



THE NUGGET

2017 VBS

This year's vacation bible school had seventeen volunteer youth helpers that did everything from lead small groups, to lead games and crafts. Nine of the youth leaders did not attend our church but have grown up attending our VBS and wanted to help lead. This year it was a small group, a record low attendance, averaging thirty participants daily, but fun was had by all!

This year we traveled back to Rome to learn about the story of Paul and the underground church. Paul was a man who once hated and persecuted Christians. After being struck blind by God, he started to believe in God and was converted. He wanted to tell the people about God's word and is credited with writing two-thirds of the new testament and sharing the gospel into Asia minor. Unfortunately, he got locked up in prison and was chained to a Roman soldier who was guarding him. Paul's word traveled through the underground church where people would meet and share secret signs of their faith. If they were caught they would get stoned or put in jail because of their beliefs. Remember that Roman soldier that guarded Paul? Over time he started to believe in God and become a fellow Christian. It was a fun week in Rome and spending time with the kids of our community.

We raised over \$500 hosting a snack shack for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next year. We also raised \$498 at the Praise Concert Friday night thanks to Sue Biggs and our amazing praise team. Katie will be taking 8 high school students from our church and one other adult to the Youth Gathering and we need to raise \$20,000. This was a great start to our fundraising. Thank you to our adult helpers who volunteered countless hours: Special thanks to everyone that prayed, provided cookies, or otherwise supported our youth this week.

Joy Harper - Director of Drama
Jeffery Simon's - Assistant Director of Drama
Andy Veh and Dr. Ray Hippchen- Snack Coordinators
Anna Veach - Music Leader
Kathy Gensel - Registration and Front Desk
Dan Gensel and Mark Larson for acting the part of Paul and the Roman soldier
Katie Olson - Director of VBS/Youth Ministries

The highlights of the week were: I noticed that all of the kids were having fun and making new friends when we had the fabulous concert. Thanks to the Praise band members from our church and Adam Nath, Ben Pooley and Forever Dance Alaska dancers. Also, Josh Pieh had his bike stolen from the church parking lot after someone cut his lock during our morning worship at VBS. When the community heard about this, everyone pitched in enough money to buy him a brand new bike. This lesson showed us that there will always be sin in the world, but God's love will always overshadow any evil.

In His Service,
Drysta Schneider

COUNCIL MINUTES—June and July

June 12, 2017

- Call Committee Update: Council unanimously approved finances for travel expenses for a candidate to visit Soldotna.
- Technology Update: Casey Olson researched and recommended a digital mixer for our sound system. The motion was made and unanimously approved.
- Expectations for janitorial services are being reviewed.
- Youth Ministry: Discussion was held regarding the needed youth ministry at our church. The team feels that they need to discuss this ministry and its direction with the new pastor.
- Fellowship Hall Tables and Chairs: four or five more round tables will be purchased. Lending chairs, there should be some kind of inventory.
- Outside Sign: Pastor Dan suggested we make a few phrases, Communion, Sunday Worship and Concert. We ordered these through Guff Sherman Signs.
- Website: Casey Olson will get access and make updates.
- Facebook: Kathy Carson takes care of changes and updates.
- Group Texting: Pastor Dan recommended we utilize group text for prayer chain, information, etc. A signup sheet will be sent around for those interested in participating.
- Digital Pictures For Entryway: Pastor Dan said visitors come in and look around from a radius of 10 feet to see what your church is about. He suggested getting a digital frame for the entryway.

July 10, 2017

- Synod Liaison: Discussion was held between Twyla Mundy, Synod Liaison between the Council and the Alaska Synod Office, and the council members. Twyla presented a list of items for the council to consider. Casey Olson said he would try to link up the Synod Enews with our CLC website in a way that the information updates itself.
- Call Committee Update: The call committee selected Rev. Meredith Harber to visit our congregation on July 16-18th. A schedule has been set up preparing for her arrival including a Sunday service and potluck, lunch with the church ladies, one-on-one visits, call committee meeting and dinner.
- Draft Compensation Package For Pastoral Candidate: Discussion was held regarding moving expenses, health coverage, wages, mentorship program and vacation time. The package is not yet finalized.
- Nursery Concerns: maintenance concerns were discussed and possible payment for a permanent babysitter.
- Credit Card: Jeff Belluomini is looking into this for us.
- Financial Summary: Deb Delker compiled a financial report showing expenses and balances.

COMMUNION DATES

10:00 AM Service, 1st and 4th Sunday, August 6th and 27th
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, August 13th and 27th

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

June 18

Concerns: Rochelle Schneider's neighbor, Donna and Dennis Alder, healing for Ian and the doctor's wisdom, our legislature as they go into another session, those that need to find forgiveness

Joys: those that helped put the church service together

June 25

Concerns: Karen Berriochoa recovery from surgery, continued prayers for Donna Alder's recovery, Donna Alder's brother has cancer, continued prayers for Katie MacLeod's daughter, Marilyn, and her niece, five year old medevaced to Anchorage for a skull injury, prayers for recovery for Alan Weaver who was in a car accident, healing for Chuck Marquardt, Natasha Weissenberg's former students, those suffering both physically and emotionally, Sue Bigg's mother waiting for a heart valve

Joys: Donna Alder is out of the hospital, Elaine Larson thankful to be in church and thankful for all the prayers

Passings: Betty Harris's husband, Jim, passed away

July 2

Concerns: Healing for Donna Alder, the baseball player who had a seizure, everyone traveling, Natasha's best friend battling cancer, Natasha's brother, Jim.

July 7

Concerns: The Hitchcock family whose father had a heart attack and car accident, Baby June having serious problems-prayers for baby and family, Sue Bigg's mother having heart valve replaced-wisdom and guidance for the doctor, LaVern Wahl's eye surgery, Margie Warner in her fight against cancer.

Joys: Pastor Dean and his message today Judy Swarner's nephew got married on July 4th, Greg Stein and Jeannie Young's 12th anniversary

July 16

Concerns: Uplift Darnell, Lia traveling by herself, Lia and Katie, healing for Ruth Osborn's son-in-law having operation, Donna Alder, Donna's brother who has cancer, Katie MacLeod's daughter Marilyn, Billie Shackleton

Joys: Donna and Dennis Alder celebrating 26 year's of marriage, visit from Pastoral Candidate Pastor Meredith

July 23

Concerns: those that are homeless, Ruth Osborn's son-in-law neck surgery, a young man in jail, Alaska Synod congregations in transition, Bishop Wickstrom and Eaton, Christ Lutheran Congregation

Joys: Excitement of VBS beginning this week

VBS



JESUS
LOVES
YOU!



NEW ADDRESSES

Denise and John Harro 61145 Benham Road, Bend, OR 97702
and
Abby Smola, 902 Palisades Road, SW #A, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, August 8th at 11:30 AM
at Gingers in the Peninsula Center Mall.



CROCHETING THEIR WAY MINISTRY

We are collecting yarn for the women at Wildwood Prison
who are crocheting articles for people in the community.
There is a tote on the donation station
for any donations of yarn. Everything is appreciated!



GREAT NEWS!!!!

We received an email from Rev. Meredith E. Harber.....

"It is with joy and excitement that I accept the invitation to come serve as the pastor of
Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna, AK. I have been praying and will continue to
pray for the ministry that we do together in the time to come."

With gratitude, The Rev. Meredith E. Harber

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

When you are homeless life on the street can be harsh. It is still
cool during the evenings and the homeless need to keep warm.

New, clean and lightly used winter gear and clothing including
shoes, boots, hats, scarves, socks, etc. continue to be collected.

Handmade items are appreciated. Drop off items at the church.

It will be delivered to one of the homeless outreach agencies.

