

THE NUGGET

OCTOBER, 2017

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good. Psalm 122:9

*The Members of Christ Lutheran Church,
Soldotna Alaska proudly invite you to join us
as we celebrate the Installation of*

Pastor Meredith Karber

*We will celebrate this blessed occasion
through worship and with God's Word.
Your presence will make this event a memorable experience
for Pastor Meredith and our congregation.*

October 8, 2017 at 11:00 am

***Christ Lutheran Church
Mile ¼ Kenai Spur Highway
Soldotna, Alaska 262-4757***

***Please join us for a potluck lunch immediately following the service.
Christ Lutheran Church will provide the BBQ Chicken, please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.***

COUNCIL MINUTES—September

September 11, 2017

Present: Casey Olson, Jeff Belluomini, Kathy Gensel, Kate Veh, Rye Cross, and
Pastor Meredith Harber

OLD BUSINESS

- **Transition Team:** The transition team is working with Pastor Meredith as needed.
- **Technology Update:** Kathy has signed us up to try (signupgenius.com) for 1 year (\$100/year). It's user friendly. Registration is required, but is easy to do. The purchased upgrades for the sound system equipment have arrived and will be installed by Casey when time permits.
- **Homeless:** September 21st is the next meeting for Homeless Connect. The Homeless Connect event is January 24th. It was recommended that the church present some educational material to the congregation about the local homeless situation and the possibility of using the churches to house the homeless and how that would work.
- **Youth Ministry:** Sunday school started last week.
- **Credit Card:** Jeff will submit an application for a \$2,500 credit card to First National Bank (with \$2,500 as collateral) on behalf of the congregation.
- **Installation:** October 8th. Invitations are being sent.
- **Lutefisk Dinner:** November 11th, with proceeds going towards the National Youth Gathering fund.
- **Church Council:** We can have up to three more members, including one confirmed youth, to be elected at the annual meeting.
- **Annual Meeting:** November 5th

NEW BUSINESS

- **Outreach:** Eben Ezer Church (Pastor Meredith's previous congregation) is working to replace their roof because an estimated \$35,000-40,000 damage. Discussion was held to make a donation of our Outreach money to this project. The initial quote of their roofing project was between \$35,000-\$40,000; they have raised \$12,000. Pastor Meredith knows they would be honored by such a gesture. Kathy will contact Deb regarding the donation of money to the Houston Flooding and the roofing project.
- **Council Retreat:** The council will find time to retreat and strengthen the work that they do together after new council members are elected. Feedback from the congregation about how to strengthen our work together would be helpful.
- **Hosting Groups:** The CLC Council has been asked to figure out a clear policy on hosting groups, especially in regard to the fire codes, insurance, and a fee schedule.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:00pm.

PASTOR MEREDITH'S INSTALLATION/CHICKEN BBQ

Join us at the 11:00 AM Worship Service on October 8th, for Pastor Meredith's Installation. Following the service, we'll have wonderful fellowship at our Annual Chicken BBQ to celebrate Pastor Meredith and Christ Lutheran Church. Chicken/beverages provided with a free will offering. Bring a side dish, salad, rolls, chips, or something to share. See You There!!

COMMUNION DATES

11:00 AM Service, October 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, October 8th and 22th

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

The "Remember In Prayer" list comes from prayer concerns heard during our worship service or via email requests sent to the pastor/church office for prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like shared in our Nugget, please contact the church secretary, Joyce, at 262-4757.

September 3

Concerns: Those fighting fires and floods; Marie Lockett waiting on doctor's report; healing for Madison; teachers; Natasha's brother; Hurricane Harvey responders; ELCA, Mercy Ship and Samaritans Purse; safe travel for Pastor Meredith and her mother

Passings: Elaine's daughter-in-law lost her father; village lost a young person

September 10

Concerns: Zac Burns diagnosed with a tumor; Katie Olson's mom; Pam dealing with breast cancer; Katie Olson's family in Puerto Rico; Hurricane Irma victims; family who lost five children in house fire; Dolly's sister that has health concerns; Betty Harris dealing with lung cancer; the challenges that all churches have; Kris Boot's mother; Marie Lockett who was diagnosed with cancer

Joys: Dennis Alder has a job and Donna Alder has a place to stay; Pastor Meredith and mother are here today

September 17

Concerns: Twyla's friend's granddaughter, Maddie; peace in the world and in our hearts; safe travel for Mary Showalter's family traveling to Thailand; Cheryl Romatz's friend Carmen waiting for organ donation; Marie Lockett; Katie Olson's family in Puerto Rico

Joys: Successful eye surgery for LaVern Wahl

Passings: Kris Boots and family whose brother, Reo, passed away

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, November 5th following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Lunch will be provided. Watch the bulletin, the November Nugget, the bulletin board in entry, and your email for more information.



