

MAY  
2018

Saturday, May 5  
8:00 - 1:00  
Youth Free Sale

Monday, May 5  
5:00 PM  
Youth at World of  
Wheels in Superior

Tuesday, May 8  
6:00 PM  
Dorcas Circle  
Mothers & Others  
Banquet

May 2, 9, & 16  
Wed. at 6:30 PM  
Bible Studies

Wednesdays 6-8  
Youth Nights at Church

Sat. May 12  
5-8 PM  
Family Game &  
Potluck Night

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## *Christ's Messenger*

*"To know Christ and to make Him known"*



**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The American Association of Lutheran Churches  
A fortress of safety in a post-Christian frontier.

### CARL'S CORNER

Quick! What are the three major festivals in the Christian church?

Christmas, Easter and ... the Fourth of July?

No. Christmas, Easter and... PENTECOST!

Christmas, the Incarnation of the Messiah; Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection; and PENTECOST, the birth of the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All three are of equal importance and are designed to be celebrated with as much attention as each other.

Unfortunately, for some odd reason, Pentecost has become neglected to the point that many believers are at a loss regarding its time of celebration. So, put this on your calendar:

### **Sunday, May 20**

Notice that the color is red.

Red as in the reminder of the flames that appeared over the heads of the disciples when the Holy Spirit was poured out on them at Pentecost. It made 'em bold, passionate and charged with the power to spread the Good News to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and beyond. Watch out, world. Here they come. Bold colors, loud noise, celebration and energy are all appropriate for the celebration of Pentecost.

So, on Pentecost I'm asking everyone to **wear the color red** when you come to worship. Find a red sweater, shirt, dress, whatever, to add to the festivities. We'll sing some upbeat songs, splash the sanctuary with red and do up Pentecost right.

The celebration has its roots in the festival of Shavu'ot (weeks) when the early wheat harvest occurred, seven weeks after Pesach (Passover).

*The festival of shavu'ot (Pentecost) arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly, there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.*

Acts 2: 1-4

### **Bible Study in May- Proverbs**

On Wednesday nights beginning May 2, we're going to look at portions of the book of Proverbs. We just completed three weeks on dreams and visions, so let's switch gears and be a little more practical. Proverbs gives us God's wisdom on how to lead our life in day to day experiences. Maybe you haven't attended the Bible studies on Wednesday nights before and you're thinking making a commitment to Bible study for the rest of your life is a bit much. Consider a three-week commitment after which you can make a decision about future attendance.

In preparation, consider wise and practical things you've inherited from your parents or friends, or what you have learned that helps you in life.

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### Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15AM

Worship—9:30AM

Sunday School - 11AM

Adult Bible Study—11:00 AM

### MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

Mary Circle 1st Thur. 9:30 AM

Esther Circle 1st Thur. 6:30 PM

Dorcas Circle 2nd Mon. 1:00 PM

Hannah Circle 2nd Sat. 1:00 PM

Women's Bible Study -  
3rd Thursday 10 AM

Lutherans for Life -  
2nd Sunday 6:30PM

Council Meeting-2nd Thursday

### PACT Televised Services

#### Duluth:

Charter Ch. 180

Sat. @ 9AM & 9PM;

Sun. @ 7AM

#### Superior:

SCMC 180

Wed. @ 6:00pm

Sun. @ 10:00am

#### Hermantown:

Sun. @ 8 AM

Thur. @ 2 PM

Sat. 8 @ AM

## May 2018 Serving Schedule

### May 6

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling

**Greeter:** Bob & Kay Dahl

### May 13

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; Jim Carlson

**Greeter:** Norma Johnson

### May 20

**Ushers:** Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Jackie Stumpf; Jessica Stumpf

**Greeters:**

### May 27

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska

**Greeters:** Grace Wells

### June 3

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling

**Greeters:** Bob & Kay Dahl

### Trustees:

**May 6:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

**May 13:** Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

**May 20:** Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

**May 27:** Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

**June 3:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

### Coffee Servers:

**May 6:** Mary Circle

**May 13:** Youth Group

**May 20:** Dorcas Circle

**May 27:** Council Group 1

**June 3:** Mary Circle

### Please Pray for...

#### The Leadership of the Church

The Call Committee

Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Sunday School Kids & Leaders

Open Arms Daycare

Missions of the Month:

Project Timothy

Worlds Gospel Mission

Pray for each other

Pray for our Country, Troops & Police

Pray for Persecuted Christians throughout the World

#### Those with

#### Health Needs:

Gerald Bartels

Aletha Bartels

Shirley & Sig Randa\*

Bryan Goeppinger

Brian MacDonald

David MacDonald

Donna Swanson\*

Shirley Kern\*

Dennis Peterson\*\*

Dick Seseman\*\*

Larry Kubiak\*\*

Wayne & Jean Sundstrom\*\*

Bill & Jane McLean\*\*

Katie Lund\*\*

Susan Johnson\*\*

Vi Boder

Russ & Carol Schramm

Ruth Dahl

Leo Plewa

Mary Jenny

Dan Herdina \*\*\*

Norma Johnson

\*in the hospital, recently released,  
or anticipating surgery

\*\*receiving therapy or ongoing medical care

\*\*\*in hospice care

*If there are any people who have been accidentally overlooked, please contact the church office. We apologize for any oversights.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*All the days ordained for me were written in  
your book before one of them  
came to be. How precious to me are  
your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
Psalm 139:16,17*

