



THE NUGGET



October 2016, from Pastor Dan

As I write this we are nearing the end of September and moving into October. It has been fun to get to know many of you through our listening sessions, and it has been fun to watch as many of you find out the stories and thoughts of your brothers and sisters in this community of faith. In the first go round there were eight listening sessions with over 70 people involved. In these sessions we explored what brought people to Christ Lutheran Church and what are some of the things that keep them connected. In the months ahead we will have the opportunity to gather as we explore how you see Christ Lutheran Church currently in its ministry and mission, as well as in this community. Along the way we will continue to get to know one another better as we share our thoughts and ideas, as well as listen to the thoughts and ideas of others. We will start this next phase of listening sessions in mid-October. The third phase of listening sessions will begin in the new year and explore the question of where you would like to see the church go in the future, and what qualities you would wish to see in a pastor who will journey with you in the years to come. Remember that a church, like a family, is made up of many different ideas and thoughts and hopes and dreams, and that God is in the midst of that working with each of us to become who God has called us to be.

October is also a time when we celebrate the story of who we are as Lutheran Christians. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation when a German monk by the name of Martin Luther simply wanted to debate some issues within the church by nailing some of his ideas (yes, all 95 theses) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Nailing them on the door was not the issue, rather it was a common practice for public notification. What made this different was a new invention and public attitudes. The new invention was the printing press which allowed for a relatively quick duplication and distribution (quick in relation to hand copying) of the printed word. This also took place at a time of growing nationalistic identity in Europe and a growing distrust of the control of the Church in Rome. It wasn't long before these protesters (from which we get the name Protestant) who were calling for reform (hence the name Reformation) found themselves outside of the church and at odds with the Holy Roman Empire, and thus began the Protestant Reformation.

There are many things that came into prominent being during this Reformation period. One was the emphasis on the individual. Before the reformation, one's ascent to God was seen to be through the structure of the church with the saints, priesthood and Pope as intermediaries. Luther emphasized the idea that God is a God who comes down. This God who comes down to humanity is a God that each individual can pray to and be in relationship with, without going through any intermediary. With the emphasis on the individual, Martin Luther along with his wife Katie Luther and his assistant Phillip Melanchthon championed many other ideas of faith alive in a community. Phillip Melanchthon had a large herb garden where he grew various herbal medicines and opened a clinic where anyone could come and receive free healthcare. Martin Luther championed and pushed forward the construction of underground channels to remove waste and improve sanitation. Martin Luther instituted the community chest whereby he collected money from businesses to open public schools for all children instead of the private schools for just male children from wealthy families. Phillip Melanchthon and Martin Luther promoted community wells in several locations throughout the town to provide clean drinking water. Martin married off several of the former priests to the nuns that escaped from a convent and eventually gave in to Katie Von Bora and got married himself, thereby instituting married clergy in the church. Katie was a strong woman who managed the books, ran a vegetable farm and a brewery and sold these items to help fund the reformation. Katie's role also helped establish the rights of women in the church and community. Katie also helped get one of the first environmental laws passed so she would have clean water to draw from in order to brew her beer.

All in all, we have many things to celebrate this Reformation. The next time your kids go off to school, have clean water to drink, toilets that flush, girls as well as boys who can dream of greatness, enjoy a fine brew, vote in an election, have rights as an individual, have clean air to breath and greet your pastors spouse, do a little hat tip of thanks to Martin, Katie and Phillip. P.S. we are still working on that free health care thing.

COUNCIL MINUTES—SEPTEMBER

- * Jan Brewer will make the changes in the Constitution and highlight them. She will bring the changes to the annual meeting in November.
- * Jeff Belluomini will look into getting cement blockades for the parking lot in an effort to keep gravel off the lawn.
- * The handicap bathroom is nearly done. 4D said the counters will not be ready until October. The electrician is donating his time for the project.
- * As per a prior Council decision we will continue to replace the metal folding chairs with the newer plastic ones as members go up to Costco. We will be purchasing a chair caddy for the new storage area.
- * Kathy Carson shared the history of the Food Pantry. The community need is increasing and the giving/support is decreasing. CLC currently gives \$100 per month, Kathy is requesting we increase it to \$200 per month. Motion passed.
- * The need for a young adult group is being discussed. Denise Harro suggested that the young adults get together and let us know how we can support them.
- * Katie Olson will be working on a CLC Facebook page.
- * Denise Harro spoke to Jen Carver about making the confirmation room a cry room complete with a video run into that room.
- * Annual meeting is November 6th. Next Church Council meeting is November 14th.

