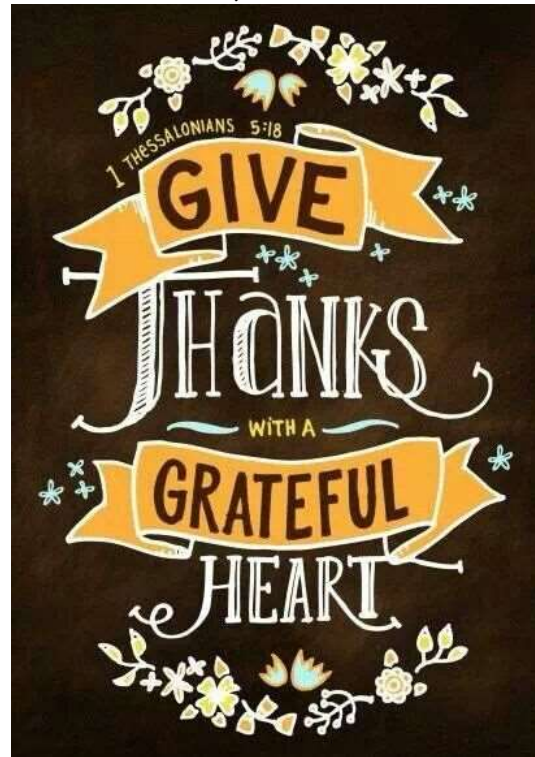


Christ's Ambassador

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota



November 2015

Mission Statement

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to empower our community of believers, through the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News, through the Word and Sacraments, and to worship, learn, serve and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Church Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Worship: *Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m.*

Sunday School: *Sunday morning - 10:10 a.m.*

Worship Assistants

Greeters

November 1 Kurt and Brenda Reicks
8 Betty Hellickson and Alice Cummings
15 Jeff and Janet Woellert
22 Bill and Diane Wojtkiewicz
29 Carlisle and Traci Corson and family

Lectors

November 1 LaVerne Paulson
8 Becca Schwingle
15 Bill Stockton
22 Josh Krage
29 Andy Bunge

Acolytes

November 1 tba
8 tba
15 tba
22 tba
29 tba

Communion Assistants

November 1 Jim Keune/LaVerne Paulson/Bill Stockton
15 Cheryl Krage/Carol Solberg/Sandy Amundson

Altar Guild - Donna Dreier/Marilyn Bunge/Karen Quanrud

Ushers - *Dawn Hellickson/Dave Sunde/Doug Keene/Dawson Grabau

Money Counters

1 Darrel & Bev Olson 15 Harrison's
8 Sandy Amundson & Ron Laughlin 22 Darrel & Bev Olson

November Service Group

Chairpersons: Solberg, Dean & Carol.....	2447
Benson, Arnie & Lynn.....	2296
Aarre, Irene.....	
Carr, Steve & Diane.....	507-398-8652
Corson, Steve.....	3329
Dreier, Wayne & Donna.....	5280
Eickhoff, Mark.....	
Eickhoff, Jodi; Makaila.....	507-272-8956
Grabau, Dawson & Linda.....	2564
Grabau, Nathan & Amy; Hannah.....	507-460-9571
Hahn, Randy & Bonnie.....	2193
*Hansen, Walt & Mary Lou.....	2477
Hanson, Muriel.....	4465
Irish, Dick and Mary.....	2532
Johnson, Jon & Sharon.....	4731
Johnson, Michael & Margaret.....	507-421-3967
Kraling, Terry; Colten.....	507-951-2331
Kruegel, Phil & Vicki.....	4545
Nelson, Pat.....	2270
Pierce, Kelli.....	2792
Quanrud, Stuart.....	507-421-3802
Woellert, Jeff and Janet.....	507-273-0373

Scheduled Events: 12 dozen cookies for each Sunday
Community Thanksgiving service, Nov. 22

