



# Christ's Messenger

January 2019

*"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.

Greetings!

We are about to usher in a New Year; a year full of anticipation! Some of us are making our "New Year Resolutions." We make decisions to change our ways and we vow to stick to them. Yes, we will try... we wait for that stroke of midnight to come, we put our best foot forward, we grab on to that hope with celebratory excitement and pray! For others of us, we don't look forward to a change. We find our comfort when things stay the way they are. This gives us a feeling of security and reassurance; and we pray. God, through His Word, tells us in Lamentations 3:22-23: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* We have those new mercies every morning and the assurance that His Word is steadfast, never changing. Isn't it strange how God works both these things (the old and the new) together for our good... Hebrews 13:8 reads: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.* He is our Hope. I have been reminded by one of our faithful parishioners for many years that "God's in charge"! He is in charge of all things and allows all things to happen for a reason. We need to let go and let God. We pray to Him "Your Will be done." He will answer our prayers in His perfect timing as He knows what is best for each of us. We are blessed to be His children. We, as a congregation, are excited about having some things new. A new shepherd to guide us and to provide God's Word and reassurances. We are also excited about seeing the updates in our restored sanctuary and the comfort that being back upstairs brings.

To update you on our progress, we are waiting on the programming box that controls the lighting. The carpeting has been installed and looks very nice. The tempered glass has been installed in the cupola so we have light coming in. The stained glass is still on back order, but we are hopeful it will be in soon. The carillon speakers are in and ready to be installed. The final cleaning will begin on December 31. The new kneeling cushions for the altar are almost finished. The organ and upright piano are in the balcony. They will detail and tune them soon. The grand piano is scheduled to return. We are also looking forward to getting our Fellowship Hall back in order and getting our new coffee bar set up to use. We are slowly getting areas painted and updated. We have targeted the 6th or the 13th to begin services in our sanctuary if all things fall into place – remember, God's in charge!

As we continue to pray for God's provision for our church and our church family, we look forward to new beginnings as a Church Council. Ouitdee Carson will begin serving as our council president. Jim Carlson and Donald Olson will be serving as trustees. Mike Pickar will serve as a deacon. We thank Sue Boder for her service as a trustee for the past several years. We also thank Norma Johnson and Mark Wiita for stepping in to help our deacons with visitations. We would welcome another female to serve as a deaconess, please pray for this. God bless you as we usher in the New Year-2019, and may God surround you and your family with His love, faithfulness and perfect peace. To God be the Glory! Amen!

In Christ's Service,

Carolyn Lofald & Your Christ Lutheran Church Council

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Church Office: Juliana Morgan  
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President: Ouitdee Carson

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita  
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Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

### Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15AM

Worship—9:30AM

Sunday School - 11AM (Sept.-May)

### MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

**Mary Circle 1st Thur. 9:30 AM**

**Esther Circle 1st Thur. 6:30 PM**

**Dorcas Circle 2nd Mon. 1:00 PM**

**Lutherans for Life -**

**2nd Sunday 6:30PM**

**Council Meeting-2nd Thursday**

### FACT 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

**The Deadline for  
submitting news for the  
February Messenger is  
January**

- Calling all sewers and want-to-be sewers; the quilting/sewing group is going to start again in the new year. We will make quilts and other things as service projects. Everyone is welcome, all skill levels, as long as you have a joyful heart to serve our Lord and willingness to learn. We may alternate meeting times and days so all can join in. I have plenty of fabric to get us started and extra tools too. I would also be interested in getting a knitting/crocheting group together. We could knit scarves and mittens for our annual mitten drive while learning to knit or just getting together to knit your own projects in God's house. I would like some input so feel free to let me know if you are interested in joining, have suggestions for times and days that work for you. Any questions contact Sandy - email skcarlson@charter.net or cell phone 218-349-2786.
- Installation of the 2019 Council members will be on January 6.
- Wednesday Night Bible Studies will begin on January 2 at 6:30 PM. On January 2 Pastor Gary DeSha will be leading the study. The Sunday morning Bible studies will also be starting again.
- The Father Daughter Ball is coming up on Feb. 2 & 9, 2019. Tickets are available online at FatherDaughterBallDuluth.org. Look for sign up sheets coming soon, we will need helpers to make this night a success! Please keep this ministry in your prayers.
- The Husband & Wife Valentine Ball will be on Feb. 15, 2019 at the Proctor Blackwoods. Tickets are available at FatherDaughterBallDuluth.org.
- Dance classes meet Tuesday s and Thursday from 4-9 in the church basement.