ROOTED AND GROWING IN CHRIST

The upcoming synod emphasis is “Rooted and Growing in Christ.” Congregations are invited into a journey of experiments for the sake of growing deeper in Christ and sharing the Good News with others. A mindset of church as a place to experiment frees us from “the way we’ve always done it” and keeps us open to the life-giving Holy Spirit that makes things new. “Rooted” workshops will be offered in October to give you and your congregation tools for experimentation in spiritual practices and community engagement. Christ Lutheran along with other ELCA congregations are invited to send a team to participate in a workshop on Sunday, October 9th in Anchorage. Registration materials will be available in late August and will be on the synod website at that time. We are looking for one person from Christ Lutheran to represent us and help bring back some valuable information to this congregation.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, November 6th following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Watch the bulletin,
the November Nugget, your email,
and the mail for more information.



COMMUNION DATES

11:00 AM Service, 1st and 3rd Sunday, October 2nd and 16th
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, October 9th and 23rd

A YARN OF THANK YOU / KAIROS

We are collecting yarn for women at Wildwood Prison. There is a box outside of Pastor's office for your donations. Interested in Kairos Prison Ministries ? Please consider the Kairos training this fall. It is a 40 hour team building course (training weekends in September/Anchoage) and then an inside program at Highland Mountain Correctional facility in Eagle River beginning November 3-6th. For more information on Kairos International go to www.kairosprisonministry.org or kairoshmcc@gmail.com . Local men's Kairos contact: Dave DePodesta, djdepo@gmail.com or Kairos HMCC #16 Inside Leader Cindy Ziegler cindyziegler@gci.net. Please contact Twyla Mundy for further information tmundy66@gmail.com 907-250-1510

CARESHARE DUTIES



Careshare is our word to describe a serving ministry for our members during the Sunday morning service. During the Sunday morning service, a clip board is passed giving you the opportunity to sign up for a specific area. You will be sent a postcard the week prior to your assignment with full instructions. If you have any questions just contact the church at 262-4757 and clarification can be made. Areas to serve are: communion preparation and clean up, communion serving, greeter, usher, scripture reader, coffee hour, nursery, counters and in the summer—lawn maintenance.

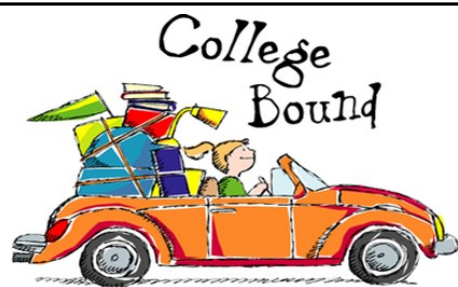
CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PROFILE

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.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES



If you have children in college or the military please email the church or phone the church office 262-4757 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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

The "Remember Prayer" list comes from prayer concerns heard during our worship service or via email requests sent to the pastor/church for prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like shared on our email prayer chain or if you would like to be on the prayer chain.

August 21st

Joys: Toni James's daughter having a baby

Concerns: Safe travel for Toni James's daughter traveling back to Texas; healing for 7 year old Dillon in boating accident; healing for local girl hurt in car accident; Marilyn seeing oncologist; world peace; teachers and students as school year starts; Jeff Bellomini's friend who is ill-prayers for the family.

August 28th

Joys: Learning experiences from our mistakes, Daniel and Elisf Harro celebrating 10th wedding anniversary, Dan and Kathy Gensel celebrating 36th wedding anniversary and joining church

Concerns: All those traveling, dealing with addiction, Marlene Pearson's friend having surgery, Levi Olson shoulder surgery, Cheryl Romatz's grandchild, Lolo, having surgery, prayers for mother of child.

Passings: Family loss

September 4th

Joys: John and Jan Brewer's brother-in-law's tumor's shrinking and chemo is working, thanks to prayer warriors; praise for outcome for Lolo's surgery.

Concerns: Strength and peace for Marilyn; Teresa and family affected by plane crash; a friend of Marlene Pearson that she may know God; Donna and Dennis as he goes to work this week; Katie MacLeod's daughter, Marilyn, beginning cancer treatment; the Mundy's friend Audrey fighting cancer-for her family and friends.

Passings: Riley Romatz and his family as his Grandpa passed

September 11th

Concerns: Continued healing for Levi Benner's arm; people of Chevak; Marlene Pearson's friend with cancer-prayers for patience; Allie Parshall in hospital with infection, people affected by S.A.D., September 11th anniversary, those traveling.

September 18th

Joys: Pope Francis opening up the world; Allie out of hospital and doing better.

Concerns: People of NYC Chelsea District following bombing, those traveling, healing for Lynne Sandahl; The needs of Marlene Pearson's son in Portland; those dealing with cancer

September 28th

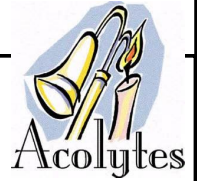
Joys: Thanks to God; for all that we have; those preparing chicken for the chicken BBQ.

Concerns: Katie MacLeod's daughter Marilyn going through Chemo; those traveling especially in areas of conflict; those traveling for hunting and fishing; Shirley Johnsrud in an accident-issues during surgery-be with doctors and staff-peace for her; Natasha's brother and son; Natasha's heart issues; bless the homeless; worried about family and their warmth this winter.

Passings: The O'lena family whose daughter passed away.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Pastor Dan will be doing an Acolyte Training Class (3rd grade – 6th grade) on October 30th following service. If interested please contact Darnel Schneider at 398-7801.



BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

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 for more information.

HOSPICE

Volunteer Core Training—Call Hospice for more information 262-0453.
October 14th & 21st (Friday) 6-9 PM, October 15th & 22nd (Saturday) 9 AM—5 PM.
Must attend all four sessions \$20 includes lunches and snacks. Scholarships available.

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 and subscribe by going to the top menu: Listen-Subscribe to iTunes! Now you won't have to miss a single message.

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!



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

Women's Bible Study



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The "Bad Girls of the Bible" Bible study will start at 10:00 AM on September 23rd in the Senior High room. Please join us! Please contact Kate Veh 260-4669 for more information.

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, October 6th @ 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!

FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting items for the Soldotna Community Food Pantry. In August a total of 162 boxes were distributed serving 315 adults and 135 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK
Tom Seggerman 10/2 Wayne Mundy 10/3 Barb Sandahl 10/3 Sam & Kari Evanoff ♡ 10/9 Elaine Larson 10/9 Emily Pieh 10/10 Richard Evenson 10/12 Sonja Nisler 10/12 Dave & Rochelle Schneider ♡ 10/16 Jeffery Simons 10/17 DeAnne Pearson 10/22 Joel Christianson 10/25 Sammy Evanoff 10/26 Dave Stein 10/26 Jeanne Stein 10/26 Tom & Sue Seggerman ♡ 10/28 Jack Will 10/28 Sam Evanoff 10/30 Jim Pate 10/30 Jane Stein 10/30 Madi Whittenberg 10/30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Sunday, October 23rd The Annual Harvest Potluck will take place immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.</p> <p>Everyone bring a main dish! A – L bring a salad or side dish; M – Z bring a dessert.</p> <p>Beverages, cups, plates, and eating utensils will be provided .</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <hr/> <p>CHOIR</p> <p>For all of you who like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, the church choir began practicing on Sunday, September 11th, meeting at 9:45-10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please Join us! If you have any questions contact Anna Veach (334)349-3046.</p>

AMAZING LUTEFISK OPPORTUNITY

In November of 1996, Mark and Jon assumed the duties of organizing the Lutefisk dinner (Mark) and cooking the fish (Jon). After 20 years, we see there will come time when we step back from prestigious positions and play a more supportive role. ***If the dinner is to continue, someone else needs to assume some of our duties this year.*** Mark and Jon do not expect to continue their current responsibilities past 2017.

This year's dinner is November 12th. If you feel compelled to offer your talents and energies, please let us know. Just think; you could enjoy the glamour of being a Lutefisk Chef. We will "train" you for this year's evening and the 2017 dinner.

We have a fairly structured format for the organization, recipes, and set-up for the evening in place. Our congregation is very helpful in helping and there is no reason to expect any different in the future. Cooking the fish is merely following a cooking timetable based on past experiences.

This experience is a rewarding one. In 20 years CLC has served approximately 3740 pounds of Lutefisk and 1,400 sheets of Lefse to 3,070 people. (Uff da.) The dinner has become less stressful to organize and prepare. Two comments from the public have been consistent over the years. If the fish is good to unusually good, people say, "Oh thank you, this is the best fish I have ever had." If the fish is a little soft, we hear, "Oh thank you, it is just like I remember it." It is a win-win.

If this is something that interests you, please contact us before the 12th of November. Thank you. -Mark and Jon

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

As our congregation 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" (Pastor Randy).
- 2) If you would like to be, or continue to be, a part of the prayer chain:

Contact: Sharon Thompson 776-7524 sharonthompson13@hotmail.com OR Twyla Mundy 250-1510 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.christluthersoldotna.org](http://www.christluthersoldotna.org)



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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement:

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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.