Ministerial Acts in October

Wedding

October 3 Zac and Bree Reicks



Birthdays & Anniversaries *in* November

- 11/1** Jerod Keune, Levi Olstad, Aaron Scheevel, Cole Wilhelm, Joshua Bakken
11/4 Roxie Knies
11/5 Keith Raaen
11/6 Tom Johnson, Dave Knutson; *Joe and Carol Gosi – Anniv.*
11/7 Don Berkland, Lori Britton, Nancy Harrison, Debbie Ristau, Denise Vierling
11/8 *Dean and Cheryl Schumacher – Anniv.*
11/9 Dave Hokenson, Aaron Klompenhower, Jason Schwingle
11/10 Sandy Marzolf, Heath Olstad, Ben Grant; *Matt and Karen Quanrud – Anniv.*
11/11 Tracy Serfoss
11/13 Mark Eickhoff, Kayla Peterson, Jesse Solberg
11/14 Domanic Merkel; *Dick and Mary Irish – Anniv.*
11/15 Bronson Hahn, Andy Johnson, Arnie Keene, Mary Milne, Mitch Ristau
11/16 Amanda Schwartz, Zachary Krage
11/17 Braden Hahn, Cassie Keene, Carol Knutson
11/18 Diane Marzolf, Kevin Marzolf
11/19 Eloise Hoff, Michael Johnson, Hazel Knies, Denise Paulson; *Gary and Pam Ristau – Anniv.*
11/20 Becca Prinsen; *Ron and Pat Scheevel – Anniv.*
11/21 Blake Bahl
11/23 Maddie Topness
11/24 Maya Olson
11/25 David Marzolf, Jan Milne, Keely Runtsch
11/27 Lynn Benson, Roxie Danielson
11/28 Jarad Christianson
11/30 *Jim and Violet Hahn – Anniv.*



Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Preston area Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22nd. This is a great way to join together with other churches in our community to worship the Lord in anticipation of Thanksgiving Day! Hope to see you there!

Dear Partners in Mission,

God's Word is the source of our strength, hope and security. As we read the Bible- the inspired Word of God, the Holy Spirit works to create faith in our hearts. That is why it is so important that we spend time in God's Word each and every day. However, reading the Bible can be confusing and intimidating for some people, especially when they do not know where to start or how to find common themes that will guide their reading. In



an effort to help you make more sense of the Bible and apply any Bible verses you read to your daily life, I want to introduce to you two central themes—**Covenant** and **Kingdom**. Woven throughout all 66 books of the Bible are the twin themes of Covenant and Kingdom. **Covenant** is focused on the way in which God is at work to restore our relationship with Him. We see this theme throughout the Bible as God invites His people into a covenant relationship that changes their identity and the way they live. Covenant is about relationship; it is about being adopted as dearly loved sons and daughters of God and given a new identity. It is about Jesus giving his life and paying the price for our sin in order to end the separation between us and our Heavenly Father. It is about the Father waiting with open arms for His lost children to come home. Covenant is a love story that changes us forever.

With this change comes the challenge of representing our Heavenly Father in the world. We see this theme expressed through the theme of **Kingdom**. Our role in the Kingdom of God is one of representation. Because we are God's dearly loved children, we are to live as a people who "re-present" Him to the world around us. (Some would describe this as being God's ambassadors). The Kingdom theme is about our partnership with God as we work to see Heaven come to Earth. It is about living a life that makes a difference in the world. It is also about the authority that comes from being a child of the King, understanding that we can live in the power of the Holy Spirit and experience true freedom when we surrender to God's will (praying "not my will, but Your will be done"). Because we are the children of the King, we must go out and represent our Dad in the world by doing God's work, through the power of the Holy Spirit, all in Jesus' name. That is the challenge of our lives—to be who we were created to be, God's dearly loved children, and do to what we were created to do—love God, love people and follow Jesus.

