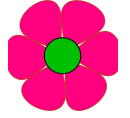


THE NUGGET



June, 2017

I started at Christ Lutheran on the 1st of August. In the last ten plus months we have experienced, and hopefully enjoyed, many good times together. It is difficult to move from a long and productive pastorate into an uncertain future. It takes work. It takes saying goodbye to the comfort of what was and embracing a large question mark. We have had conversations and questionnaires and studies and surveys all leading up to the call committee doing its work. And now it is time for me to leave.

Martin Luther talked about the priesthood of all believers. The church is not made up of a pastor up front feeding information into eagerly awaiting vessels, but rather an organic community in which all are part of the life and motivation and energy of that community. In the time between now and when you welcome your new pastor, there will be opportunities for leadership in worship that will be filled by the community. This congregation has been blessed with many who can fulfill that role with grace and dignity. Don't spend your time waiting for "the Pastor" to be here before you are open to the spirit filling the room and your hearts with God's grace. Embrace each moment as a gift from God that will help prepare you for what is next.

I have tried to embrace your traditions while expanding your horizons. I hope I have been able to do so in a way that both gave you comfort as well as pushed the boundaries of worship and faith. I pray that this has helped provide a wide enough vista so that the future is filled with God possibilities. There is more, so much more, that can be done in and by this faith community. With open hearts and minds, God will help lead you into those things you can be doing.

Along the way, be sure to support one another. The tendency for any organization is to slip back into the comfort of a few people doing the work while the rest sit on the sidelines. As Lutherans who embrace the priesthood of all believers, we are constantly reminded that when we give in to that desire to sit down and let someone else do it, we are robbing the community, as well as ourselves, of some of the riches God has in store for us. So when someone asks, step forward.... even if you haven't the foggiest idea of what you are doing and give it a try. Then remember to say the name of God (in Hebrew) and just breathe and remember God is with you.

So have fun, laugh and enjoy the gifts of each other. Sing the hymns and liturgy in such a way that part of you just wants to get up and dance, and then maybe just get up and do just that. Remember that "This Little Light of Mine" has the beat on two and four, not one and three. Pray from the heart during the prayers of the people, don't just announce. If you are not sure you got the right words, remember there is no such thing. Have more potlucks and sit with someone you don't know well and work to change that situation. Sit in different places on Sunday morning, and with different people. Don't let piety get in the way of grace and love. And keep asking yourself, "Now that I don't have to do anything, what am I going to do?"

PD out!

COUNCIL MINUTES—

May's minutes were in May's Nugget. A council meeting was held on June 13, 2017 and those minutes will be in the next nugget.
July 10th will be the next council meeting.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



On June 4th
Worship times are 10:00 AM
and 6:00 PM
Please join us!!!!!!



CHURCH SECRETARY

If you need to reach the Church Secretary,
you may phone 262-4757 or email christlutheransoldotna@gmail.com

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.christlutheransoldotna.org and subscribe by going to the top menu: Listen-Subscribe to iTunes!
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COMMUNION DATES



10:00 AM Service, 1st and 3rd Sunday, June 18th and 25th
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, June 11th and 25th

CONGREGATIONAL CALL COMMITTEE—Update

The Call Committee interviewed a pastor on May 30. They felt that this person has a lot to offer CLC and asked her to come to Soldotna for a visit. Details are still being arranged but the committee members are hoping for a visit July 16-18th. If anyone has a vacant house during that time and is willing to allow her to stay there, please contact Sue Stein or Jon Lillevik.

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

May 14

Concerns: Healing for Darnell Schneider and peace for the family; a 13 year old boy diagnosed with cancer; healing for Donna Alder; Jim and Deb Delker's friend undergoing surgery; a friend of Toni James having domestic issues; those traveling; Natasha Weissenberg as she translates; the family of Martha Nelson.

Joys: All mothers, past and present; our faith community and thankful for this "village".

May 21

Concerns: a friend of Natasha Weissenberg; Donna and Dennis Alder; Darnell Schneider; first round of chemo for a little boy; Susie Stafford recovering from hip surgery; call committee.

May 28

Concerns: Remember those that have served; healing for Donna Alder; Ruth Osborne's son-in-law preliminary diagnosis, needing three spine surgery; Marilyn under going chemo.

June 11

Concerns: Safety for Katie and the girls traveling to Anchorage; prayers for one of Renee Henderson's friends recovering from surgery; Katie MacLeod's niece and her daughter Marilyn; Darnell Schneider recovery.

Joys: Will Christianson getting married-blessings for their marriage.

Lord Jesus, heal me.

Heal my memory.

