



# THE NUGGET



January 2017, from Pastor Dan

Welcome to 2017. It is a blank slate before us and we are called as the children of God to embrace each day with the living presence of Christ in our words and deeds. With the increased tension in the world, as well as the increased reaction to that tension, the presence of God's grace manifest in the words and deeds of the children of God will be a much-needed entity. So look at those little red dots on your phone, car windows and credit cards and live each day reminded of who and whose you are. (btw, I have more dots if you need them)

We had wonderful listening sessions in the fall to explore the question of where the church has been and what drew you to this faith community. My optimistic plan for listening sessions exploring where you see the church now in November fell victim to a late start and the busy holidays. Now in the new year we will again pick up these sessions and do the double duty of exploring where you see the church in this community today, as well as what you would like to see for the future of this congregation. I look forward to these gatherings and hearing your observations as well as your dreams. We will be working to make sure the voice of the youth are heard with a few scheduled meetings following worship. This congregation is doing a wonderful job of moving forward in their self-study and call process. The Mission Site Profile should be completed around the time you receive this newsletter and a call committee is being formed. I suspect late spring an exciting time for Christ Lutheran.

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting following worship for the children who wish to take communion and their parents. This meeting will also be open to others who simply wish to explore more deeply the meaning of communion. The meeting should last a half hour. If there is need for further discussion we will schedule more time for conversation later.

We had some fun and interesting worship services this fall. For Reformation, there was the Reformation Polka and the Katie and Martin dialogue. Then there was the Christmas play (excellently acted out I must say) and the Christmas Eve worship services. We had an Advent fair and went Christmas caroling. We even fed the community on some fine Norsk cuisine. In the new year, we are looking at something special for that great American cultural event, Superbowl. On that day, there are many for whom their head, (thoughts and plans) is on the game. Instead of fighting that, we will build our worship service around the Superbowl theme and ask people to wear their "colors." It is a way of bringing God back into the everyday lives of people. If you would like to help plan and prepare for this service please let me know.

So we move forward, anticipating what God has in store for you and for Christ Lutheran. The days are getting longer (though not by much right now) and hope is on the horizon. What dreams do you have for Christ Lutheran? Let us share those dreams and see what God can do.

## COUNCIL MINUTES—December 12th, 2016

Members Present: Jeff Belluomini, Pastor Dan Bollerud, Cheryl Romatz, Denise Harro, Kate Veh, Casey Olson, Kathy Carson, Jim Delker

1. Jeff Belluomini moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Seconded by Cheryl Romatz. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Kathy Carson made a motion to continue Pastor Dan's contract on a month to month basis after December. Jeff seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
3. Pastor Dan shared that there are a few new people that would like to join the church. The council shared what the process has been in the past.
4. The Task Force is asking the Council for some added information so that they may complete the Mission Profile. Denise shared that she had all of the information needed and could share that with the task force.
5. Kathy reported that the Food Pantry is doing much better with our additional support and they will make it through the holidays. Casey Olson inquired as to whether the school district could donate some of their surplus to the Food Pantry. He said that he would inquire and get back to the council.
6. Denise shared that there are a number of members that are interested in being on the Call Committee. Denise will extend initiations to the interested parties to see if they are interested in being on the committee.
7. We are needing to develop a schedule for the counting of the offering. It needs to be one council member and one other member who is not the council member's family. Council will discuss this at the next meeting.
8. Election of new officers: Denise Harro-President, Casey Olson-Vice President, Kate Veh-Secretary.
9. Denise shared that the construction project is basically done. Casey and Kathy shared that there are needs for technology and lighting.

Next meeting: January 9th, 2017 6:00 PM

## WINTER CHILL POTLUCK—SOUTHWEST THEME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th

Immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

It's a Southwestern Theme!!

Bring a potluck dish and a friend.

Think green or red chili, tacos, enchiladas, frijoles, pasole,  
menudo, tamales, and a salad or dessert.

(Oh yes, and Tums, Zantac, or Roloids as needed)



## CLOTHING DONATION UPDATE

Please continue your generous donations to this ministry!!!

