



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ's Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR'S MAILPOUCH

"I Am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



Most of us like to have matters spelled out clearly and without confusion. We like to have it in 'black and white'. Jesus spoke about following Him in such a concise way. He told His disciples, "*He who is not with Me is*

against me." In terms of a living faith in Christ, mere knowledge about Christ is insufficient to express or to experience the life with God that He came to give. Mere ritual in our religious life is not what Christ died and rose again to bring to this sinful world.

As Jesus came into the world as the Light of the world, with the purpose of overcoming the darkness (sin) of the world, His light (the very life of God) will either be in us or it will be absent from us. Either we will be walking in light or in darkness.

In John's Gospel, the evangelist makes it very clear, in 'black and white' terms, that people who have heard the good news of Jesus Christ will need to respond to the call to follow Him. If they do not, if they postpone this urgent opportunity to be saved from the power and oppression and destructive forces of sin, they will live in its darkness. Such darkness is evident in: unbelief, evil thoughts, sinful words, ungodly actions. All of these bear witness that the Light of the world has been rejected. The Gospel has been ignored. People have shut the door of their hearts to Christ and His saving and freeing gospel.

John writes, "*And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.*"

In the above statement, Jesus is teaching us that sin may legitimately be equated with spiritual darkness. Such darkness is expressed in a life that is lived apart from God and contrary to His will.

The good news is that He came into this dark world in order to overcome the darkness. As the Light of the world, He wants to bring the light of salvation to all people, including you and me. Such light is not a "one time experience", but rather is an ongoing journey in and with the Light, Jesus Christ.

As you and I walk in the Light, it is evidence that we are walking with the Light. Such a walk includes three specific aspects. 1. We listen to the voice of the Light of the world. The Bible is that voice. Psalms 119:105 declares, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." The words enlighten our pathway, so as to identify truth and falsehood, good and evil, God's way and the way of sin/evil. Weekly worship, and Bible study, daily devotions and Bible reading...these are the disciplines that a follower of Christ will select in order to hear the voice of the Light of the world. 2. Walking in the Light also involves communication with the Light through prayer. Prayer is a response to the voice of Jesus Christ (the Light). As He shows us the danger of sin, He also invites us to call upon him in our times of trouble and promises to hear us and to help us in our walk through this world of darkness. The child of God takes Him at His word and calls upon His name, trusting in His faithfulness to provide, to protect, and to bring His peace.

3. Walking in the Light with the Light of the world permits His Light to be seen in us and through us. As Jesus Christ (the Light) dwells in us, faith in Him permits us to think and say and do those things which reflect the light instead of the darkness. They are carried out in us, but not by us. Rather they are done by Him who is living in us, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

It is God's will that each of us experience such a life of Light. It is God's will that every area of our lives be touched by that Light. In all honesty, have you and I permitted that Light in so that He may shine through us?

Jesus came as the Light of the world. He came to bring light to your darkness and mine.

Pastor Myke Main

November 2015 Serving Schedule

Pastor: Rev. Michael Main
pastor@clcduluth.org
390-9987

Church Office: Juliana Morgan
christlutheranduluth@yahoo.com
218-722-7537

Council President: Les Johnson
president@clcduluth.org

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—11:00am
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. 1:30 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
Dec. is Wed. Nov. 25.**

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!

November 1

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska
Greeters: Jan Main

November 8

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Spring Billiar; David Wood
Greeters: Norma Johnson & Jane Sommerfeld

November 15

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Keith & Trudy Youngren
Greeters: Peggy Wiita

November 22

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski
Greeters: John & Bonnie Kubiak

November 24

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

November 29

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; John Holt; Paul Holt
Greeters: Grace Wells

December 6

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

Trustees:

Nov. 1: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson
Nov. 8: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson
Nov. 15: Libby Vukson & Spring Billiar
Nov. 22: Bob Dahl & Kim Matuseski
Nov. 29: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson
Dec. 2: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson
Dec. 6: Gwen Nelson & Sandy Carlson

Coffee Servers:

Nov. 1: Library
Nov. 8: Council 1
Nov. 15: ROC
Nov. 22: Dorcas Circle
Nov. 29: Esther Circle
Dec. 6: Library

November Acolytes:

Nov. 1: Allyson Jurek & Jessica Stumpf
Nov. 8: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson
Nov. 15: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek
Nov. 22: Jacob Borham & Zachary Carson
Nov. 29: Jessica Stumpf & Allyson Jurek
Dec. 6: Jacob Borham & Allyson Jurek

If you have any physical limitations and would like to take communion from your pew, please inform the ushers when you arrive in the morning so they can direct Pastor & the communion assistants.

Happy Birthday

Mark Wiita
November 9

Jane McLean
November 12

Betty Roseen
November 14

Dave Kent
November 16

Susie Decker
November 18

Jennifer Borham
November 19

Pam Wendling
November 20

Kay Dahl
November 22

Carol Schramm
November 22

*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*

Please Pray for...

The leadership of the church:

Pastor Main
President—Les Johnson
Vice President—Jim Carlson
Treasurer-Laurie Wiita
Deacons
Trustees

Youth group kids & leaders

Open Arms Day Care

Our Mission of the Month:

AALC

Pray for each other

Pray for our Country

Pray for our troops—remember those from our church:

Tyler Johnson
John Hodgkins
Derek Miletich
Ben Youngren
David Kirkland
Bill Kirkland

Persecuted Christians throughout the world

Those with Health needs:

Roy Hammerstadt
Chelsea Holt**
Joan Hansen**
Larry Kubiak**
Jean Sundstrom**
Dorothy Jean Vigliaturo***
Aletha Bartels*
Vi Boder
Brian MacDonald
Katie Lund**
Elna Linder**
Mark Malander
Marvin Lofald***
John Schneeberger
Dale Lund
Laura Melander
Eli Miletich
Grace Wells
Carol Johnson
Barbara Johnson
Olivia Schadel*
Shirley Erickson
Spring Billiar & her son, Lee

*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.

