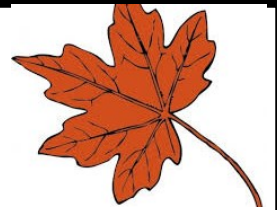


OCTOBER 2015

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have never had the opportunity to ride in a horse drawn sleigh over the hills along the banks of the Ohio River and then race out onto the river as it lay covered with a blanket of ice. I wasn't around when the first electronic scoreboard was put up at the baseball field in the city of Columbus. But I have felt the wind brush against my cheeks and the cold bite at my nose and feet, felt the spray of snow kicked up from the hooves of the horse as it galloped along the banks of the river. I have heard the laughter of children, the sounds of metal sleigh runners and ice skate blades cutting through the top of the ice as it lay upon the river, and smelled damp wool mittens and coats as the snowflakes fell lazily from the sky and landed on the people below. I have heard the cheers of the crowd as a ball was hit deep to center field, felt the warmth of the sun and the summer breeze across my skin. I have smelled the popcorn, heard the vendors yelling out, felt the crunch of peanut shells beneath my feet, and seen the scoreboard light up and felt the wonder of seeing the score put up in lights for the first time in a young boy's life. I wasn't there but I have seen, felt, heard, touched, smelled, and experienced all these things. I wish I could say I remember his name, but the years have robbed me of that piece of information, but they have not robbed me of the adventures he shared with me. I know he is long gone for he was 90 years old when I met him over 40 years ago in Lutheran Senior City in Columbus, Ohio, but I have never forgotten his passion for baseball and the stories he told of his life as a boy in southern Ohio. Through his words I have experienced things which no longer exist. How much I would have missed if we had not taken the time to talk.

I wonder sometimes who or what are the storytellers of today. What do our children know of times and things long gone? Do they know the stories of family members and family history? Have we taken the time to share the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus, Peter, and Paul? Have we told the stories about who we are as families and as the people of God or have we turned the storytelling over to the television or the radio or the computer? If the latter are the storytellers of today I wonder what stories our children are hearing and what lessons they are learning.

Stories are important. Michael Frost in his book *Seeing God in the Ordinary* speaks of the power of stories: "The story goes that when the Czarist forces sought to incorporate the Ukrainian peoples within the Russian Empire, the first thing the army did was to round up all the storytellers from every village and slaughter them. Such was their belief that if you kill a people's stories you can subjugate them all the more easily. Stories are one of our ways of making sense of this chaotic and haphazard world in which we live."

There are many opportunities for sharing stories with our children, our families, and our friends. We need to be careful we don't lose the stories. Turn off the TV, the radio, the computer. Stop a little early on the yard work, the gardening, the housework. They'll all be there tomorrow. Take some time and tell a story; plant it and see what grows.

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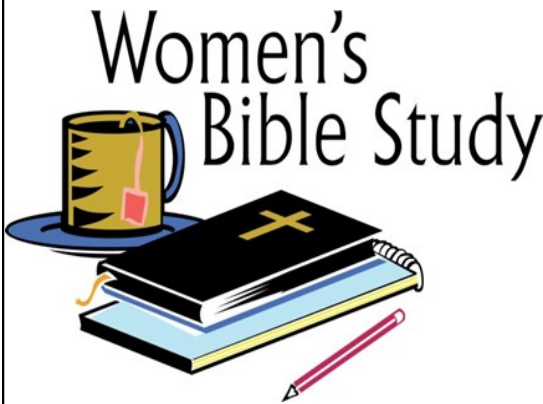
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING



The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, November 1st following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Thursday: At Kaladi Brothers by Safeway from 8-9 AM for coffee, conversation, reflection, and prayer. The group is using the NOOMA series by Rob Bell.

Fridays: From 9:30-10:30 AM at Christ Lutheran Church.

In both Bible studies each lesson stands on its own, so if you miss one week you can come to the next one and not be behind. If you have any questions about either call Twyla Mundy at 250-1510.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school/faith formation is in full swing!

There are classes for those 3 years old through 103. An exciting year of learning and sharing is taking place.

We hope all of you will join us.



Sunday school (3 years – 5th Grade) 9:30 AM

Catechism 9:30 AM

Sr. High Faith Formation 9:30 AM

Adult Faith Formation 9:45 AM

COMMUNION DATES

11:00 AM Service Sunday, 1st and 3rd Sunday, October 4th and 18th

6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, October 11th and 25th

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 box outside of Randy's office for your donations.



PHOTO DIRECTORY

The church photo directories are here. If you haven't picked yours up you can do so after Sunday worship or during the week at the church office.



CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE

For all of you who like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, the church choir practices on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions contact Anna Veach (334)349-3046.



CLOTHING DRIVE



When you are homeless, life on the street can be harsh. As the weather turns colder it can be even more difficult. New, clean and lightly used 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.

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!!

Ladies: The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, October 13th, at 11:30 AM at Gingers in the Peninsula Center Mall.



Remember in Prayers:

Healing for: Bev Wahl recovering from knee surgery; Jim Delker recovering from back surgery; Dale Sandahl recovering from Achilles tendon surgery; Lyn Sandahl; Katie MacLeod's niece who had a mini stroke; Jim Andrews having heart problems; Keith Pieh's knee; Twyla Mundy's friend starting chemo treatment; Wayne Mundy's friend who hit a moose on a motorcycle; Sandee Simon's brother's friend in a coma; Donna Alder's back; Billie Shackleton balance problems; Anna Nisler's hip as she goes through physical therapy; Jim Delker's niece dealing with kidney issues; K Dean's son-in-law's mom who had a stroke; Marsy's dad with back pain and other problems; Sandee Simon's friend with genetic problems; Katie MacLeod's lung problems; Katie MacLeod's niece's husband, John, needs liver transplant; 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.

Continued prayer for those with cancer: Lori Weimer's father; Scott Cunninham's sister; JoAnn's friend, Marilyn; Natasha's friend, Charlene, with liver cancer; Ted Kreger with a rare form of cancer; Kathy Gensel's friend with breast cancer; Norma Forbs and her husband both battling cancer; Marlene Pearson's friend undergoing treatment; Sue Bigg's friend, Jerry; Jon and JoAnn Hagen-Lillevik's friend undergoing treatment; Lana Syverson's brother-in-law; Sandy Knutson; Deanne Pearson's friend in Seattle and her sister with breast cancer; Dee Richard's brother, Bob; Leslie Virelli; Barb Norbeck's friend; Michael Hollinger's mom; Polly Crawford undergoing treatment for spine cancer; Katie MacLeod's nephew, Joe Auld; 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; Chris Stiue's family friend diagnosed with brain cancer.

Strength for: Renee Henderson's and JoAnn Hagen's friend undergoing radiation treatment; families facing difficult situations; Betty Wittenberg's father dealing with Parkinson's; Robin Castleman's brother suffering from depression; Jeanna Carver's niece dealing with anorexia; Marlene Pearson's son, Mark, who has ALS; Belle Warren dealing with family problems.

Prayers for: safety for those traveling; peace in the world; those suffering from depression; people who deal with different addictions; an end to racial prejudice; wisdom for the doctors trying to figure out the cause of Blaine Carver's headaches; Robin Castleman's niece's twins, Patrick and Andrew who are now home; peace in Somalia, Palestine; Israel, Nigeria, Middle East, Syria and Ukraine; safety for those in the military; protection for Jamie Willard's husband in Afghanistan; Synod Prayer Partner – Specialized Ministries: Rev. Susan Halvor- Providence Chaplain, Rev. Pat Keifert-Luther Seminary Professor, Fran Victor-Diaconal Minister; Rev. Marcia Wakeland-the Listening Post; wisdom for the leaders of our country and world; the unemployed.

Comfort for children around the world who are in orphanages; Sharon Wallace whose mother passed away.

Thanksgiving for: Scott Cunninham's mother's cancer is in remission; continued improvement for Dan Houglum.



ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK

Sunday, October 18th



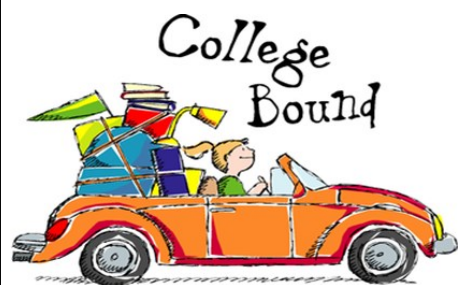
The Annual Harvest Potluck will take place immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Everyone bring a main dish!

A – L bring a salad or side dish; M – Z bring a dessert.

Beverages, cups, plates, and eating utensils will be provided .

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES NEEDED



If you have children in college or the military please email the church 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

The Food 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 Kenai Peninsula Food Bank.

In August a total of 119 boxes were distributed serving 220 adult and 134 children. The pantry is open Wednesday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Bagging begins Wednesdays 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 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.





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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement:

Knowing Christ

Empowering His Followers

Making Him Known To Others

Please Call Us ... 262-4757

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.