January 1, 2015—December 31, 2015 we provided 695 pounds of clothes and 21 pair of footwear  
January 1, 2016—December 31, 2016 we provided 433 pounds of clothes and 76 pair of footwear

In a two year period we provided 1128 pounds of clothing and 97 pair of footwear!!  
(included is the 55 coats we sent to Nome)

Just think.....97 people have their feet covered with footwear we collected!



## MINISTRY SITE PROFILE (MSP): SURVEY

One of the key requirements of the MSP is to provide a survey on a number of topics related to the congregation and the type of pastor it seeks. The survey is now available for you to take on both the CLC web site and the CLC Facebook page. Please complete it at your earliest convenience.

To access the web site, go to: <http://www.christlutheransoldotna.org/>  
and then click on “Call Process”. That will take you to the survey.

To begin the survey, click on:

1. Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Profile Survey

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

If you need help with the online survey, please call Roger Pearson (776-8304) or John Lillevik (398-4611). If you prefer to have a paper form of the survey mailed to you, please call or email Roger Pearson ([rpearsonak1@gmail.com](mailto:rpearsonak1@gmail.com))

You may also complete a paper form of the survey at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday morning or evening. There will be a box available where you can leave you completed form.

**NOTE: THE SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS.**

We encourage all family members (about 14 years on up) to complete the survey.

## CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PROFILE

As an ELCA church, calling a pastor is a purposeful process. A key component of the call process is putting together for Bishop Shelly a profile of our congregation to present to a prospective pastor. We have begun the process with the Sunday survey questions that you have found in your bulletin. A longer survey is being put together and you will receive that in a few weeks.

We very much appreciate the answers to the questions that we have received so far. If you have missed any of those questions and wish to make your thoughts known, extra copies can be found in the church entryway. If you have questions or want to make comments contact any of us on the Mission Task Force Committee or Pastor Dan.

The committee: Roger and Marlene Pearson, Mark and Elaine Larson, Jon Lillevik, JoAnn Hagen, Lee and Andrea Frey, and Brenna Belloumini.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

### **November 20**

Concerns: Cheryl Romatz's grandson's surgery and mother-in-laws house to sell; safe travel for Pollyanna and family; Kathy Gensel's friend Patti; Donna Alder's continued healing and care; healing for Jim Fisher

Joys: This community; gift of music

Passings: Sue Stein's son-in-law's father passed

### **November 27**

Concerns: Jim Fisher moving to Heritage Place; healing for Sandy Umlauf; good x-rays for Donna Alder and help with assistance, Roger Pearson's friend going in for back surgery; those suffering loss; Sunday School will meet their 2<sup>nd</sup> goal

Joys: Cheryl Romatz's grandson's surgery went well; Katie McCloud's found watch

Passings: the family and friends of Julie Bowman and with Lee

### **December 4**

Concerns: Safe travel for Katie and kids; a family at Jesse's school who lost their house in a fire; those suffering this season; those who have lost children; for Kate

Joys: Katie's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; Megan Duwe Lemke, baby girl, Giavana Hope

Passings: those who passed away in Tennessee fires

### **December 11**

Concerns: Sue Stein's son-in-law's mom, Diane, who is in the hospital; be with Andrea Frey's co-worker going to Haiti to pick up new adoptive child

Joys: the youth for the Advent Fair

Passings: Jan Stenga's sister-in-law passed away

### **December 18**

Concerns: Surround Sue Stein's son-in-law's mother, Diane with peace and family; those with depression, mental illness and addiction; those traveling; Katie MacLeod; many friends of Jane Stein who have suffered loss; healing for Mary Showalter's eyes

Joys: Birth of Jerry Holmgaards's granddaughter; Natasha's grandchild's birthday; gift of medicine and the healing community

Passings: Dave Stein's friend Jack Stewart; peace to the family of Linda Bowman; Ken Harper's daughter's father-in-law

## ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Thank you for your support of the  
Advent Conspiracy Well Project.

Through your generosity we are able to change a  
small corner of the world.

We will have an official financial update in the next  
newsletter.

