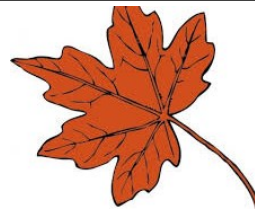


OCTOBER 2014

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Dear Friends in Christ,

There are some books that I have read more than once. *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien is one of these. I have read this book every couple of years since I was in college. As many times as I have read it, I always seems to find something or see something I never had before. Sometimes I reread a book because the story is so good I want to hear it again because good stories are meant to be repeated. Usually I will reread a book because there are things that I have forgotten or of which I need to be reminded.

The book that I am now reading again is *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. One of the reasons I like this book so much is because it stops and makes me think; however, as much as I like it, it also deeply troubles me. I do not always like to hear the things she has to say nor do I want to think about them. It bothers me because it calls for me to take a look at my life. It calls me to look at certain aspects of my life that I would rather just skip over because it is too painful for me to have to ponder. It reminds me all too well of what I should be doing and what I actually am doing.

I know many of you struggle with the same things I do. One area where almost all of us struggle is with time. Time is a precious gift and yet we often treat it as if there is no end to the amount of time we have. Many of us are constantly looking ahead, we are constantly looking toward tomorrow, we are constantly looking forward to the light at the end of the tunnel and in the process we miss out on the moment(s) that are at hand. Let me share with you one thought from her book but before I do please realize I'm not going to make some grand concluding remark. What I pray you will do is to think about it. Pray about it. Maybe you want to cut it out put it on your refrigerator, in your Bible, or on your mirror and read it from time to time because it is meant to be read and thought about and shared over and over.

“In our culture, time can seem like an enemy: it chews us up and spits us out with appalling ease. But the monastic perspective welcomes time as a gift from God, and seeks to put it to good use rather than allowing us to be used up by it. A friend who was educated by the Benedictines has told me that she owes to them her sanity with regard to time. ‘You never really finish anything in life,’ she says, ‘and while that’s humbling, and frustrating, it’s all right. The Benedictines, more than any other people I know, insist there is time in each day for prayer, for work, for study, and for play.’”

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Yours in Christ

Pastor Randy

COUNCIL MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Old Business:

Church Sign- Jon Lillevik contacted the city concerning the sign. Randy found the City drawings of the property. The sign is located outside of our property line in the DOT Right of Way.

According to information that we received from the City of Soldotna, if we modify the sign, we then need to relocate it to our property. Council will continue to look at this issue.

Church membership computer program 25% discount till Oct. 31. Joyce found a program to purchase but need a few more questions answered before ordering the program.

God's Work Our Hands-Mark is finalizing the schedule.

Emergency Preparedness- Randy said that he would have Joyce make a phone tree. Ted will take a further look at the ELCA Manual.

Annual meeting date and time-November 9, 2014. Meeting to follow the 11:00 service.

Carpet cleaning Mark offered to call and get bids for three separate areas.

New Business:

Discussed paid nursery staff. No action taken at this time.

Window coverings- Randy's office and the confirmation room need blinds. John C. made a motion that we allot \$500 toward the purchase of blinds. Cheryl offered to shop for them.

The Use of the Means of Grace- Keith shared a letter from the ELCA Bishop concerning the ELCA's policy concerning communion. The ELCA is asking for input. Keith would like everyone to read The Use of the Means of Grace policies for the November meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-Please join us for Sunday School!

A new Sunday school/faith formation year began Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 AM. There are classes for all ages.

Preschool – 5th Grade start with music led by Mandy Pieh and Kate Veh.

The 6th-9th graders meet with Aleja DeVito and Pastor Randy. The 10th-12th grade students meet with John and Nan Clonan at PJ's Restaurant. Marlene and Roger Pearson are leading the adults and will be looking at the gospel of Mark.



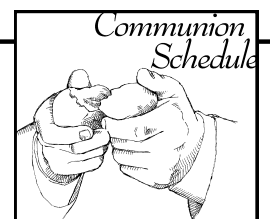
2014 ANNUAL MEETING



The 2014 Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will take place Sunday, November 9th following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Watch the bulletin, the November Nugget, your email and mail for more information.

COMMUNION DATES

11:00 AM Service
1st and 3rd Sunday, October 5th and 19th
6:00 PM Service
2nd and 4th Sunday, October 12th and 26th



ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK



Annual Harvest Potluck

Sunday, October 19th

The Annual Harvest Potluck will take place immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Everyone bring a main dish!

A - L bring a side dish or salad / M - Z bring a dessert
Beverages, cups, plates, and eating utensils will be provided.

CROCHETING THEIR WAY MINISTRY



We are collecting yarn for women at Wildwood Prison who are crocheting articles for people in the community. There is a box outside of Randy's office for your donations.

BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER



Winter is just around the corner. When you are homeless, life on the street can be harsh, and the colder it gets the more harsh it can become. 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 for more information. Thanks!

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!!



Ladies: The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, October 14th at 11:30 AM at Gingers in the Peninsula Center Mall.

CHOIR



The Church Choir practices on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact

Anna Veach at (334) 349-0346.

