

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

# Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Satchel:

## "Food and Drink .... for Life"



Growing up in northeastern Wisconsin in the 1950's and 60's, I was immersed in the rural setting of dairy cows and dairy products. Every boy and girl knew from the advertisements that "June is Dairy Month!" The First National Bank provided FREE glasses of milk and even ice-cream cones to those who came into their lobby during the month of June. Kids and adults alike were aware that dairy products like milk and cheese and butter are necessary for healthy growth and strong bones. We were never told about osteoporosis and bone-density complications for those who failed to drink a glass of milk each day. However, we were all convinced that dairy products were good ... and good for you!

I still drink milk today, and lots of it. I just got my blood tests back from the annual exam with my medical doctor. I have no lack of calcium in my body. I am living proof that 'milk does a body good.' Yet not all people who have heard the advertising jingles and marketing ploys are convinced that dairy products are necessary for healthy bodily growth and maintenance. There are plenty of people who, in their older age, suffer the ravages of brittle and spongy bones. They did not heed the warnings and words of encouragement about the necessity of dairy products in their diets.

Such is the case not only for dairy products that can maintain strong and healthy bones; there is also a parallel experience in the spiritual life and diet of a man or woman of God. Certain foods and drinks sustain and strengthen our spiritual life as well. As Lutherans, we identify these saving and strengthening foods and drinks as God's Word and the Sacraments. With them, we continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). With them, we are personally assured of the 'forgiveness of (our) sins'. And with forgiveness of sins, there is an imparting of salvation and eternal life.

Summertime is an especially vulnerable season

for the man, woman or child who is tempted to think that they need a 'break' from the regular diet of Sunday morning worship. It is true; a person is not required to be in worship in order to have a saving faith in the living God. However, it is also true that when a person consistently chooses leisure over the Lord, he/she is worshiping another god. Also, 'faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word of Christ' (Romans 10:17).

It gives Satan no greater thrill than to separate the believer in Christ from the Word of God and from the fellowship of other believers. Such isolation is an opportunity for spiritual starvation. Oh sure, we still have the concepts of God in our minds; but our commitment to following Him and living life for Him will quickly dissipate. When the devil convinces us that we have enough faith to take a vacation from worship and the refreshing & fortifying diet of God's Word and His Sacraments, he has succeeded in taking us down the road to spiritual osteoporosis. June is Jesus Month! So is July and August! God's Word and the Sacraments are food and drink for life! See you in the summer too!

**Pastor Myke Main**

***Precious Lord, You have promised to be with us always, even to the close of the age. Open our hearts to see that our faith in You and Your promises is the result of faithfully hearing Your Word, as Your Spirit works in our lives to assure us that what You promise, You will surely fulfill. Help us to choose our priorities wisely and well, always remembering that You are God: our highest priority and pleasure. Move us to set our summer schedule with You in mind. Inspire us to consistently eat and drink the spiritual food which will fortify our life with You. Amen.***

## June 2016

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### This Month:

- June 5  
Graduation  
Recognition Service
- Sat., June 11 at 4 PM  
Youth & Parent  
Meeting
- Sat., June 11 at 5 PM  
Family Potluck &  
Game Night
- June 12-16  
5:15-8:00 PM  
Vacation Bible  
School
- June 20-24  
AALC National  
Convention -  
St. Paul

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## June 2016 Serving Schedule

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Vice-President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita  
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Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf  
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Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

### **Sunday Worship**

Praise Time—9:15am  
Worship—9:30am  
No Sunday School until Fall  
Adult Bible Study—11:00 am

### **MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:**

**Mary Circle 1st Thur. 9:30 AM**  
**Esther Circle 1st Thur. 6:30 PM**  
**Hannah Circle 2nd Sat. 1:00 PM**  
**Dorcas Circle 2nd Mon. 1:30 PM**  
**Quilters 3rd Mon. 9:00 AM**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
**3rd Thursday 10 AM**  
**Lutherans for Life**  
**2nd Sunday 6:30PM**  
**Council Meeting-**  
**2nd Thursday of the month**

**Deadline for submitting news for  
the July Messenger is Monday,  
June 27.**

#### **Change of Address Reminder...**

If you have moved, are planning on moving, or are switching addresses for the season, please call the church office to notify us of the change. It takes only a minute and saves us both time and money.  
Thank you!