DAN JEZIERSKI MAY 14

RYAN KENT MAY 17

GERALD BARTELS MAY 19

CHELSEA HOLT MAY 28

The Luther League is holding a meeting on May 6th after church for anyone interested in helping with VBS. Please let one of the Luther League members or Chris Stumpf know if you want to help and can't be at the meeting. VBS is June 18-22 from 5-8 pm. Thank you!

We will be going roller skating on May 7th. Meet at World of Wheels at 5:00. Bring a friend or two for a fun night of skating and Christian music.

The youth are holding a free rummage sale on Saturday May 5th from 8-1. They will also be selling lunch, concessions, and baked goods. See you there!

Youth night continues on Wednesday's in May. Luther League only on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. All youth the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We meet from 6-8. Supper is available.

Don't forget to join us for potluck game night on May 12th 5-8. Fun for all ages!

Any questions, please contact Chris Stumpf at 218-310-2747  
email at [clcyouth\\_duluth@yahoo.com](mailto:clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com)

We had a busy April at daycare.

Lots of fun times were had playing outside in the sunshine and snow. We are looking forward to more warm sunny spring days.

The children will be making special Mother's Day gifts. Other themes for the month include Space Week, Favorite Author Week, and Musical Art.

We are all enjoying our weekly visits with Pastor Carl. Recently one of the boys said, "I love the new Pastor." He loves going to the church. He asks almost everyday if it is a church day.

One of the mom's shared that while saying grace at Grandma and Grandpa's house her little boy added some extra "Amen's" and a big "Hallelujah" at the end of the prayer. It's so exciting that the vocabulary of our two years olds is growing so rapidly! A few of them are able to tell their mom and dad to have a great day at drop off time in the morning. It is so sweet.

Precious lunchtime prayers...

Brekken prayed, "Dear Lord Jesus, I want to thank you for my mom and dad because they are kind." Cora said, "Thank you Jesus for my good food. How did you know strawberries are my favorite?" Joshua gave thanks to Jesus for his little baby brother Samuel and for playing outside. At prayer time one of the boys shared that he was missing his sister. She needed to go to the doctor and he was concerned because she has a frog in her throat. He was worried because it is a real frog. He said I don't know how the doctor is going to get it out. "I don't know how it got in her throat. Maybe it was at the playground." She is doing better now.

We would like to make a new cozy reading corner. If you are able to help us sew our pillows we would really appreciate it. Just let us know. Thank you!

Our songs this month are *It Took Six Days*, *Praise Him*, and *I Love Jesus*.

Our special verses will be Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart* and Psalm 145:9 *The Lord is good to all*.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. You are a blessing to us. Special thanks to Jim Carlson for our new TV. It was so thoughtful and generous of you!

Hope you all have an amazing month filled with blessings from above.

1 Peter 1:3 *Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Mary Jo



*Teach me,  
O LORD, the way  
of your statutes;  
and I will keep it  
to the end.*

*Give me  
understanding,  
that I may keep  
your law  
and observe it  
with my whole  
heart.*

*Lead me in the  
path of your  
commandments,  
for I delight in it.  
Incline my heart*

*to your  
testimonies,  
and not to  
selfish gain!*

*Turn my eyes  
from looking at  
worthless things;  
and give me life  
in your ways.*

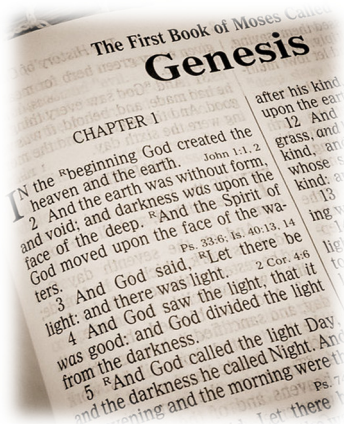
*Psalms 119:33-37*





Pastor Jordan Cooper, a candidate for Christ Lutheran Church Pastor, will be preaching on Sunday, May 20.