The more we come to recognize and understand these twin themes of covenant and kingdom, the more we will be able to discern what God is saying to us through Scripture and how we can respond to God's word in faith. I'll close with the two most important questions we should ask each time we read the Bible. 1. What is God saying to me? 2. What am I going to do about it? Another way of phrasing these questions is: 1. What promise or truth is God speaking to me? 2. How can I faithfully respond to God's word? Ask these questions whenever you read the Bible and you will be amazed at how God's Word can change your life!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Dan


FAITH



Every night in every home

 **SHARE**
highs and lows

 **READ**
a Bible verse or story

 **TALK**
about how the Bible
reading might relate to
your highs and lows

 **PRAY**
for one another's
highs and lows

 **BLESS**
one another

2	Ephesians 1:15-16
3	1 Thessalonians 5:18
4	Psalm 28: 7
5	1 Chronicles 16:34
6	1 Timothy 4:4-5
7	2 Corinthians 9:11
8	Psalm 95:2-3
9	1 Corinthians 1:4-5
10	1 Chronicles 16:8
11	Psalm 9:1
12	James 1:17
13	Ephesians 1:16
14	Colossians 3:15
15	Psalm 100:1-5
16	Philippians 1:3-4
17	Psalm 118:24
18	Philippians 4:6-7
19	Luke 7:36-47
20	James 1:2-4
21	Psalm 103:2
22	Matthew 13:1-9
23	Hebrews 12:28
24	John 10:10
25	Deuteronomy 8:11-18
26	Luke 17:11-19
27	1 Chronicles 29:13

November

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

November Bible Study Focus Verse: "But as for (those who fell) in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance." Luke 8:15

WELCA Thankoffering Service

Sunday, November 8, 2015

"*Giving Thanks and Praise Together*" is the theme of this year's Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday, which will be held on Sunday, November 8th. The women of Christ Lutheran Church will be conducting the service that day. The sermon will be by Jessica Bredberg. A quilt dedication will also be included as part of the service. Letters and Thankoffering envelopes will be mailed prior to the service. Please plan to attend.

~DO DAY~

During November, Christ Lutheran Church Women will be collecting bath-size bars of soap, in their original wrappings, and bath-size towels. A brand new bar of soap contributes to cleanliness and dignity. These bars of soap are included in Baby Care and in Personal Care Kits, and the remainder are packed in cartons, and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. Dark colored, light or medium weight bath towels (about 27"x52") are included in Personal Care Kits. Both of these items can help national disaster victims and refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in places of safety or in exile. Bring a bar of soap or a bath towel with you next Sunday, and put it in the tub in the narthex. Put your faith into action! Thank you for your support.

NEWS from COLOMBIA

Bishop Delzer reports that the special IELCO assembly that was held on September 11 voted to amend the church constitution regarding bishop candidate requirements. The new requirements have been submitted for review by the Colombian government. A new election for bishop will be held at another general assembly. A date has not been set for that next assembly. The September assembly also took steps to address the financial challenges faced by the church. Please continue to keep the people of IELCO in your prayers and also our partner congregation, San Pedro and Pastor Rocio.

"Did You Know...?" That thanks to a generous donation from one of our church members, the kitchen now has a wonderful stainless steel commercial refrigerator! Thank you for this gift....it is a great asset for our church! Also, thanks to Root River Appliance to letting us use their truck and to Scott Wilson, Rick Grooters, and Hoogie Hanson for picking up the refrigerator and getting it into place. It was a little more complicated than anticipated, but with some creative thinking and lots of brawn these guys got the job done! **Thank you!**

Cross Generation Bell Choir - Thanks to your donations, we have added 20 more songs and another set of bells to our collection! A list of available songs can be found in the church office if you would still like to donate. Thank you for your help in expanding the library of our new cross+generational bell choir.

New Bible Study Opportunity - Pastor Dan invites all who are able to join him for a weekly Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Heritage Room. The study will last for one hour and will focus on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is an opportunity for you to think about our weekly readings in advance and to be a part of the sermon creation process as you work together with Pastor Dan to discover what God is saying to us through the readings and how we can respond in faith. Hope to see you there!

The **2015 Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held after worship on November 15th. End of year reports are due in the office by Nov. 2nd. Annual Reports will be made available on Sunday, November 8th.