### June 5

**Ushers:** Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood  
**Greeters:** Jan Main

### June 12

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; David Wood  
**Greeters:** John & Bonnie Kubiak

### June 19

**Ushers:** Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska  
**Greeters:** Grace Wells

### June 26

**Ushers:** Mike & Pam Wendling; Mike & Wendy Pickar  
**Greeters:** Norma Johnson

### July 3

**Ushers:** Bob & Pam Halvorson; Paul Holt; David Wood  
**Greeters:** John & Bonnie Kubiak

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*Praise the LORD!  
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!*

*Psalm 112:1*

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#### Trustees:

**June 5:** Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad  
**June 12:** Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell  
**June 19:** Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson  
**June 26:** Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar  
**July 3:** Bob Dahl & Stacy Homstad

#### Coffee Servers:

**June 5:** Mary Circle  
**June 12:** Council Group 2  
**June 19:** ROC  
**June 26:** Esther Circle  
**July 3:** Mary Circle

*We are in need of additional Sunday Morning Greeters and Ushers.  
If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Kim Matuseski at 727-2097.*



Thank you to all those who serve in so many ways!  
We know that the summer months are a busy time of year and we appreciate everyone committing their time to the Lord.  
Please remember your giving throughout the summer as well,  
the work of the ministry is vital every month of the year!

## Please Pray for...

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

### The Leadership of the Church:

Pastor Main  
President—Jim Carlson  
Vice President—Mike Pickar  
Treasurer-Laurie Wiita  
Deacons  
Trustees  
Rev. Curtis Leins,  
presiding pastor, AALC  
Rev. Richard Shileds,  
ALTS President

### Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Vacation Bible School

### Open Arms Day Care

### Our Mission of the Month:

The Sending Place

### Pray for Our Church Outreaches

### Pray for Each Other

### Pray for our Country

Pray for our Troops—remember those from our church:

Tyler Johnson  
Derek Miletich

### Persecuted Christians

### Throughout the World

If there are any people who have been accidently overlooked, please contact the church office or Pastor Main.  
We apologize for any oversights.

### Those with Health needs:

Chelsea Holt\*\*  
Larry Kubiak\*\*  
Jean Sundstrom\*\*  
Katie Lund\*\*  
Elna Linder\*\*  
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo\*\*\*  
Marvin Lofald\*\*\*  
Roy Hammerstedt  
Vi Boder  
Brian MacDonald  
Mark Malander  
Olivia Schadel  
Lee Koivisto (Spring's son)  
Wayne Sundstrom  
Russ Schramm  
Dick Kern  
Carl Swanson  
Ruth Dahl  
Bob Carson  
Kristen Carlson  
Shirley Kern  
Linda Beck  
Linda Roseen (post-surgery)  
Carol Schramm (post-surgery)  
Sue Boder (post-surgery)  
Aletha Bartels (post-surgery)  
Betty Stromquist (post-surgery)  
Barbara Johnson (post-surgery)

\*in the hospital or recently released or anticipating surgery  
\*\*receiving therapy or ongoing medical care  
\*\*\*in hospice care

# Happy Birthday

Aletha Bartels  
June 5

Matthew Virkus  
June 15

Cam Ochocki  
June 19

Debbie Showalter  
June 23

Dick McLean  
June 23

Bonnie Kubiak  
June 29

Mary Jane Johnson  
June 30

*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*

### **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.**

**We are alternating donations between Genesis House and Union Gospel Mission.**



The youth are sponsoring the monthly potluck and game night June 11th from 5-9 PM. Everyone in the church is welcome to come and join in the fellowship while eating yummy food and having fun playing games. Bring a friend or two! Contact Chris Stumpf if you have any questions.

There will be a youth and parent meeting on June 11th at 4 PM. Come for the meeting, stay for the potluck. All youth and parents are encouraged to come. We will be setting dates for summer events, fundraisers, and VBS!

VBS is almost here! We are still in need of a few volunteers for crafts. If you can't be here to help with VBS and still want to help out, please consider signing up to bring some of the needed ingredients for the dinners and snacks that will be served during VBS. There is a list on the youth board in the basement. We need everything brought to church by the 11th of June. And as long as you are going to be dropping off your donation at church that day, come to the potluck and game night!

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

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*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*  
*Hebrews 13:5,6*

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We had a fun filled month of May and we are looking forward to a great summer. Thank you to Judie Hilmoe and the Dorcas Circle for treating all the mom's to the delicious Mother's Day dinner and program. The kids loved singing for everyone and having special time with their mom as well as meeting many new friends. Thank you for thinking of us and blessing us with your generosity.

Evelyn shared a story with us one day about a "little grandma" she met at a "nurse home". She said she was so nice and she was in a "wheelbarrow" (aka a wheelchair). She was so happy to tell us about her new "little grandma friend".

Our lunch time prayers expand every week to include more family, friends and neighbors. One little boy keeps one eye slightly open so he can make sure he doesn't miss praying for one of his friends at the table. It is so sweet.

We will be learning about how Jesus helps and heals us. We will also be learning about Paul and how Jesus helped him by encouraging him. We will be working on giving extra help and encouragement whenever we can.

We are creating some fun Father's Day gifts and we have plans for spending lots of time exploring nature. Please spread the word to family and friends that we have openings for children over the age of two. Thank you!

Keep your face toward the sun and your heart toward God.

Have a happy fun summer!

Mary Jo





## The Sending Place

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.*

*Luke 10:2,3*

The Sending Place exists to help the individual believer and entire congregations be personally involved in declaring God's glory to the nations. The Sending Place recruits willing servants from all over the country to be obedient "goers," and then trains them for five months, two Saturdays per month, before they are sent overseas in teams to serve the needs of the host ministries in such places as Brazil, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, the Ukraine, Ghana, China, Indonesia, etc. The actual short-term mission trips last around 2-3 weeks at a time. So almost everyone, from age 18 on up, can do this kind of mission work.

The Bible makes it clear that the mission of preaching the gospel to every creature is to be the main focus of ALL people who are followers of Jesus Christ. For those people who are not "going" right now, you can be "senders" by providing finances, prayers, encouragement, and support to those who are going.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen mission, The Sending Place. 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."

The president of the AALC has recently informed the churches that the AALC seminary is well funded and is not currently in need of donations. Donations to the AALC general fund would still be greatly appreciated.

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
 Serve the LORD with gladness!  
 Come into His presence with singing!  
 Know that the LORD, He is God!  
 It is He who made us, and we are His;  
 we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.  
 Enter His gates with thanksgiving,  
 and His courts with praise!  
 Give thanks to Him; bless His name!  
 For the LORD is good;  
 His steadfast love endures forever,  
 and His faithfulness to all generations.*  
*Psalms 100*



### PACT Televised Services:

Duluth: Charter Ch. 180  
 Saturdays @ 9am & 9pm; Sundays @ 7am

Hermantown: HTV Ch. 7  
 Sundays @ 11am & Thursdays @ 7pm

### FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2016 Annual Budget: \$245,733; Weekly \$4,726

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
<b>05/08/2016</b>	\$ 3,636	\$530	\$125	\$ 4,290	\$4,726	(436)
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$58,176	\$ 4,558	\$19,125	\$ 77,705	\$ 89,794	(12,089)

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

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*