- ◆ The youth will be hosting the annual "Free" Rummage sale on Saturday, May 5th from 8 AM - 1 PM. Please call Chris at 218-310-2747 if you need the youth to pick up your donations, otherwise they can be dropped off in the blue room.
- ◆ The youth are selling certificates to Engwalls. The certificates are being sold until May 7th and are \$30.00. These certificates are redeemable at Engwalls for a hanging basket that retails for \$37.99. Call Chris at 218-310-2747 if you would like to purchase a certificate. Thank you!
- ◆ The Dorcas Circle Mothers and Others Banquet is on Tuesday, May 8 at 6PM.
- ◆ Family game & potluck night is Saturday, May 12 from 5-8 PM.
- ◆ The next Hannah Circle Food Share will be on Sunday, May 13
- ◆ Don't forget! The first Sunday of each month is FOOD SHELF SUNDAY! Please bring an item or two to help those in need. Cash donations are also appreciated.



Everything goes back to Genesis, or more specifically to the first eleven chapters of this first book of the Bible. These are some of the most disputed chapters in Scripture. Liberal scholars treat them not as truths given by God through Moses, but written late in the history of Israel. Much of academia rejects the account of creation and the intervention of God in mankind's beginning. But one cannot truly understand the relationship between God and mankind, or the things we find around ourselves in life without these truths. The nature of sin, the need and promise of the Redeemer, the reason and desire of God for the people He created, and much more, it's all there. All of the rest of Scripture, Old and New, builds upon this foundation. It is always fruitful to go back again to these early chapters and meditate on the truths they contain.

From Pastor Irvin Stapf

**THANK YOU**



Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

What a wonderful surprise to find a beautiful plant and a such a thoughtful card along with a gift card to Hobby Lobby on Administrative Professionals Day! Thank you everyone for your kindness!

Judi





**May Missions of the Month:  
Project Timothy & World Gospel Mission**

**PROJECT TIMOTHY**

We are part of an unbroken chain. Paul - Timothy - faithful pastors - and on and on through the years. This pattern of carefully passing on the faithfully entrusted message is the heartbeat of the Christian church and her mission. The death of Jesus Christ has made a way for God to bring sinful men back to a right relationship with Him— by grace alone through faith alone. This is the message to be proclaimed!

From its inception the Christian church has sent teachers into the world with this message. Well-trained pastors are critically needed in Kenya. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya is the fastest-growing Lutheran church in Africa today. But the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya has a mere 140 pastors to serve 700 congregations with 100,000 members. Project Timothy-Kenya is dedicated to providing a remedy for this need, equipping leaders for the dramatically growing church in Africa.

**WORLD GOSPEL MISSION**

World Gospel Mission partners with individuals and churches worldwide to make disciples of Christ and encourage believers to become mission-active through ministries that reach the whole person-physically and spiritually-transforming communities. Christ Lutheran Church is partnering with Pete and Angela Olsen who are going to Kenya to serve at the Tenwek Hospital under WGM. Pete will train Kenyan physicians while also teaching about the Great Physician. He hopes these physicians will then go out to the rural areas of Kenya to share the gospel of Christ. Angela will be teaching their own children as well as other missionaries' kids, she hopes to be able to have a role in the education of the Kenyan families and teachers working with children with special needs.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to either of this month's chosen missions. You may make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your continued support in our mission *"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

**Christ Lutheran Church invites you to**



**Vacation Bible School 2018**

**Pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Mon. June 18 - Fri. June 22 from 5 PM - 8 PM**

**Dinner at 5 PM**

**Questions? Send an email to:  
clcyouth\_duluth@yahoo.com**

**Registration can be done online at [clcduluth.org](http://clcduluth.org)  
(click *Ministries* Tab, then *Vacation Bible School*)**



**The Deadline for  
submitting news for  
the June  
Messenger is  
Monday, May 21.**



**8th Annual Husband & Wife Valentine Ball**

On February 9, we held our 8th Annual Husband & Wife Valentine Ball at the Blackwoods Event Center in Proctor. The Event is provided by the Evangelism Committee in an effort to encourage and strengthen the institution of marriage. We had 28 couples attend the event. Dinner choices were Champagne chicken, Salmon, Sirloin and Roasted Vegetable Pasta. We served white raspberry cake for dessert. The tables were decorated with black table cloths and white napkins. We had footed rose bowls with a rose suspended in the water and a floating candle as our centerpiece on a mirror. We also had two rings tied together with a ribbon and a dove glued on top to signify the Holy Spirit at work in the marriage relationship. Gary Lofald provided our meal prayer and read the message that Pastor Carl provided titled "Ish & Isha" (which is Husband and Wife in Hebrew) and the significance of these names that God gave to each. The rest of the evening was then spent dancing and in fellowship with our guests. Our music was provided by Diamond Max Entertainment.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Annual Budget: \$241,059; Weekly \$4,636; YTD Need \$69,540**

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>4/15/2018</b>	\$2,571	\$0	\$2,203	\$4,774
<b>YTD</b>	\$46,434	\$3,570	\$20,104	\$70,108

Full Financial reports are posted in the Narthex after each council meeting

**Collection for March Missions of the Month: East European Missions Network \$935.00**

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*Matthew 6:21*