin. When it occurs, the believer has no other choice than to repent, apologize, and seek the well-being of the one he/she has offended.

Luther writes in his Small Catechism "We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way."

The 8th Commandment, forbidding us to bear false witness against our neighbor, includes malicious talk to and about our neighbor which would cause harm to his /her body, soul, or reputation. When the child of God knows or is made aware that he/she has caused injury by the words he/she has spoken, the immediate response to is repent...and not to defend his/her sinful actions. Failure to do so is an act of the hardening of one's heart; and the following words of Jesus go into effect:

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The believer in Jesus knows the power of the Word of God to create, to heal, to encourage, and to sustain. However, the believer must never forget the other side of the Sword of the Spirit: God's Word also is able to condemn and bring ultimate and final judgment and destruction.

Lest we fall into condemnation on that great and terrible Day of the Lord, let us consider the words we say to one another and about one another every day.

(Prayer) *Lord Jesus, may our words be always seasoned with the salt of divine love and wisdom, so that we may know how we ought to speak to everyone. Amen.*

Pastor Myke Main

September 2015 Serving Schedule

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main
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Treasurer: Laurie Wiita
treasurer@clcduluth.org

Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf
clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com

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 Oct. issue is Fri. Sept. 25.

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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!

September 6

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Keith & Trudy Youngren
Greeters: Norma Johnson & Jane Sommerfeld

September 13

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; John Holt; Paul Holt
Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

September 20

Ushers: Spring Billiar, Kim Matuseski, Les Johnson, David Wood
Greeters: Norma Johnson & Jane Sommerfeld

September 27

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Gary & Carolyn Lofald
Greeters: Jan Main

October 4

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska; Mike & Wendy Pickar
Greeters: Grace Wells

Trustees:

Sept. 6: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson
Sept. 13: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson
Sept. 20: Libby Vukson & Spring Billiar
Sept. 27: Bob Dahl & Kim Matuseski
Oct. 4: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

Coffee Servers:

Sept. 6: Hannah Circle
Sept. 13: Council 1
Sept. 20: ROC
Sept. 27: Dorcas Circle
Oct. 4: Hannah Circle



Christ Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous donation to UGM, it is truly a blessing!
God Bless!
Union Gospel Mission

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for blessing us with your support! The abundant donation of diapers, along with wipes, clothing, and other baby items has helped restock our shelves. Your generous response to our need is so greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting us prayerfully and practically.

May God's presence bless the rest of your summer recreation as you are refreshed and renewed by times of celebrations, worship, and relaxation with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Joanne Martens
Executive Director



Talen Sebok
September 1

Jimmy Olson
September 5

Fern Lindberg
September 7

Joyce Larson
September 9

Justin Carlson
September 13

Diane Malander
September 13

Ava Borham
September 15

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

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:

Gideons

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**
Kathy Aho
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Aletha Bartels*
Vi Boder
Dean Sunstrom
Brian MacDonald
Katie Lund**
Elna Linder**
Mark Malander
Marvin Lofald***
Shirley Kern
Olivia Schadel
Bill Blair***
John Schneeberger
Jan Arezzo*
Dick Hilmoe
Dale Lund
Dick Kern
Tom Stauber
Mark Wiita
Lorna McLean
Jane McLean
Laura Melander

*in the hospital or recently released or anticipating surgery

**receiving therapy or ongoing medical care

***in hospice care

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 confirmed youth and youth in confirmation will be meeting on Saturday the 19th of September at 3:00 to make donuts.

Parents, please watch your email as I am in the process of planning some exciting events for the fall. When I get back from the Philippines we will also have a meeting to finalize the fall plans and start planning the rest of the year.

Thank you for your support while I have been gone!

Thanks and God bless-

Chris

Happy fall everyone!

What a wonderful time of year. We are so blessed to be able to enjoy the changing colors of nature that God created for us.

We were so happy to have a special lesson about creation this month from Pastor Myke. Thank you Pastor! We are looking forward to your next visit.

This month we will be learning about the Heroes of the Bible. We are going to practice being a super hero to others. We will be learning about how when Jesus died for us He made it possible for us to be a super new child of God. We will be learning about the superpowers found in Galatians 5:22-23. We will be working on patience, goodness, gentleness, and our favorite kindness. The parents enjoyed another date night this month. Lots of fun was had by everyone! Our wish for you this month is to remember how very much God loves you!

Please keep us in your prayers that we can soon fill the openings we have for preschool to school age children. A few of our dear children are moving on to new schools this fall. Jake and Brianna are building a new home in Moose Lake and will be attending Kindergarten and second grade at a new school. Jackson is attending a new school so he will be all set for Kindergarten. We will miss them!

Oliver, Ethan and Mackenzie are three new children that will be joining us in September. We welcome them with open arms!

Thank you!

Mary Jo



The next
Hannah Circle
Food Share will
be on Sept. 13

Lifetouch reminder

Those persons having group pictures taken for the church directory: please put the name of each group on the back of each picture.

Individuals and deacons having pictures for placement in the church directory: put the name, address, and phone number on the back of each photo

Bring all pictures to the church office by Tuesday, Sept. 29.
Thank you.



The Wednesday evening adult study will begin again on September 9 at 6:30 pm. Our study this year will focus on America's Heritage. Come join us for a time of education and fellowship.



We will have a presentation from our mission of the month, the Gideons, on September 27.



Electronic Giving

If you are interested in setting up electronic giving for your offerings to the church, please contact Laurie Wiita (218)391-4533 for more information.

Attention Dorcas Circle:

Sept. 14 the Dorcas Circle will have a guest speaker from the Union Gospel Mission. Sue Jordahl-Bubacz will present a new program to us that most people would be able to volunteer for.

Pastor Myke will do our Bible study. Don Olson will take a group picture of our circle for the church directory. Please plan to be there at 1:30 pm for all events.



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.



The quilters will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 am



September Mission of the Month 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."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Fellow Redeemed,

Thank You

I just received word from home about the generous support you dear people gave this summer to Project Timothy - Kenya. Thank you so much for this! It is indeed a special providence that, over the years and across thousands of miles, we are united in this venture in the gospel for the peoples of the earth. Since 2008, I have had the wonderful privilege of helping to train now over 158 students from Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo to be pastors and deaconesses for Christ and His kingdom. Thank you on their behalf as well for being a significant part of this work!

Today is the second day of the new semester. We are welcoming more students from near and far who want to be at the disposal of the Lord's call into ministry. Thanks be to God!

God bless and keep you well and faithful in the confession of the imperishable gospel!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Aadland

September Acolytes:

September 6: Allyson Jurek & Zachary Carson
 September 13: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson
 September 20: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek
 September 27: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson
 October 4: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek

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

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
8/16/2015	\$ 1,541	400	1,490	3,431	4,717	(1,286)
YTD	\$ 112,090	6,712	29,605	148,407	155,661	(7,254)

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