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*All the loving support and prayers of my Christ Lutheran Church family at the time of my surgery are greatly appreciated. Prayer makes a difference!*

*Love to all, Judie Hilmo*



*Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you so very much for the generous Christmas gift card. It was so very thoughtful of you to think of me. It is a blessing to work with the children at Open Arms.*

*Christ Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for the wonderful gift card I received for Christmas. It is a blessing to work here at the church. I so appreciate every one here! Thank you again.*

*Juliana Morgan*

*Christ Lutheran Church wishes to extend their thanks to Elna Linder's daughter for monies received in memory of what would have been Elna's 100th birthday this year. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Others and Us

by Chuck Swindoll

*Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

That single sentence is perhaps the most famous statement Jesus ever made. It is the "Everest of Ethics," as one man put it. In some ways it is the cornerstone of true Christianity, certainly the capstone of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

I appreciate the positive emphasis. Instead of saying, "Don't do this," He says, "Do this." If you have wondered about how to get started in a lifetime of simple faith, here it is.

- The principle? Modeling must accompany our message.
- You want to be forgiven? Forgive.
- You need affirmation? Affirm.
- You feel hurt, wounded, broken, and could stand a gentle touch? Be gentle with others.
- You have discovered the value of tact when something sensitive needed to be addressed? Be tactful.

The examples are endless. Unfortunately, models of such greathearted behavior are rare. Is it any wonder the non-Christian world looks with suspicion in our direction?

The best part of the whole principle? It is so simple. Living by the Golden Rule prevents the need for laying down an endless list of little rules and regulations to govern conduct. Just put yourself in the other person's place and think, What is it I would need if I were him or her? And then? Do it. When you do, you will fulfill the essence of "the Law and the Prophets."

Do you know the greatest message we can deliver? It is the message of Christlike character. No message on earth is more needed or more powerful.

You want to impact your family, your church, your community, your place of employment? You want to make a difference in the life of your mate, a family member, a friend (Christian or not), some person in the workplace? Demonstrate the characteristics of Christ.

It has been said that the only Bible most folks ever read is the daily life of the Christian. If that is true, I believe the world needs a revised version. Our problem is not that too many of us are being ignored; it's that we are all being observed!

Words fitly spoken are powerful, but they are nothing compared to the power of a life fitly lived.



We are seeking a passionate, energetic Youth Leader that loves the Lord and believes in the inerrancy of the Bible.

This position would involve about 10 hours per week and would include planning activities, devotions, and mentoring kids ages 10-18.

Please contact us at: [church@clcduluth.org](mailto:church@clcduluth.org)

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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.



*How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!  
I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!*

*Psalms 119:9-12*



We had a great turn out for our potluck and caroling. We had 20+ people who, accompanied by Mark and his accordion, caroled over at Viewcrest. Lots of Christmas cheer spread and felt by carolers and Viewcrest residents!

Also in December the youth had a great turnout at the Salvation Army bell ringing on the 19th at Shopko.

Looking to the new year we are hoping to plan a fun event to raise funds for the youth conference in Colorado July 2019 - stay tuned for updates.

Thank you for your support of our youth!

Kim Mitchell, Parent

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Happy New Year Everyone !

2Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

It's a new year and we will be welcoming two new children to the daycare. Everyone is very excited to have new friends join us. We will be almost at full capacity now. We currently have openings for two school age children.

Celebrating Jesus' birth has been lots of fun for everyone. The children made gifts for their parents and friends. They built a stable for baby Jesus with blocks and sang Away in a Manger and Silent Night. We also baked and decorated cookies for their families. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families.

Special thanks to Norma for her nice gifts for the children and parents. We look forward to your visits and fun lessons and crafts. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us Norma. Thank you so much to Christ Lutheran for the beautiful bags and books for the children. The children loved them and the parents thought the gifts were wonderful, too! Thank you for thinking of us!

Cute things the kids have said..

Little Addy really likes Mickey Mouse. One day she was in her crib settling in for her nap, she kept repeating Mickey, Mickey, Mickey and then she said Jesus. It was so cute. She likes to sing Jesus Loves Me and Happy Birthday.

Adam prayed at lunch time for his toe to feel better.

Joshua thanked God for his mom and dad and grandma and grandpa and his brother and his daycare friends and the whole big world.

On Joshua's Christmas gift wish list he requested "a little bit of food that we don't already have, like meatballs."

We went for a little adventure over to Viewcrest and visited with Adam's mom who works there. She gave us a tour and showed the children where they could play golf and look at the pretty fish and flowers. Thank you Katie! We hope to go there again soon and sing and visit with the residents.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate your kind and thoughtful ways. May you all be blessed with everything that makes you happiest.