ELCA Good Gifts, Gifts That Keep on Giving. This is the time of the year when we are planning our gift giving. Check out the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs in the Narthex at Christ Lutheran. Shop the catalog for 50 or more gifts ranging in price from \$10 to more than a thousand, gifts that grow the church, fight hunger here and around the world and transform lives. These are great gifts for family and friends. Pick up a catalog and shop.

Christ Lutheran Church Unofficial Minutes of 10/14/2015

Present LaVerne Paulson, Scott Wilson, Carol Solberg, Bill Stockton, Sandy Amundson and Pastor Dan.

Absent Andy Bunge, Cheryl Krage, Jim Keune, and Brenda Reicks.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice President LaVerne Paulson

Devotions LaVerne Paulson

Agenda Sandy made the motion to approve the agenda; Bill seconded. All approved

Secretary's Report Brenda made the motion to approve the agenda; Scott 2nd. All approved

Treasurers Report Carol made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Scott seconded. All approved

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dan performed two weddings, one in Sept., one in Oct. and he attended the visitation for Alice Topness. He visited Harmony Healthcare and Traditions and plans to visit Park Lane this week. Confirmation is off to a good start with co-leaders Josh Krage and Paul Schmidt. Pastor Dan's goal is to help faith be real and meaningful to the youth, not just to transfer information or get them to pass a test. Tuesday mornings and every other Wednesday afternoons Pastor Dan is volunteering at the Fillmore Central Elementary School to help build relationships with the community.

Evangelism Report – Lay Home Communion was given last week. We plan to visit and provide Communion again in December. Church mugs have been ordered for the welcome bags and also to sell at the gift shop during the church dinner in December. The new church brochure is being printed and will be available for distribution soon. Carol spoke with the service group leader Becky Schwingle regarding updating addresses and cell phone numbers of current members.

Education – Rally Sunday was successful. The children sang at the Ministry Fair. Sunday school is in progress and we have enough teachers. Substitutes are still needed. Sunday school could use more little plastic chairs.

Property – Kitchen staff requested a new refrigerator. After some deliberation a vote was cast unanimously in favor of purchasing one from Rochester Restaurant Supply. A gasoline powered sweeper was suggested for use on the sidewalks. Church will be professionally sprayed for bugs on October 9th. Request was made from janitorial staff for a new handheld vacuum.

Stewardship – Time and Talent sheets were discussed. A spreadsheet has been compiled of all volunteers to date. Will be putting some sheets in the narthex for easy access. Two of the Mission Sundays for 2016 have been decided – Open Hands Midway and MPM Orphanage in Kenya. Third may be Ford Resource Bank. Jim presented information on this. Mission Sundays will be in April, May and June of 2016. Pastor Dan talked about 'Opportunity to Serve' cards.

Worship – Discussed having a "Bible Buddy" each Sunday. There is going to be a creative worship table in the narthex for children to draw and create art during the sermon. Pictures will then be sent to elderly in the congregation. Will be starting a church wide program in January called, "The Essential Question" focusing on the book of Acts. Discussed the Women's Thankoffering service on November 8th. Diane is getting a choir together. The nursery is being worked on. Signs are in place. It will not be staffed at this time so parents will have to stay in the room with their children. Hope to start encouraging the congregation to share their God sightings on cards that can be placed in the offering plate and shared in the next week's bulletins. Pastor Dan is planning to start a Tuesday morning Bible Study at 9:30am which will focus on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Anyone is welcome.

Youth - Discussion was on the following items: Social Media and how it impacts the lives of our Youth and society in general. This could be a confirmation topic and also a parent topic; Establishing a weekly contact session with our youth in addition to Confirmation in a small group environment- most likely on Sunday mornings; Working with the youth in getting a group text started/reviving the youth Facebook page; Setting up events throughout the year to include both fun and service projects; Setting up a Wednesday night youth worship service with high school worship team that would also play some Sundays.

