



THE NUGGET



September 2016, from Pastor Dan

In the first couple of weeks at Christ Lutheran in Soldotna the lectionary series (the list of scriptural readings used in worship each week) have been interesting and challenging. We have been called to recognize that we are ready for what will come next and called to meet the challenges ahead with a “fire in the belly” passion. We have been warned that passion for following the way of Jesus will bring about conflict. We have been called to see, truly see, one another in this family of God, especially the least, lost and lonely. Then before we move into the more comfortable texts of the lost and found in Luke 15, we are reminded not to get too full of ourselves. We are reminded that the Kingdom is more about “us” plural than about “us” singular. These texts are not that comfortable to hear or to preach about, but they are good preparation for what is to come. If you haven’t been to church and haven’t got the foggiest idea what I am talking about you would do well to read Luke Chapters 12 through 14.

This church also has been through some challenging times. After the wonderfully long and fruitful ministry with Pastor Randy, summer hit and the learning curve no one knew was there came into focus. It wasn’t always comfortable or convenient, but there was an element of excitement as new roles were discovered and passion grew. Most importantly, there was a renewed understanding of the church as a “we” thing more than an “I” thing. As we move forward in this venture together, I am reminded of a song by the Jay Beech Band titled “The Church Song.”

We are the church, the body of the Lord,
we are all God’s children and we have been restored.
The church is not a building where people go to pray;
it’s not made out of sticks and stones, it’s not made out of clay.
We are the church, the body of the Lord,
we are all God’s children and we have been restored.
You can go to worship but you cannot go to church,
you can’t find a building that’s alive no matter how you search.
We are the church, the body of the Lord,
we are all God’s children and we have been restored.
The church is not a business, a committee or a board;
it’s not a corporation for the business of the Lord.
We are the church, the body of the Lord,
we are all God’s children and we have been restored.
The church it is the people living out their lives,
called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.
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we are all God’s children and we have been restored.

Soon we will have our first round of listening sessions where we bring to the surface the stories that flesh out the picture of what Christ Lutheran has been. As we move forward it is important to build upon the foundation, that with God’s help, you have built. From time to time changes will occur and with that, perhaps some discomfort. Such are growing pains. As we move forward remember the “We” in church. Remember that we are called to be the voice and hands and feet and presence of God’s good news of grace in this community. These are also exciting times as we peek around the corner to see what God has in store for us next. I look forward to accompanying you on this adventure.

COUNCIL MINUTES - June 13, 2016 (Brief Synopsis)

Welcome to Pastor Dan Bollerud as Interim Pastor to CLC.

Roger and Marlene Pearson have agreed to head the Mission Task Force. They introduced themselves to Pastor Dan and discussed their efforts thus far to procure other members to join them on the Task Force. The council discussed that it would be best to have a mixed age group on the Task Force and pastor Dan agreed.

VBS was an incredible success!! Thanks to all who helped out!

Construction Projects updates:

1. Peter Micciche is working on sign installation.
2. The sanctuary windows are completed.
3. ADA bathroom and mop bucket/storage rooms are getting done, will continue with the other bathrooms as materials etc are available and after the ADA bathroom is complete.
4. Keith Pieh will be getting a bid for the painting of the sanctuary ceiling.

Looking for someone who can repair/refinish the altar and communion rails.

John is in process of obtaining a credit card for the church since most of our purchases are done online.

Looking into different ways to communicate with the congregation, possibly having "The Nugget" delivered online.

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 9 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.

ALASKA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The ASWO Retreat will be held at North Star Bible Camp in Willow Alaska
September 30th to October 2nd. The Theme is "Comfort as you have been Comforted"
from 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. Registration forms available on the Bulletin Board.

CHURCH SERVICE—NEW TIME



Beginning Sunday, September 11th, our Sunday schedule will be:
Sunday School, Confirmation, Sr. High Faith Formation and
Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM

COMMUNION DATES

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

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 attractational, 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 on Kairos International can be found: www.kairosprisonministry.org **More information on Kairos Alaska can be found:** kairoshmcc@gmail.com **Local Men's Kairos Contact:** Dave DePodesta at djdepo@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

CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PROFILE

As a church within the ELCA, calling a pastor is not as simple as picking up the telephone and making a request. The process is slow and purposeful. A key component that our church needs to provide the Synod is a "Ministry Site Profile" also known as a "Congregational Mission Profile".

Your CLC Council has appointed us (Marlene and Roger Pearson) to lead the development of the Profile. Assisting us are: Brenna Belluomini, Andrea and Lee Frey, Elaine and Mark Larson, and JoAnn Hagen and Jon Lillivik.

The ELCA Call Process Manual for the Alaska Synod notes that the Profile first "...provides the opportunity to review and assess the mission and ministry of the congregation. Second it provides the Call Committee with basic information and a description of leadership needs which will guide their work. Third, [it] will assist the synod staff in recommending candidates to be considered by the Call Committee. Fourth, it provides a picture of the congregation for the candidates as they consider serving the congregation. "

Quite clearly, the Profile is fairly extensive in scope; thus, we will be spending the next several weeks gathering and collating statistical information and descriptive material.

Once we have completed a draft of the Profile, we will have it reviewed by the Council and the congregation. It will then go to the Synod where the Bishop will give it a final review. Once that process is completed, the Bishop will begin identifying prospective candidates.