Remember in Prayers:

Healing for: Katie MacLeod's sister, Joan, having surgery to get heart in rhythm; Bev Wahl's son in law, Joe; Keith Pieh's friend Eric who blew out his knee; Etta Mae's friend Rosy had an accident and broke pelvis in two places; Bev Wahl's son-in-law who had colon surgery; Lyn Hodel recovering from a broken leg; Marsy's dad with back pain and other problems; Sandee Simon's friend with genetic problems; Joan Corr; Katie MacLeod's lung problems; Dennis Bible's cousin's granddaughter, Emily, recovering from an automobile accident; Stephanie Bouchard who is dealing with lupus; Darnell Schneider - dealing with health problems-wisdom for her doctors; Ruth and John Clare's daughter, Hannah, 30 years old had a stroke; Katie MacLeod's niece's husband, John, needs liver transplant.

Continued Prayer for those with cancer: Norma Forbs and her husband both battling cancer; Marlene Pearson's friend in Anchorage undergoing treatment; Sue Bigg's friend, Jerry; Jon and JoAnn Hagen-Lillevik's friend undergoing treatment in Minnesota; Alex Nisler's uncle; Lana Syverson's brother-in-law; Sandy Knutson; Deanne Pearson's friend in Seattle and her sister with breast cancer; Hannah Thompson's friend; Scott Cunningham's mother, Dee Richard's brother, Bob; Leslie Virelli; Barb Norbeck's friend; Polly Crawford undergoing treatment for cancer of the spine; Katie MacLeod's nephew, Joe Auld; Michael Hollinger's mom; John Brewer's brother, Glenn; Dee Richards five year old grand niece undergoing leukemia treatments; Rochelle Schneider's son-in-law, Tom; Dick Evenson undergoing chemotherapy.

Strength for: Renee Henderson's and JoAnn Hagen's friend undergoing radiation treatment; Betty Wittenberg's father dealing with Parkinson's; Robin Castleman's brother suffering from depression; Jeanna Carver's niece dealing with anorexia; strength for Denise Harro's sister, Roxie, dealing with physical issues and depression; Marlene Pearson's son, Mark, who has ALS; strength for Rich Shook's brother diagnosed with Alzheimer's; Jan Brewer's cousin and her husband; Dennis Alder's father who is doing poorly; Dennis Alder's son's mother-in-law who is having brain problems.

Prayers for: Marlene Pearson's son Mark and wife Atsuko as they continue to face hurdles; forgiveness and peace; families who have lost loved ones; guidance for Mark Harro whose job ended and is now looking for work in the Bend area; peace in Somalia, Israel, Palestine; Nigeria, Middle East, Syria and Ukraine; safety for those in the military; protection for Jamie Willard's husband in Afghanistan; Synod Prayer Partner - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Anchorage; people with depression; people having a difficult time with grief; wisdom for the leaders of our country and world.

Thanksgiving for: the doctors and caregivers of the elderly; continued improvement for Dan Houglum; birth of Brayden Tyler Bixby, Judy Swarner's great-grandson; Dan and Kathy Gensel's 34th anniversary; Cheryle and Mike Romatz 29th anniversary; Katie MacLeod's son-in-law Bill Cannell is doing better;

Comfort for: the children around the world who are in orphanages; Judy and Tom Keck-Walsh whose mom passed away.

Blessings for: Kris Larson's engagement, Siri Larson's engagement; Laura and Adam Jasinek on the birth of their baby girl, Abigail.



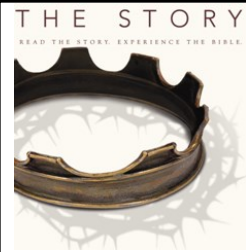
FAMILY PHOTO BOARD

IS YOUR PICTURE UP TO DATE???

The picture board in the entryway is a great way for people using our building to see who our members are. In addition to that it is a handy tool when you forget someone's name or are trying to describe someone to another person. However, there is one small problem with the board: it isn't complete. There are some people who do not have their pictures on the board. Some of you have not had a new picture taken here at the church in years. In order to update the board we are asking you to give us a hand. You can help by bringing a family picture in on a jump/thumb drive or an SD Card. You can email us a picture. This can be a professional picture or just one you have snapped in your favorite setting. Some Sunday morning or evening ask Ken Harper, John Harro, or Pastor Randy and they will take your picture with the church camera.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible study meets Fridays at 9:30 AM.

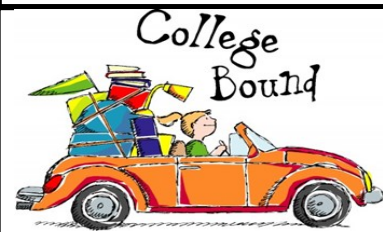
They are using "The Story:

The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People."

If you have any questions please contact

Mandy Pieh at 260-9559 or Twyla Mundy at 252-1510.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES



If you have children in college or the military please email or phone the church office with their address. This information allows us to send them the Nugget and our Annual Christmas Care Package. Even if the address is the same as last year, please provide us with this information.

FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35

The Pantry is a joint project of Soldotna United Methodist Church and Christ Lutheran Church. Additional support comes from generous individuals, organizations, local businesses, as well as help from the Peninsula Food Bank.

The Pantry is open Wednesdays from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Volunteers are always needed.

Bagging starts at 10:00 AM and you are welcome to come for an hour or for the afternoon. Peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned entrees like chili, ravioli, pork and beans, etc. 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 can on the table for your gifts. Check out the Food Pantry in the Entryway. If you wish to help or have questions please call Cosette at 262-7610.





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Knowing Christ

Empowering His Followers

Making Him Known To Others

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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.