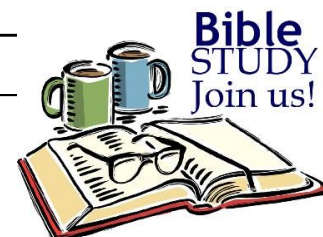


## ADDRESS/EMAIL CHANGES

Jon Lillevik's new e-mail address: [jlillevik@gmail.com](mailto:jlillevik@gmail.com) and [lillevik@gci.net](mailto:lillevik@gci.net)

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join "The Bad Girls of the Bible" bible study group at 10:00 AM in the Senior High room.  
Contact Kate Veh for information 260-4669.



## PODCAST



Christ Lutheran Soldotna podcasts are available on iTunes!  
On your mobile device open your podcasting app (IOS would use iTunes Store) and search christ lutheran soldotna or go to [www.christluthेरansoldotna.org](http://www.christluthेरansoldotna.org) and subscribe by going to the top menu:  
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## LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

Ladies: The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, January 10th, 11:30 AM at Gingers in the Peninsula Center Mall.

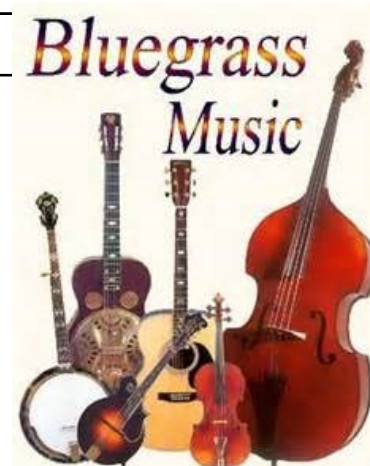


## CHOIR

For all of you who like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, the church choir practices on Sunday, at 10:00-10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please Join us!  
If you have any questions contact Anna Veach (334)349-3046.

## FIRST THURSDAY BLUE GRASS JAM

We invite you to join us at the "1st Thursday Blue Grass Jam" to be held at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 5th At 6:30 - 9:30 PM.  
This evening is for those wanting to "jam" or for those wanting to listen to great music.  
Please join us, you will love it!



## COMMUNION DATES—NOTE CHANGE IN DATES FOR THIS MONTH

11:00 AM Service, 1st and 3rd Sunday, January 1st and 15th  
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, January 8th and 22th

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

Luke Sarko	1/1
Keith Pieh	1/2
Cameron Frey	1/5
Gordon Nisler	1/7
Rye Cross	1/9
Keryl Steger	1/10
Nan Clonan	1/10
Casey & Katie Olson ♡	1/10
Doug & Barb Norbeck ♡	1/12
Andrea Frey	1/13
Katie Delker	1/14
Rochelle Schneider	1/14
Rachel Thomas	1/15
Ryan Stuive	1/17
Patty Dombovy	1/21
Jerry Holmgaard	1/21
Will Christianson	1/22
Randy Parshall	1/22
Dave & Jane Stein ♡	1/23
Rebekah Pieh	1/25
Cory Carver	1/27
Emily Smola	1/27
Raymond Hanson	1/30
Lucia Micciche	1/30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND  
ANNIVERSARY!**

**FOOD PANTRY**

We are collecting items for the Soldotna Community Food Pantry. In a total of 154 boxes were distributed serving 225 adults and 95 children, bringing the third quarter total to 460 boxes serving 805 adults and 356 children. The pantry welcomes more volunteers. Bagging begins Wednesdays at 10:00 AM-2:00 PM and you are welcome to come for an hour or for the afternoon. Volunteers are needed for bagging staple products as well as working with clients. Peanut butter, tuna, cereal, canned fruit, canned entrees like soup, chili, pork and beans, canned and dried beans are always needed. If you are shopping and wish to buy extra food for the pantry, please drop it by the church and we will get it to the pantry. Small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, tooth paste, etc. are also needed. Of course, money is always appreciated. There is a donation container on the table for your gifts. If you wish to help with the staffing any Wednesday (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM), please call Cosette at 262-7610.

**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.



Happy  
New Year



Winter is here. When you are homeless life on the street can be harsh. 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 and they will be delivered to one of the homeless outreach agencies. Contact Sandy 262-7460 or [sandyalaska@gmail.com](mailto:sandyalaska@gmail.com) for more information.





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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](http://www.christlutheransoldotna.org) or Email: [clchurch@alaska.net](mailto: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.