ANNUAL LUTEFISK DINNER

Saturday, November 11th 5:00-7:00 PM



If you would like to help with this year's Lutefisk, please contact the church office at 262-4757.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED!

Is the church council an area where you are being called to serve? Please take some time and pray to consider your role in the church. We invite you to attend one of our council meetings—the next is scheduled for October 9th at 6:00 PM.

EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

We are pleased to report that we had a record number in attendance for the first Sunday of Sunday School—17 children! What a joy and celebration for our church! We still have a few spots available for you to sign up to volunteer on the bulletin board calendar in the foyer.

Sunday School will continue for Preschool—5th grade each Sunday after the children's sermon. All children are returned to families during communion.

Catechism (Grades 6-9) is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday 12-2ish. We are working through the Small Catechism by Martin Luther. See Katie if your child needs a book.

IYF (Interdenominational Youth Fellowship) NEEDS ADULT VOLUNTEERS to mentor teens 13-18 (7-12th grade). Invite the teens over for lunch, dinner, plan a service project, Christian movie night, devotional, etc. Connect! Pray! Mentor! Disciple!

Reminder: for all events, please go to our church website and check our calendar. All events at the church need to be requested under the **"Facility Reservation" Tab** on our website. Joyce will send a confirmation that your request has been received and scheduled or if there needs to be alternative dates/times. Casey has added a **"Youth Ministries"** tab on our website for important updates and information regarding our youth or follow us on Facebook on our private church page.

Thank you for remembering those baptismal promises we made as a church to these children. You are appreciated and valued. Please contact: Katie at 394-4234 for questions/comments.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.



My name is Daniel Gallahorn and I am 21 years old. I was born in Anchorage but I grew up in Kotzebue. I finished high school at Grace Christian and I enjoy staying active, which means running, playing basketball, some volleyball and when I have the chance, wrestling. I also enjoy watching sports as well, but mostly basketball. My hobby is collecting shoes, I am what is commonly called a sneakerhead but my life isn't all about sneakers. This is my second year at Alaska Christian College and when I graduate I will be getting an Associate's Degree in Ministry. I gave my life to Christ in the summer of 2010. What I enjoy most though is doing God's work. For the past two years I have been going to Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet and I have absolutely loved it! It has given me a chance to minister to kids that have grown up like

me and it has given me much joy and I look forward to what God has next in store for me.

This is my final term at Alaska Christian College and I will be working with the Interdenominational Youth Fellowship Group at Christ Lutheran as my practicum project. I look forward to hanging out with everyone and growing in our love for Christ.

WATER WELL

The ELCA good gifts well project gives families access to clean, safe water. It is life changing for people and these communities. Each water wells cost \$2,500. We have received \$2002.00 towards the next well. If you're interested in donating, place your donation in the offering plate during Sunday worship service.

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, October 10th, 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!



THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

On November 5th, we'll celebrate the lives of the saints who have united with Christ in their death. While we remember all, the names of those who have died in the last year will be read aloud during worship. Please write these names of anyone you know who has died in the last year—not just Christ Lutheran members—on the slips of paper found in the pews and place in the basket on the table. You can also email or call the church office.

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, October 5th
from 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!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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
Bill & Lori Vedders ♡	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

Since September 2012 – 7,162 food boxes have been distributed to 12,716 adults and 5,722 children. The current client list is 754 families, averaging 133 food boxes per month serving 355 people per month.

October Food Pantry Contributions!!!!



The Soldotna Food Pantry is collecting canned yellow fruit:

Peaches
Pears
Applesauce (all sizes)
Mixed Fruit
Cocktail Fruit
Pineapple

August Donations!!!



SOLDOTNA FOOD PANTRY AUGUST NUMBERS

FAMILIES SERVED	149
ADULTS	267
CHILDREN	142
DISABLED	90
VETERANS	22
SENIORS	61

Soldotna Food Pantry Give Thanks

The Councils of Soldotna United Methodist and Christ Lutheran Church support the Soldotna Food Pantry through budget appropriations.

In addition, congregational members of both churches donate food, funds and the VIPs: our volunteers!!



To the Community Garden for providing fresh vegetables as well as education and assistance for clients to grow their own garden.

To the businesses in the community who support us through discounts and food donations:

Fred Meyers
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
Odie's Deli

To individual community members who drop off bags of food, send in checks and gift cards.

We have received grants from:
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

First United Methodist Foundation of Anchorage
Rasmuson Foundation



To local community groups who do food drives, food donations, and give cash, including but not limited to:

Boy Scouts	Girl Scouts
Rotary Club	Lions Club
VFW	American Legion



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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.