



THE NUGGET



September, 2017

By the time you receive this newsletter, Pastor Meredith will have begun her trip to Alaska. As we pray for a safe trip for her and her mom Sandy; we are excited for her arrival and eagerly anticipate the start of her ministry at Christ Lutheran.

That doesn't mean we now get to sit back and relax, now is the time to continue to make things happen! Need some ideas?

- *Teach Sunday School
- *Sign up to usher, read scripture, prepare coffee, do nursery or greet
- *Host a get-together in your home
- *Donate to our youth so they can attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
- *Sign up to receive the ELCA Alaska Synod Newsletter
- *Supply cupcakes for our Interdenominational Youth Fellowship (IYF) activities
- *Bring food items for the Soldotna Food Pantry
- *Invite a friend to church
- *Pray for our church and our Pastor
- *Be a council member to better understand the workings of Christ Lutheran
- *Have lunch with the Lunch Bunch
- *Tired of writing checks.....sign up for Simply Giving

These are just a few ideas...and as I think about it...God's work - Our Hands... that's all it is...doing God's work with our hands. What better way to show God's love then by doing His work.

A big thank you again for all the work that was done over the last year and a half - from our Mission Profile Statement, the call process and now the transition team for Pastor Meredith. For the Worship & Music committee, Pastor Dan, our lay preachers and guest preachers, Joyce in the office and all those that helped us continue the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. The Spirit is alive through us all and we are truly blessed here at Christ Lutheran and now look forward to what Pastor Meredith's ministry brings!

In His Service,

Kathy Gensel, Council President

COUNCIL MINUTES—August

August 14, 2017

In attendance: Casey Olson, Katie Olson, Jim Delker, Jeff Belluomini, Kathy Gensel, Kate Veh and Rye Cross



OLD BUSINESS

- **Religious Education:** Class schedules have been set. See youth page for specific details on each age group. Katie Olson will be the Education Director this year. She can be reached at 394-4234 (cell/text) or kolson@alaskacc.edu.
- **Call Committee:** The Call Committee has finalized their duties.
- **Technology Update:** The sound system equipment was ordered and has arrived. Casey will need a couple of days to take over the sound room to install the new equipment. Jack Will has offered to help him out. The sound system will be unavailable for a couple of days. He will choose some days and send out a message to make sure it doesn't coincide with a church event. The Council is still looking at options for the text notification.
- **Nursery Concerns:** We may hold off on paying for a permanent babysitter. As Sunday School kicks in, that may solve the childcare issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Installation:** Pastor Meredith's first Sunday is the 10th of September. Installation will be October 8th. More information to come.
- **Church Council:** There are still positions on the church council. If interested in serving, please contact one of the council members.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th, at 6:00 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 10 Pastor Meredith's First Sunday
Church starts at 11:00 AM
September 11 Church Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
September 17 Sunday School Classes Start during Worship Service
September 27 Confirmation Class (following 11 AM Service)
OCTOBER 8 Pastor Meredith's Installation / Chicken BBQ

COMMUNION DATES

11:00 AM Service, 1st & 3rd Sunday, September 3rd and 17th
6:00 PM Service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, September 10th and 24th

REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

July 30

Concerns: Donna Alder's brother, Bob; safe travel for Connor Johnson returning to college; peace in the world; Dee Richard's dear friend; healing for LaVern Wahl who fell; healing for Sandee Simon's coworker's brother; Katie MacLeod; Pastor Meredith, the church she is leaving, her travels and new beginnings
Joys: Matt Altobelli's sister, Amanda and husband, Brett Spigarelli having twins
Passings: the family whose baby recently passed away

August 6

Concerns: Brad Nyquist's Aunt Beth and Uncle Dave-Aunt is recovering from hip surgery; Ken is having heart surgery, help him to get ready, prayers for the doctor's and medical personnel; Camp Med a Heart - guidance, strength for those attending and serving and help for individuals; healing for Mark Larson's mom

August 13

Concerns: Darnell Schneider's throat surgery-very stressful; healing for Margie Warner; family of twin girls - one was diagnosed with cancer; healing for Donna Alder's leg; those fighting cancer; travelers; teachers and students; healing for Toni James's grandchild; Natasha's friend in a car accident; continued healing for LaVern Wahl; Judy Snell; Pastor Meredith
Joys: Casey Olson's message; community

August 20

Concerns: Healing for Ray Hippchen's daughter-in-law in Texas and her family as they wait on a diagnosis; continued prayers for all those fighting the cancer fight; Twyla Mundy's friend, Audrey that she knows the presence of God
Joys: Donna Alder's leg is healed-Praise the Lord! Thanks to Ruth's friend, the window washer, and his service to our church

August 27

Concerns: those in Texas, Hayley Vest suffering from Lupus, patience for all Americans, those battling alcoholism, Katie MacLeod battling a sinus infection, Ruth Osborne's friend dying; Pastor Meredith and her mother as they travel to Alaska, Judy Swarner's nephew's new wife had open heart surgery, Billie Shackleton; an administrative assistant in Ken Harper's office going for a biopsy on pancreas
Joys: Congratulations to the Dan and Kathy Gensel on their 37th wedding anniversary, Don and Barb Soderstrom on their 48th wedding anniversary and to Dale and Barb Sandahl on their 55th wedding anniversary; congratulations to Jane Stein for being awarded "The Dan Gilman Award" for community service.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday School (Beginning 9/17/17)

Toddlers – End of Kindergarten

1st Grade – 3rd Grade

4th Grade – 5th Grade

Each of these classes will be held during the morning worship service. Students will be dismissed following the Children's sermon each Sunday. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays when we have communion, they will have a shorter lesson so they can come back into the service for communion with their families. Education Director will provide curriculum for parent teachers.



Confirmation/Catechism (Beginning 9/24/17)

6th Grade – 9th Grade

This will be held immediately after church until 2:30, 2 times per month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. They will have a meal together and then lessons. Education Director will provide outlines for lessons.

Interdenominational Youth Fellowship – IYF

10th Grade – 12th Grade

These youth will have two events per month. They will be Christ-centered, fun activities. Parents and congregation can sign up to direct IYF activities. Education Director will provide resources. Watch the FB page for event dates, times and location.

Education Director: Katie Olson, 394-4234 (cell/text), kolson@alaskacc.edu (email)

HOUSE SITTING

LaVern and Bev Wahl are looking for a house sitter
for the middle of October through April.
Please contact them at 262-4387 for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH - CALLING ALL LADIES!!!

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, September 12th 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!



PASTOR MEREDITH'S INSTALLATION/CHICKEN BBQ

On Sunday, October 8th, following the 11:00 AM Worship Service and Pastor Meredith's
Installation, The Annual Christ Lutheran Chicken Barbecue will take place.
Please join us for wonderful fellowship and an opportunity to celebrate Pastor Meredith
and Christ Lutheran Church. Chicken and beverages provided with free will offering.
You provide a side dish, salad, rolls, chips, etc. SEE YOU THERE!!

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, September 7th
at 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!





SEPTEMBER

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
Rachel Thompson	9/13
Charlie Simons	9/15
Ella Frasher	9/16
Hannah Delker	9/17
Lance Ware	9/19
Ray Hippchen	9/20
Katie Clonan	9/23
Renee Henderson	9/25
Ray & Christina Stuive ♡	9/26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



We are collecting items for the Soldotna Community Food Pantry. July's stats are below. If you would like to volunteer, bagging is on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. 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. 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. In September we are collecting all items GREEN!





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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.