Heal my heart.

Heal my emotions.

Heal my spirit.

Heal my body.

Heal my soul.

Heal me from whatever
separates me from You.

Amen.

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Lord Jesus, heal me.
Heal in me whatever
You see needs healing.
Heal me of whatever
might separate me
from You.

Heal my memory,
heal my heart, heal my
emotions, heal my spirit,
heal my body,
heal my soul.
Lay Your hands gently
upon me and Heal me
through Your love for me.
Amen

this is what the

LORD



says:

I have heard
your prayer

AND I will
heal you

2 KINGS 20:5

A YARN OF THANK YOU / KAIROS

To those who have brought in yarn for the Crochet Ladies at Wildwood Correctional This ministry was started by a few women in our community (Episcopal, Methodist and ELCA) nearly three years ago by invitation from the Superintendent. We all have been trained and participated in Kairos Prison Ministries of Alaska and have our Religious Volunteer Authorization cards. This is the only program in the state that allows volunteers to go into the dorm and use the women's living space. The women also have access to their crochet hooks and yarn in their cells. We use an attractional, not promotional model. Some women know how to crochet and share their knowledge; some remember their grandma or aunt crocheting with good memories. Some have never done any 'handiwork' before and are amazed that their fingers learn pretty fast. They are allowed to keep one or two items in their cells (a shower bag or slippers) and all other projects are given back to the community (baby blankets, hats, mittens, scarves, lap blankets). Items have found their way to as far away as Nome. Just as women have always done, a lot of solutions are found as we work and share with our sisters on a project or two. We find God working within these walls and are blessed to see HIS ACTION!

If you are wondering if this might be a place that God might be calling I would highly recommend the Kairos training that will be happening this fall. For women that is a 40 hour team building course (training weekends in September, held in Anchorage area) and then an Inside program that is scheduled for Highland Mountain Correctional in Eagle River starting the evening of November 3rd thru Sunday, November 6th. The theme of Kairos Inside is LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE.

More information can be found at: www.kairosprisonministry.org **More information for Kairos Alaska can be found:** kairoshmcc@gmail.com **Local Men's Kairos Contact:** Dave DePodesta at djdepod@gmail.com **Kairos HMCC #16 Inside Leader:** Cindy Ziegler cindyziegler@gci.net

How can you participate further? Become a Kairos Inside volunteer, Pray for Us, Bake cookies for the weekend, Children and Youth drawings of LOVE for the weekend, Agape Posters, Make a donation (runs about \$300-400/guest) .

I would love to visit with you further. -Twyla Mundy 907-250-1510 tmundy66@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

From *Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard J Foster

To pray is to change. This is a great grace. How good of God to provide a path whereby our lives can be taken over by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and self-control. The movement inward comes first because without interior transformation the movement up into God's glory would overwhelm us and the movement out into ministry would destroy us.

A disciple once came to Abba Joseph, saying, "Father, according as I am able, I keep my little rule, my little fast, and my little prayer And according as I am able, I strive to cleanse my mind of all evil thoughts and my heart of all evil intents. Now, what more should I do?" Abba Joseph rose up and stretched out his hands to heaven and his fingers became like ten lamps of fire. He answered, "Why not be totally changed into fire?"

As our congregation here at Christ Lutheran negotiates and finds our way through this time of transition we believe that PRAYER, CONSTANT PRAYER is needed. God has promised to hear us, we will continue to be a vibrant servants of this community.

What can we do? 1) Continue to have that daily "coffee with God"
2) If you would like to be, or continue to be, a part of the prayer chain:

Contact: Sharon Thompson 907-776-7524 sharonthompson13@hotmail.com OR
Twyla Mundy 907-250-1510 (text or call) tmundy66@gmail.com

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CALLED, EMAILED OR TEXTED A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

How do we access the prayer chain? To request a prayer contact either Twyla or Sharon (see above) or use the church website listed below: [http:// www.christlutheransoldotna.org](http://www.christlutheransoldotna.org)

NEW ADDRESSES

Denise and John Harro 61145 Benham Road, Bend, OR 97702
and
Shorty and Gwen Johnson, PO Box 374, Soldotna, AK 99669

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, June 13th and July 11th 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!



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all those who taught Sunday School during the year. Also
to all those who helped with care share, you make our church a better
place! Thank you to Pastor Dan Bollrud for guiding us during our search
for a new pastor and for allowing us to continue our friendships of the
past while searching for our path of the future. We will miss you.



Thank You!

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, July 6th
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!



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES	FOOD PANTRY
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Empowering His Followers

Making Him Known To Others

Please contact us ...

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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.