Contact Sandy 262-7460 or sandyalaska@gmail.com for more information.

FIRST THURSDAY BLUEGRASS JAM

We invite you to join us at the
"1st Thursday Blue Grass Jam" to be
held at Christ Lutheran Church on
Thursday, August 3rd
at 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM.

This evening is for those wanting to
"jam" or for those wanting to listen to
others jam. Please join us, you will
love it!





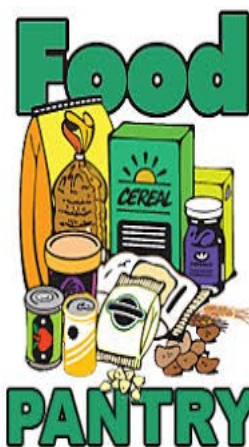
**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

JULY / AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Stone	7/2	Keith & Mandy Pieh ♥	8/3
John Thomas	7/2	Isabel Thomas	8/7
Barbara Roper	7/3	Deb Nyquist	8/8
Robert Krogseng	7/4	Randy & Sharry Parshall ♥	8/8
Jennifer Carver	7/5	Charlie & Sandee Simons ♥	8/8
Sophia Micciche	7/6	Lynda Dahlgren	8/10
Ken Gibson	7/9	Andy & Kate Veh ♥	8/10
Jerome & Etta Mae Near ♥	7/9	Alex Weeks	8/10
Kim Christianson	7/10	Delany Schneider	8/12
Giuseppina Stuive	7/10	Judy Swarner	8/12
Morgan Cunninham	7/11	Larry VanRay	8/12
Dennis & Donna Alder ♥	7/12	Peter & Erin Micciche ♥	8/13
Veronica Post	7/13	Robin Nyce	8/13
Sue Seggerman	7/14	Darnell Schneider	8/13
Kirsten Nyquist	7/15	Mark & Elaine Larson ♥	8/14
Kay Shook	7/16	John Dahlgren	8/15
John Harro	7/17	Sandee Simons	8/15
Greg Lundell	7/18	Brad & Jeanna Carver ♥	8/17
Donna Alder`	7/19	Dustin Moore	8/18
Doug Schneider	7/19	Mark Hanson	8/19
Mark Larson	7/20	Joyce Duwe	8/22
Carmen Stephl	7/21	Lee Frey	8/22
Jim Delker	7/22	Terry & Lori Stone ♥	8/22
Madisen Redder	7/22	Megan Janorschke	8/23
Madeline Micciche	7/23	Don & Barb Soderstrom ♥	8/23
Bryan Dombovy	7/24	Jessica Moore	8/24
Sharon Wallace	7/24	Elena Pate	8/24
Norma Holmgaard	7/25	Chris & Carmen Stephl ♥	8/24
Andrew Pieh	7/26	Dale & Barb Sandahl ♥	8/25
Madison Cunningham	7/29	Paul Sarks	8/27
Todd Syverson	7/29	Edwin & Veronica Post ♥	8/28
Nicholas Veh	7/29	Edwin Post	8/28
Todd & Lana Syverson ♥	7/30	Cheryl Romatz	8/30
Brock Sarks	7/31	Dan & Kathy Gensel ♥	8/31

**SOLDOTNA
FOOD
PANTRY**
For the
month of
June
we served:

135 Boxes
268 Adults
117 Children
78 Disabled
22 Veterans
44 Seniors





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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement:

Knowing Christ

Empowering His Followers

Making Him Known To Others

Please contact us ...

Phone: 262-4757, Web: www.christlutheransoldotna.org or email: clchurch@alaska.net

We want to include you in our prayers, arrange for pastoral visits, and announce information to the congregation, when appropriate. Please notify the church office as soon as possible when:

- A member of your family or someone you know dies.
- You or someone you know is ill or grieving.
- You or someone you know is in the hospital.
- You or someone you know wants to plan a baptism, wedding or celebration.
- You move or change telephone numbers.