Lamentations 3:22 - *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never end; they are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.*

Mary Jo

### **Please Pray for....**

The Leadership of the Church  
Youth Group Kids & Leaders  
Open Arms Daycare  
Mission of the Month: TAALC  
Pray for each other -that we would stay firm in our Christian faith and live in unity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.  
Our Country, Military & Police  
The teachers and students at public, private, & Christian Schools  
Persecuted Christians throughout the world

### **Those with Health Needs:**

Gerald & Aletha Bartels  
Shirley Randa  
Bryan Goeppinger  
Brian MacDonald  
David MacDonald  
Shirley Kern  
Dennis Peterson\*\*  
Dick Seseman\*\*\*  
Bill & Jane McLean\*\*  
Jean Sundstrom  
Katie Lund\*\*  
Vi Boder  
Russ & Carol Schramm  
Ruth Dahl  
Florence Kubiak  
Leo Plewa  
Mary Jenny  
Marlene Stauber  
Pastor Tom Stover  
Mark Malander  
Del Sandberg  
Kathleen Randa  
Melanie Saeland  
Judie Hilmoe\*

*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert with all perseverance,  
making supplication for all the saints,  
Ephesians 6:18*

\*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.

### **January Mission of the Month:**

The AALC

*HERE WE STAND*

*Confessing • Caring • Calling*

*We confess our faith. We care for one another.  
We call others to faith in Christ.*

All of our congregations are fortresses of safety in a post-Christian frontier. Each congregation is an outpost, carefully positioned as a haven, providing the protection of God's Word and the sustenance of His Holy Sacraments.

Each congregation is a fortress, an outpost from which God's people are sent forth with Christ's commission of Kingdom expansion and Gospel proclamation into a wilderness culture of immorality and unbelief.

Each congregational fortress in The AALC is precious. Some of our congregations are very small and some are located in remote areas, yet each one is connected to Christ Jesus and to the rest of our Association. We stand together, committed to the care and support of our brothers and sisters.

We focus on Keeping the Fortress, but we also focus on Taking the Frontier!

"Taking the Frontier" includes everything from congregational outreach to church-wide overseas missions. The gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ must never be hoarded as our own personal possession, but instead be shared with a world lost in spiritual poverty and eternal darkness. God is ever expanding The AALC by motivating ministers and multiplying ministries.

With all of this said, however, we know that our efforts of protection and expansion are fruitless without Him. Though He uses clay vessels like us, it is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who is Keeping the Fortress and Taking the Frontier. Hallelujah! Amen.

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."

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Clark  
January 4

Barb Johnson  
January 7

Dale Lund  
January 14

Mike Pickar  
January 15

Wendy Pickar  
January 27

Courtney Carson  
January 19

Gabe Wiita  
January 22

Shirley Kern  
January 29

*So teach us to number our days  
that we get a heart of wisdom.*

*Psalm 90:12*

## Trustees:

**January 6:** Jim & Don  
**January 13:** Stacy & Bill  
**January 20:** Grace & Kim  
**January 27:** Sandy & Wendy  
**February 3:** Jim & Don

## Coffee Servers:

**January 6:** Volunteers  
**January 13:** Luther League  
**January 20:** Dorcas Circle  
**January 27:** Council Group 1  
**February 3:** Volunteers

### SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of inclement weather that might effect an event, we will try to make a decision by 7 a.m. on the morning of, or at least two hours before the event.

Always check the following for weather related decisions:

- **PHONE:** Call the church office: 722-7537; a message will be posted
- **WEBPAGE:** Look on our website home page at [www.clcduluth.org](http://www.clcduluth.org)
- **RADIO:** Listen to KDAL-AM 610; WDSM-AM 710; or NU-92-FM for announcements
- **TELEVISION:** Listen to KBJR and WDIO
- **If you** desire a phone call, please contact the office.

We will make every effort to maintain the usual Sunday worship service. Church staff and congregational members must use their own judgment in determining if traveling to church is reasonably possible. Please use your discretion to decide if it is safe for you to leave your home and travel to church.



We would kindly ask that the handicap accessible parking spots only be used by those that have a parking permit. There are members in our congregation who need the access to load and unload their equipment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2018 Annual Budget: \$241,059; Weekly \$4,636; YTD Need \$227,164

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>12/09/2018</b>	\$3,180	\$500	\$1,711	\$5,391
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$129,225	\$9,288	\$56,662	\$195,174

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

**Collection for November Mission of the Month: TAALC - \$859.00**

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

**Matthew 6:21**