



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Mail Pouch

"The Changing Spiritual Climate of Our Nation and Its Churches"

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it." Amos 8:11-12

One of the things that true historians find as they reflect upon the events of nations and kingdoms is that *history repeats itself.* They see patterns of behavior, followed by the effects of that behavior. And so, it has been said that *those who do not learn from history are destined to repeat it.*

This concept applies both to earthly matters and to spiritual matters. During the days of the prophet Amos in the Old Testament, God's chosen people, Israel, were enjoying a time of military security and economic affluence. Most of the Israelites took this to be a sign of God's approval and favor, which they thought they deserved because of the support of the 'religious shrines.' They were wrong to assume such a thing.

So, into this scene stepped God's prophet, Amos, whose divinely inspired words revealed the truth of the matter. Israel's religious activity did not meet with God's approval, since they were not worshipping the one-true God. They were not listening to the prophets whom the LORD sent to turn them from their idolatry. So, after a series of warnings from various prophetic voices, the words of Amos (above) reveal God's response: a famine of His Word [an absence of the prophetic voice of God]. Since they had rejected God's prophets in the past ... and in essence, hardened their hearts toward the living God ... there would now come a time when no word would be forthcoming from God only the grim prospect of His judgment for ongoing sin.

God's Word has been preserved for us in order that we might learn from the events of the past history of God's people. the writer of the Book of I Corinthians states, "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come."

Our nation used to be known as a "Christian Nation." It was founded upon the truths of Holy Scripture. 95% of the Founding Fathers were believers in Christ Jesus. That was 240 years ago. The spiritual climate of our nation has changed dramatically. Not only has the political and judicial climate changed; even within 'many' churches, the Word of God is not regarded as the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and life. We continue to enjoy military security and relative affluence, especially in comparison with the rest of the world. However, we ought not to assume that God is blessing this nation or His churches.

As a nation, we are experiencing a "famine of God's Word." Liberal churches preach a 'social gospel' and fail to proclaim the necessity to deal with sin, through true repentance and a sincere entrusting of one's life to the care and direction of the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. In this compromised and perverted presentation of the Gospel, the truth is lacking. There is a "famine of God's Word."

Cultural standards within our society have become the 'norm' for the behavior of people sitting in the church pews. People professing to be 'Christian' are more influenced by the world and by the Word. There is a "famine of God's Word" even within the hearts of many of the 'religious' of our nation.

What is the solution? You and I must personally commit ourselves to the study of God's Word at home and in a Bible based congregation. We must bear witness to the truth among our family and friends. We must pray for the individuals whom God has placed within our sphere of influence. If we do not, history will repeat itself; and judgment will come both to us and to our loved ones.

Let us not be among those who fail to learn from the instruction and example that God's Word has afforded us.

Pastor Myke



October 2016

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This Month:

Wed. Night Bible Study
6:30 PM "Walking
With Jesus Through
the Gospel of Mark"

Sat., Oct. 8 5-8 PM
Family Game & Potluck
Night

Sun., Oct. 16 Old Time
Gospel Service

Wed., Oct. 19 5:00 PM
Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 PM Annual Meeting

Sun., Oct. 23 Teen
Challenge Sunday

Sun., Oct. 30 Traditional
Reformation Service

Christ Lutheran
Church, TAALC
2415 Ensign St.
Duluth, MN 55811
218-722-7537
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October 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.*

October 2

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska

Greeter: Jan Main

October 9

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

Greeter: Don & Priscilla Olson

October 16

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Keith & Trudy Youngren

Greeter: Grace Wells

October 23

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Bob & Pam Halvorson

Greeter: Norma Johnson

October 30

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; John Holt; Paul Holt

Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

November 6

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

Greeters: Jan Main

Trustees:

Oct. 2: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Oct. 9: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

Oct. 16: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar

Oct. 23: Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad

Oct. 30: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Nov. 6: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

Coffee Servers:

Oct. 2: Hannah Circle

Oct. 9: Council Group 2

Oct. 16: ROC

Oct. 23: Esther Circle

Oct. 30: Library

Nov. 6: Hannah Circle

Acolytes:

Oct. 2: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita

Oct. 9: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

Oct. 16: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita

Oct. 23: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

Oct. 30: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita

Nov. 6: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

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Vice-President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita
treasurer@clcduluth.org

Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf
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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 November Messenger is Fri.
Oct. 28**

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:

MN Teen Challenge

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:

Brian MacDonald*
Carol Johnson*
Jane McLean*
Bryon Goeppinger*
Elna Linder**
Wayne Sundstrom**
Don Olson**
Chelsea Holt**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Sue Anderson**
Katie Lund**
Gwen Nelson**
Bob Johnson**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Marvin Lofald***
Julie Guddeck's mother, Carole Rosenberg***
Pastor Main's mother, Ruby Kroner***
Vi Boder
Mark Malander
Olivia Schadel
Lee Koivisto (Spring's son)
Russ Schramm
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
Bob Carson
Kristen Carlson
Carol Schramm
Aletha Bartels
Betty Stromquist
Jan Arrezo
Florence Kubiak

*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.



*Bill McLean
October 15*

*Lydia Wiita
October 16*

*Brooke Mohar
October 20*

*Jim Carlson
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*

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.**



Don't forget the monthly potluck and game night hosted by the youth. This is open to all church members. Please come and enjoy a night of games, food and fun! This month's potluck is Saturday October 8th from 5-8. See you all there!!!

The youth are going to be really busy this month!

Oct 15th – Simek's farm and corn maze. We will meet at the church at 1 PM to drive up to Simek's. After an afternoon in the corn maze we will head back to church for food and fellowship. We plan on being back by 6 PM. We will also make donuts to serve on the 16th. Please let Chris know if you are going to attend either or both activities so we can plan accordingly.

Oct 16th – Youth serve during coffee time. Please sign up with Chris if you are able to help on that day.

Oct 18th – We will be prepping for the Spaghetti Dinner that will be on the following day at 6:00. Please bring a dozen cookies or bars for the dessert.

Oct 19th – Spaghetti Dinner serving at 5:15. We need those who can serve and another team for clean up. Please sign up for a shift by the 16th.

Oct 22nd or 23 – Spirit Mt. Adventure Park – stay tuned for more details!!!!

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

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:2

Fall is officially here, We have been enjoying new outdoor activities everyday!
We welcomed Susan Grover this month as our new part time assistant.
Susan comes to us with years of daycare and infant foster care experience.
Susan is a wonderful Christian. She is excited to be sharing the Lord with the children.
We are so thankful to have her join us.

We have many fun things planned this month.

Our new verse this month is Psalm 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

The children will be learning how the Lord shows us the way to go and then guides our steps.

We have also been praying for friends and family everyday. Their prayers are so dear and heartfelt.

We have been doing some fun baking on chilly mornings. Baking is an exciting way to learn about math and science.

Later this month we plan to have a little costume carnival. Dressing up at daycare is always fun. If you have any costumes or fancy little dresses you would like to share with us we would love that. Dramatic play is always a favorite time here.

Operation Christmas Child is fast approaching and we are looking forward to filling the shoe boxes with special toys and love.

Please pass the word along that we have full time openings for children ages two and up.

Blessings to all of you!

Jesus loves the little children of the world and so do we!

Mary Jo



Three Special Services in October

Old Time Gospel Service Oct. 16

Teen Challenge Service Oct. 23

Traditional Reformation Service Oct. 30



**The Youth are going to Simek's Farm on
Saturday, October 15.**

Meet at 1 PM at the church.

**Please contact Chris Stumpf for more
information at 218-310-2747 or
clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com**

**Family Potluck &
Game Night
Sat., Oct. 8
from 5-8 PM**



The Hannah Circle is hosting a
craft/vendor fair Nov 19th.

This is a fundraiser to help support
missions. If you are interested in
buying a space, please contact Chris
Stumpf at 218-310-2747.

*The next
Hannah Circle
Food Share will be
on October 9*



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.

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. Programing is provided in a structured therapeutic community offering continuous observation and treatment by professional multidisciplinary 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.

Theses 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."



**The Annual Meeting is
Wed., Oct. 19 at 6:30 PM**

**The youth will be serving
spaghetti supper at 5:15 PM**



If you use electronic giving you will now find cards in the pew holders that you may use during the offering.

These cards also have information if you are interested in electronic giving.



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
09/25/2016	\$ 2,234	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 2,234
Year to Date	\$103,276	\$ 7,358	\$42,608	\$153,242

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*