New Business

- 'Did you Know' for November Ambassador – thank you for new refrigerator,
- Youth communion was discussed and will be put back on the agenda at a later date
- Nursery signs are up and new items have been added. Worship Team is asking for donations of books, puzzles, and washable toys. Items will be cleaned according to sanitary regulations.
- Thanks to the generous donations of several people, we now have 64 bells and 20 songs for our Cross+generational bell choir. We plan to use the bells at least once a month during services and possibly more during December.
- Cans for Youth bin is full. Scott will be loading the cans on Saturday, October 17th.
- Bill and Scott are asking for nominations for church council members.
- Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be November 15, 2015 following church.

Next Team Meeting Night Wednesday, November 4th.

Next Council Meeting Wednesday, November 11th; Devotions – Carol

Scott made the motion to adjourn meeting; Sandy seconded. All approved. Meeting ended at 9:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Solberg, in absence of Cheryl Krage, Council Secretary



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving. Christ Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. It offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Adult Classes & Fellowship Groups

Adult Christian Education Classes

The Adult Christian Education class will continue in November at 10:20 a.m. in the Heritage Room after worship.

Everyone is welcome, junior high and older!

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's group will meet on November 19, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at the church. **All men are welcome!**

Couples Fellowship Group

The Couples Fellowship group will meet on Sunday, November 15th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. There will be a light supper and a time of fellowship in the Heritage Room. **All couples are welcome!**

2015 NORWEGIAN BUFFET

Announcements

Christ Lutheran's **Annual Norwegian Buffet and Gift Shoppe** will be held on December 6th, 2015. Tickets are on sale in the church office. Everyone's help is needed to make this successful!! A reminder to those not able to help or contribute - please turn in your contribution to the church office.

The **Baking Room** for this year's Norwegian Buffet is asking anyone who has so graciously donated either Christmas cookies or Norwegian baking in the past, to please donate again this year. We appreciate everyone's generosity! Please contact Kevin Ostern, 765-2208 or MariLyn Bakke, 765-2548 with any questions.

ATTENTION MEATBALL MAKING DAY - Let's get together for fun and fellowship the goal to make meatballs for the Norwegian Christmas BuffetMEATBALL MAKING DAY WILL BE Thursday Dec. 3rd, 2015. We will start at 8:00 a.m. & we need as many volunteer's as possible. PLEASE bring rolling and scooping hands, and baking pans. The meatball mix will be ready to go . If you have any questions call Jerry and Mary Specht (765-4539) or Craig and Pam Mensink (765-3384)

November 2015

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 All Saints Sunday 9:00pm Worship/Communion 10:10am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship 10:20am Adult Ed. class 11:00am Radio Broadcast	2	3 9:30am Text Bible Study	4 6:00pm Confirmation <i>All Team Night</i> 6:30pm Evangelism 6:30pm Education 6:30pm Property 7:00pm Worship 7:00pm Stewardship 7:30pm Youth	5 1:00pm Quilters	6	7
8 9:00pm Worship – WELCA Thankoffering Service 10:10am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship 10:20am Adult Ed. class 11:00am Radio Broadcast	9 8:00am Lefse Bake Day	10 9:00am Root River Pastor's Conference at Scheie Lutheran 9:30am Text Bible Study	11 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Council	12 1:00pm Quilters	13	14
15 9:00am Worship/Communion 10:10am Sunday School 10:15am Annual Meeting 11:00am Radio Broadcast 5:30pm Couple's Fellowship	16	17 9:30am Text Bible Study	18 8:30am DO DAY 6:00pm WELCA Board 6:00pm Confirmation	19 8:30am Men's Fellowship 9:00am Mary/Martha/Lydia Circles 1:00pm Quilters	20	21
22 9:00pm Worship 10:10am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship 10:20am Adult Ed. class 11:00am Radio Broadcast 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Christ Lutheran	23	24 9:30am Text Bible Study 6:30 Deborah Circle	25	26 Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed -	27	28
29 9:00pm Worship 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship 10:20am Adult Ed. class 11:00am Radio Broadcast	30					