As we go through the Profile development process, the committee will need your input by way of questionnaires and personal feedback. We will keep you apprised of our progress. Please feel free to ask us questions about what we are doing and the status of our efforts.

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.

July 24th

Joys: Martha Nelson in parade, joy for family and VBS, Norma Holmgaard's birthday

Concerns: Safety on the oceans, safe travel for medical reasons and for family in northwest Alaska, mother in Juneau teaching and stepdad's health

Passings: Wally Kanarowski and Vicky Vinzant's father

July 31st

Joys: thanks for those involved in VBS, Ben's group and bus, Interim Pastor Dan coming, positive memories, Sarah's mom's memorial service, Brock Bosick born early prayers for good development, for those helping to lead seniors for last 10 weeks

Concerns: All travelers, recovery for a boy in a boat accident, Bev Wahl's granddaughter Lily has pneumonia and two masses, Peter Miccichi's Aunt Rose and Aunt Grace, Judy's neighbor Charlane traveling for medical reasons, Jan Stenga's nephew's daughter waiting for a heart transplant

Passings: Katie's Olson's friend lost her brother in a car accident, Jack Will's Aunt Martha

August 7th

Joys: Tom Hougum's 89 year old uncle, Gwen Johnson's niece engaged, Connor Johnson heading to college, Carmen Stephel family gathering prayers to enjoy, music festival a blessing to our community

Concerns: Denise's friend going to Marine boot camp, Ron undergoing cheo, Chery Romatz's DIL's siter Ayla in hospital, Audry having chemo, Katie MacLeod's daughter Marilyn facing serious health problems

Passings: Paul Miller, Natasha's friend who lost her husband, Becky Jackson's nephew

August 14th

Joys: Marsy Ware's daughter Freida married blessings on trip and marriage, thanksgiving for Pastor Dan and prayers for Randy, Peter and Erin Micciche 11th Anniversary, new school year, show God's love in school, Nolan Rose and Marina Holt welcome baby girl, Elaine and Mark Larson's 40th wedding anniversary, Brad Richards birthday, music in our community

Concerns: 10-month old baby with health concerns, burn victim in boating accident, Jan Stenga's friend found out about tumors on brain,

Passings: Darell Snodgress joy that he is in heaven

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, September 25th, following the 11:00 am service, the annual Christ Lutheran Chicken Barbecue will take place for your dining pleasure, reconnect with members and meet new guests. Christ Lutheran will provide the chicken, coffee, juice, plates & utensils. You provide a side dish, SEE YOU THERE!

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, October 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, Fridays 6-9 PM, Saturdays 9 AM–5 PM. Must attend all four sessions \$20 includes lunches and snacks. Scholarships available. Call Hospice for more information 262-0453.

POD CAST

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! Now you won't have to miss a single message.

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

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



MANY THANKS!!!

Thank you to all who volunteered to mow the lawn this past summer and donated the hanging baskets! A special thank you to Alvin Pierce, Mackey Lake Company, for the donation of the wooden refrigerator church magnets.

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, September 1st @ 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 July a total of 144 boxes were distributed serving 265 adult and 126 children. The pantry is seeking more volunteers. Bagging begins Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and you are welcome to come for an hour or for the afternoon. SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CANNED OR DRIED BEANS THIS MONTH! Peanut butter, tuna, cereal, canned fruit, canned entrees like soup, chili, pork and 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 cart 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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Richard & Jean Evenson ♡ 9/2 George Nyce 9/2 Shaynee DiVito 9/3 Cally Christianson 9/4 Don Soderstrom 9/4 Christina Stuive 9/5 Dan & Kathy Carson ♡ 9/5 Mike & Cheryl Romatz ♡ 9/7 Bill & Sharon Thompson ♡ 9/8 Mel Krogseng 9/8 Sarah Janorschke 9/9 Kate Veh 9/10 Charlie Simons 9/15 Ella Frasher 9/16 Hannah Delker 9/17 Lance Ware 9/19 Ray Hippchen 9/20 Jake Stephi 9/21 Katie Clonan 9/23 Renee Henderson 9/25 Ray & Christina Stuive ♡ 9/26 Happy Belated August 25 (44 Years) Dale & Barb Sandahl ♡	<p style="text-align: center;"> Sunday school begins September 11th at 9:30 AM! There will be classes for those three years old through 103. :) An exciting year of learning and sharing is being planned. Please join us! Volunteers are needed. Contact Darnell Schneider at 398-7801. </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Three things to think about:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are many adults who feel “Sunday School” sounds kind of childish. If you fall into that category then think of it as “Faith Formation”. 2. Faith Formation is a great opportunity to learn. It is any opportunity for you to share your insights and faith stories with your brother and sisters in Christ. 3. Remember one of the ways we learn is by example. Take a moment and ask yourself, “When it comes to faith, what kind of example <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CHOIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> For all of you who like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, the church choir will begin practicing on Sunday, September 11th from 9:45-10:45am in the Fellowship hall. If you have any questions contact Anna Veach (334)349-3046 </p>

AMAZING LUTFISK 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 Nov.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 14,00 sheets of Lefse to 3070 people. (Uff da.) The dinner has become less stressful to organize and prepare. 2 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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Knowing Christ

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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.