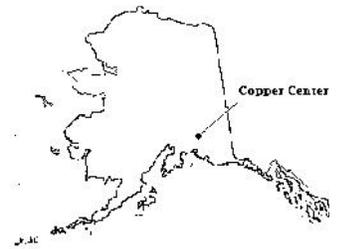


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“That is my pastor.” I hear that pretty often. When I first arrived here, I rebelled against the title. I didn’t want the stigma of being called, “pastor”. I hated when people would curse or use nasty language and then say, “Sorry, Pastor.” As if it was okay to curse, but not when the pastor is there. I felt like people tried to put me in a different category because I serve Jesus as a pastor. “Sure you read your Bible,” I could imagine them saying. “But that is because you are a pastor.” I wanted people to know that I am not different than they are. I am just another sinner who is loved by Jesus and wants others to know Jesus loves them, as well.

It is funny. People in our congregation get it. They understand that I am their pastor, but they feel comfortable calling me by my name. I like it that way. My credibility is based on my teaching and not on my title.

It is the people in the community that see it differently. There are several people who seldom if ever darken the doors of the church that call me “pastor”. This is very important to them. They feel like they can call me and talk when things are tough. They know that I pray for them. They are not ready to come to church, but they want a connection to Jesus. For now, I am that connection. So I spend time with people and listen to them. Sometimes I have the opportunity to pray with them or gently nudge them toward Jesus.

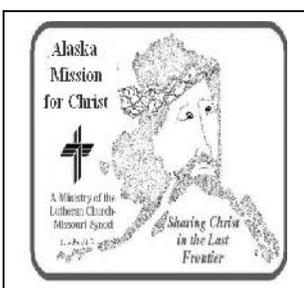


I had a great time playing with the kids at Concordia Children’s Services in Manila on my last trip to the Philippines. They do wonderful work with orphans and urban poor. Learn more at: www.concordiachildren.org

My hope is that all of my friends who call me “pastor” will ultimately get connected with the One True Pastor—Jesus. Let’s keep that in our prayers as we continue to spread the Good News of His love!

Blessings,

*Todd, Kim,
Audrie, Kalae, Karis
and Amani*



Did ya’ Know?

...Alaska Mission for Christ is the mission arm of the 14 LCMS congregations in Alaska. We have 4 full time staff, 4 volunteer Licensed Deacons, and over 400 volunteers from inside and outside of Alaska. We are working to make a bold proclamation of Jesus in every community in Alaska.

Todd, Kim, Audrie, Kalae, Karis and Amani Roeske are serving with Alaska Mission for Christ - a non-profit corporation organized and directed by the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Alaska. Our goal is to reach the small and often remote settlements and villages of Alaska with the message of the Gospel.

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Audrie Update (23 years old)

Audrie is seven months along in her pregnancy. She will need to move to Anchorage at the beginning to have her baby because the local clinic does not do deliveries.

Kalae Korner (18 years old)

Kalae has been accepted to Concordia University in Portland where she hopes to go and study either Education or Business.

Karis Kronicle (13 years old)

Karis is enjoying a Spring Basketball Tournament season. She is also busy practicing percussion and choir for the Regional Music Competition in Delta Junction (170 miles North).

Amani Activities (10 years old)

Amani was worried that she would not make it through the Fourth Grade, but she worked really hard and this Spring she made the A/B honor roll.

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“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all of my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel...”

Join us as we pray...

- ❖ For the ministry of Concordia Children’s Services in Manila (www.concordiachildrens.org).
- ❖ For our brothers and sisters in Yunan, China who bring the Good News to their neighbors.
- ❖ For the woman who is planning to go to a Christian Rehab program for 90 days. May the Lord bring her healing and a new life free from her addictions.
- ❖ For the victims of rape and sexual assault. May the Lord give healing after these terrible traumas.

Join us as we give thanks...

- ❖ For my safe trip to China, Hong Kong and the Philippines. I arrived home just in time to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in Alaska.
- ❖ For Pastor Joseph in the Philippines who had moved away from the Tagakaulo area. He was out of touch for several years and when we finally heard from him, he had planted a church in the new area he was living in. The Gospel goes forward!
- ❖ For the teams that are planning to come to serve in Alaska to do VBS, Sports Camps and Art Camps to spread the love of Jesus!

Jesus Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved!