



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Christ's Messenger



From the Pastor's Mail Pouch

So, do we really know what's going to happen... on the Last Day? by P. M.

"Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

John 5:28-29 ESV



After a six week series of Lenten sermons on the godly attitude of "contentment", I sincerely hope and pray that you and I are not content with the things that this world has to offer. For, if we are, then we will not "long for" the eternal blessings that are waiting for those whose hope is in Christ Jesus - the crucified, risen, living and soon coming Savior and Lord.

The Christian Faith is based on the certain Truth of God's Word, which God Himself inspired men to write ... so that we might know the truth which is able to set us free. The freedom which is referred to by Jesus (John 8) includes not only freedom from the power and dominion of sin and its ultimate curse, death; the freedom that sets us free in Christ's Gospel also includes freedom from the 'fear' of death, and freedom from a hopeless existence.

Easter - is the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin's curse (death) and the replacement of that curse with fullness of LIFE with God which has no end. Anything short of this joyous experience is to miss the point of Easter! Set aside the brightly colored eggs and jelly beans, the ham and hot-cross buns, the Easter egg hunts and hidden Easter baskets. But never set aside the celebration of His Resurrection lest we fail to celebrate and teach our children and grandchildren to celebrate the eternal truth of God's provision for our resurrection of the dead and eternal life with Him. "Because I live, you shall live also."

The events of Good Friday and Easter ought to be and need to be foremost truths in the lives of church-goers. It is certainly the case with true believers in Christ. You and I can know and, [by God's gracious Spirit working in our hearts through the Word of God] we can believe that when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead there will be a resurrection of everyone who has ever lived on this earth. And, according to the words of Christ Himself [whom the Father has appointed to judge the living

and the dead], there will be two distinct and very different experiences for these people: **a resurrection to life with God or a resurrection to judgment and hell apart from God.**

In His love for a lost creation, Christ came to earth, lived a perfect life, offered it up as a substitutionary sacrifice on our behalf to atone for our sin and to cancel sin's debt ["for the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23], and restore us to a right relationship with God. Those who hear God's Word ... *and continue to hear it ...* will receive and believe two eternal truths: that they are sinners deserving of eternal death in hell's flames, and that in God's infinite mercy He has provided salvation for them through a living faith in Jesus His Son.

Those who 'have done good' are those whom God has come to live with and endowed them with His divine power both to believe in Him and do what is good and God-pleasing. They are people of faith in God and hope in Him. On the other hand, those who continue to 'do evil' are the people who have refused to recognize their need for Christ and have ignored His leading and lordship in their lives, even if they have heard the message of the Gospel.

You can know what will happen to you on the Last Day because of what Christ did for you on the cross and what occurred on the Sunday morning that followed, when the tomb was empty and He was alive. Jesus has made provision for you to experience a resurrection unto eternal life with Him. You need not fear that Day.

Jesus declares, **"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."** (John 11:25-26)

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:40) **God's will be done in us!**

April 2017

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This Month:

Soup Supper
Wed. Apr. 5 at 5:15 PM

Lenten Service
Wed. Apr. 5 at 6:30 PM

Jews for Jesus
Feast of Pentecost
Presentation
Sat. Apr. 8 at 7 PM

Youth Pancake Breakfast
Sun., April 9
8:00-9:15
10:30-Noon

Hannah Circle Food Share
Sun., April 9

Maundy Thursday
Service Apr. 13
Meatball Supper 5:15PM
Service 6:30 PM

Good Friday Service
Apr. 14 at 6:30 PM

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church@clcduluth.org

April 2017 Serving Schedule

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main
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218-390-9987

Church Office: Juliana Morgan
church@clcduluth.org
218-722-7537

Council President: Jim Carlson
Vice-President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita
treasurer@clcduluth.org

Youth coordinator: Chris Stumpf
clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com

Church Website: www.clcduluth.org

Sunday Worship

Praise Time—9:15am
Worship—9:30am
Sunday School—11:00 am
Adult Bible Study—11:15 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. 1:00 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 April Messenger is Wed. ,
Apr. 26.

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!

April 2

Ushers: Mike & Pam Wendling; Keith Youngren; Paul Holt
Greeter: Grace Wells

April 5 (Lenten Service)

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska

April 9

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Jim & Gayle Maruska
Greeter: Jan Main

April 13 (Maundy Thursday Service)

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski

April 14 (Good Friday Service)

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

April 16

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Mike & Pam Wendling
Greeter: Norma Johnson

April 23

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood
Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

April 30

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Keith Youngren; Paul Holt
Greeters: Grace Wells

May 7

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim & Gayle Maruska
Greeters: Jan Main

Trustees:

Apr. 2: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
Apr. 5 (Lenten Service): Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo
Apr. 9: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo
Apr. 13 : Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell
Apr. 14: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell
Apr. 16: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell
Apr. 23: Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder
Apr. 30: Ouitdee Carson & Wendy Pickar
May 1: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

Coffee Servers:

Apr. 2: Mary Circle
Apr. 9: ROC
Apr. 16: Council Group 2
Apr. 23: Esther Cirlce
Apr. 30: Library
May 7: Mary Circle

Acolytes:

Apr. 2: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita
Apr. 9: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter
Apr. 16: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita
Apr. 23: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter
Apr. 30: Hanna Hovland & Lydia Wiita
May 7: Jacqueline Stumpf & Callie Showalter

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 Shields,
ALTS President

Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Open Arms Day Care

Our Mission of the Month:

The AALC

Pray for Our Church Outreaches

Pray for Each Other

Pray for our Country

Pray for our Troops—remember those from our church:
Derek Miletich

Persecuted Christians

Throughout the World

*in the hospital or 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 or Pastor Main. We apologize for any oversights.

Those with Health needs:

Gwen Nelson*
Evelyn Melander* (Lakeshore)
Olivia Schadel*
Bryan Goeppinger*
Mary Jenny
Jane McLean**
Wayne Sundstrom**
Chelsea Holt**
Jean Sundstrom**
Katie Lund**
Karl Randa**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Vi Boder
Mark Malander
Russ Schramm
Donna Swanson
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
Carol Schramm
Aletha Bartels
Florence Kubiak
Brian MacDonald
Darlyn Sundstrom
Leo Plewa
Allyson Jurek
Jim Maruska

Happy Birthday

Gary Lofald
April 5

Carol Schneeberger
April 6

Jim Maruska
April 10

Jillian Brula
April 10

Kim Matuseski
April 16

Ethan Wiita
April 17

Don Olson
April 20

Priscilla Olson
April 27

Grace Wells
April 29

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those who have recently lost loved ones .

The family of Elna Linder who passed away on February 24, 2017

The family of Shirley Erickson who passed away on March 9, 2017

The family of Edna Corser who passed away on March 14, 2017

We pray that you will find comfort in the promises of God's Word and His assurance of eternal life for His children

*So teach us to number our days
that we get a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12*

***But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.
And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.
May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.
2 Thessalonians 3:3-5***



We have been having lots of fun at Open Arms.

We have been enjoying the warm sunny days playing outside. Every time we go outside we look to the sky and thank our Lord for the beautiful day!

It has been perfect weather for being very artistic with colorful chalk on the driveway. We have also played with bubbles and enjoyed singing on the swing.

We were so blessed to receive two lovely notes this past month. We would like to share them with everyone. We are excited to have some fun new pen pals! Thank you for thinking of us

Orien, Shirley and Sheryl. We loved getting mail from you! Thank you for your generous gift Orien. We really appreciate it so much!

We are still working on projects and lessons about Jesus and this very special time of year.

Lunch time prayers are growing daily. Lately we have had prayers for far away friends and relatives. There are always prayers of thanksgiving for all He blesses us with. Little Evelyn always thanks the Lord for sending us the Holy Spirit.

We have been having a few technical difficulties with the TV when trying to watch a DVD. Ethan reminded everyone one day to ask God for help with it and now it is working again. I just love it when they remember to ask the Lord for their needs. It is so exciting when the children see how the Lord provides for us. We just need to remember to ask Him.

Our new songs are "This Day" and "The Bible." Our most popular song this past month has been sung by two year old Cora. She just learned "Silent Night" at home from her mom. She sings it nearly everyday here. We love music here and learning a new song is always fun.

We are very happy that we will have a cute new baby joining us next month. We still have openings for children three and up. If you know of anyone looking for fun Christian childcare for their children please let them know about Open Arms.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We are so thankful for all of you at Christ Lutheran!

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than we can ask or imagine!

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20

Happy Easter!

Blessings,

Mary Jo

*To Daycare,
Receiving a message of love and happiness from Open Arms Day-care has been a real joyful event. I know that God loves each and every one of you for your kind thoughts and good wishes for others, so I thank you with all my heart.*

Enclosed find a check to help with funds for postage you may need.

Love you all,

Orien Olson

*To Open Arms Daycare,
Thank you so much for the card you sent us. It was so nice of you to be thinking of us.*

Shirley Curtis

Cheryl Curtis

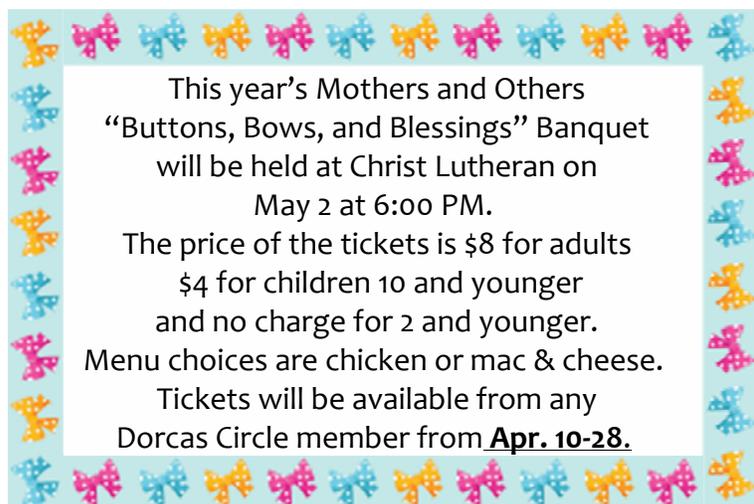
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice before the Palm Sunday Service on April 9th

We will be serving between 8:00 -9:15 AM and 10:30-Noon

Cost: Freewill offering

(All proceeds go towards the cost of the AALC National Youth Conference in Estes Park, Colorado.)



This year's Mothers and Others
"Buttons, Bows, and Blessings" Banquet
will be held at Christ Lutheran on
May 2 at 6:00 PM.
The price of the tickets is \$8 for adults
\$4 for children 10 and younger
and no charge for 2 and younger.
Menu choices are chicken or mac & cheese.
Tickets will be available from any
Dorcas Circle member from **Apr. 10-28.**



Jews for Jesus will be presenting
"The Feast of Pentecost"

On Saturday, April 8 at the church.

Join us for a potluck dinner at 5 PM followed
by the presentation at 6:30 PM

"Faith & Health: What is the Connection?"

May 6, 2017

Leader: Arndt Braaten, M Div, M.D.

Dr. Braaten is a family practice physician and an ordained pastor. He is an Emergency Room Physician with Essentia Health, and is developing a Primary Care Practice integrating faith and health at Essentia's Lakeside Clinic in Duluth. In addition, Dr. Braaten is on staff at New Life Lutheran Church as Pastor of Faith & Health

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 AM - Registration & Refreshments

8:50 AM - Prayer & Welcome - Pastor David Norland, New Life Lutheran Church

9:00 AM - Introduction to OSL, Conference Goals & Speaker - Jim Wright

9:15 AM - Dr. Braaten - "Faith & Health: What is the Connection?"

Break

10:15 AM - Dr. Braaten - "Religion, Spirituality & Health: The State of Current Research"

Break

11:15 AM - Dr. Braaten - "The Congregation as a Center for Faith, Healing & Health Promotion"

12:30 PM - LUNCH

1:30 PM - Service of Christian Healing - Pastor Norland; Pastor S.J. Elness, OSL Chaplain; Dr. Braaten speaking

Registration - Order of St. Luke Healing Conference - May 6, 2017

\$10 each individual including lunch. Advance registration is encouraged. Make checks payable to:

Lake Superior Chapter, OSL. Mail to: 4931 Peabody St., Duluth MN 55804

Name(s) _____ email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For more information contact Sue McNeill at 218-525-3697 or lakesuperiorosl@gmail.com

To learn more about the Order of St. Luke go to www.orderofstluke.org

April Mission of the Month:

American Association of Lutheran Churches

Is the Lutheran Church relevant in the 21st Century?

The AALC believes that God *is* relevant to our world today and His Word never changes as 1 Peter 1:25 says: “the Word of the Lord stands forever.” The AALC believes that Jesus is the only way of salvation, as Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

It is the goal of the AALC to confess Christ in this unstable world. With this goal in mind, the AALC formed to encourage and equip churches to carry out mission and ministry in their location, to help churches and pastors communicate the changeless Gospel to an ever-changing culture, and to train Lutheran Pastors (strengthen pastors to strengthen congregations).

The AALC is distinctively Lutheran in its core beliefs. Every church and pastor that voluntarily joins the AALC confesses that they believe the words of Scripture to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice and affirms without reservation the doctrines explained in the *Book of Concord*.

Today the AALC continues with great pleasure in the conservative ALC tradition to offer a viable alternative to Lutheran congregations across America who find themselves unable to feel comfortable in either of the larger Lutheran church bodies.

The AALC is our supporting organization and we need to help spread the Good Word by our continuing financial support. Please consider making a donation to the AALC throughout the month of February.

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 children of Elna B. Linder are forever indebted to the generosity, care and faithful compassion the members of Christ Lutheran Church provided mom and grandma for all the years she was a member of this community.

In the last months and weeks of Elna's long fulfilled life, we know your visits, calls, thoughts, and most certainly prayers were greatly appreciated by her and us.

God's blessings for each of you.

The families of Linda Linder-Gelo & Lee Linder



Thank you all for helping our mom on her day. Everything was beautiful. Mom was our hero and now she's a beautiful angel with dad, family, and all her friends.

The kind words meant so much to us. Mom's at peace now.

Thank you all.

Ilene & Carol Corser

Olivia Schadel is the lady I spoke about in church on April 2. If anyone could visit her or send her a card to cheer her up it would be a blessing to her. She is a very pleasant lady. If you visit, no gifts please.

Olivia's address is:

4495 Westberg Road
Memory Care Building Unit A
Duluth MN 55811

Thank you,
Norma Johnson

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2017 Annual Budget - \$240,428; Weekly - \$4,624; YTD need - \$64,736

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
04/02/2017	\$ 8,299	\$ 0	\$ 1,659	\$ 9,958
Year to Date	\$ 38,810	\$ 2,110	\$ 12,404	\$ 53,324

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