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.

New Address for William & Doris Vancalbergh
66 Seasons Dr
Punta Gorda FL 33983

YOUTH NEWS

Nov. 2nd the youth will be going to Christian music skate night at World of Wheels again. Those who attended last month had a great time. Bring a friend. Skating is from 5-8 PM. We will meet there. Check for email with more information

On Sunday the 8th of November I would like to meet during coffee time before Sunday school to discuss some upcoming ideas for the youth.

On Friday November 13th we will have a family potluck at church. The potluck will start at 5:30. We will also be doing a family Thanksgiving craft and devotional followed by games. Bring a dish to share, family, and friends.

The Stumpf family would like to thank everyone who supported our missions trip to the Philippines. As a thank you, we would like to invite you to a thank you presentation followed by a free harvest dinner on Saturday, November 7th. We will start with the presentation at 3:00 followed by the harvest dinner. There will also be a raffle with all proceeds going to continued support of Philippine missions. See you there!

In service to our Maker and Redeemer,
The Stumpf family

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4

In November we will be learning many new verses about thankfulness.

We all have so much to be thankful for!

We are very excited to share Jesus with two new friends who are joining us this month!

On a recent visit to the church library Pastor Myke blessed us with a Bible story about how Jesus heals. Thank you Pastor!

The children had many discussions about healing that week. They prayed for Grace that she would be healed and feel stronger everyday.

There were also prayers for healing for Deyton's mom after she had her baby. It is a blessing to hear their sweet prayers everyday thanking Jesus for friends and family. One day recently little Evelyn was trying to figure out how a new toy worked and I heard her say "Jesus please help me." She remembered how Jesus had helped her another time and she always remembers to say "thank you Jesus".

We will be filling shoe boxes for *Operation Christmas Child* this year. We are so happy to have the opportunity to share God's love and bring joy and happiness to children around the world. We have been making lists of what we would like to include in the boxes.

Everyone is very eager to get going on this project.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Psalm 107:1

Mary Jo

Thank You

Thank You

Dear Pastor Main,
Thank you for having the MN Teen Challenge Choir out to Christ Lutheran once again this year. We really appreciate your continued support of the ministry. I hope you all have a wonderful fall and holiday season.
Abby Shirley

Dear Pastor Main & members of Christ Lutheran,
Thank you so much for the visits Pastor, and the prayers & cards I received before and after my surgery. It's a blessing to be a member of this church family.
Sincerely,
Lorna McLean

*Jan and I would like to thank the many people of Christ Lutheran Church for the media display, cards, gifts, and cake given at the recent Pastor Appreciation Sunday celebration. Your love and kindness are a great encouragement. May the Lord bless our continued time together as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Pastor Myke and Jan Main*

The ladies of Mary Circle would like to invite everyone to their annual Christmas Luncheon Program Thursday, December 3rd at 12:00.

There will be a catered lunch, including the famous potato sausage.

The cost is \$8.00

Please call the church office (722-7537) to RSVP.



Dorcas Circle

Members who volunteered to write thank you notes for union gospel mission - we will meet at church on Nov. 9 at 12:45PM

Contact Judie Hilmoe at 206-7087 with any questions.



Dorcas Circle is again packing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Please see Carol Ziemer if you would like to pack a box to help children around the world hear the Good News of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas. The boxes will need to be returned to the church the week of November 16-20



The next Hannah Circle Food Share will be on Nov. 15



Christ Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/1/2015. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Thank You

The Lifetouch photography event was successful because of all the volunteers that donated their time. We had people constructing a calling roster to contact all church members to notify them of this opportunity. Onsite scheduling was done at church, promotional materials were supplied by Lifetouch as well as reminder calls.

Many hosts and hospitality volunteers helped to make the photography sessions a fun time with fellowship, treats, and coffee. Thanks to the circles for donating the treats during these 4 days. Everyone greatly enjoyed them.

We had people from the church busy taking photographs of activities and groups in the church. With the help of our iPhones we were able to take pictures of our shut-in members.

More volunteers helped to design the layout of the directory and get it ready for submission to Lifetouch..

Our new 2016 directory will be a useful tool for everyone as we reach out to one another.

I most graciously thank each and everyone who helped in any way with this project. You were all splendid!

Thank you and may God bless you!

Norma Johnson



*Tickets for the
20th annual Father/Daughter Ball
will go on sale Sat. Dec. 5 at 9 AM
Dates for the 2016 Ball are
Feb. 6 & 13*



November Mission of the Month The AALC

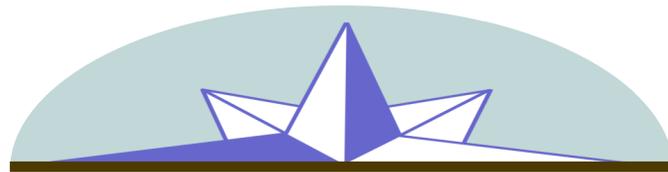
Is the Lutheran Church relevant in the 21st Century? The AALC believes that God *is* relevant to our world today and His Word never changes as 1 Peter 1:25 says: “the Word of the Lord stands forever.” The AALC believes that Jesus is the only way of salvation, as Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, “I am 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 this month as we continue in our mission “to know Christ and to make Him known.”



The 2016 Christ Lutheran Church Council:

President: Jim Carlson

Vice President: Mike Pickar

Treasurer: Laurie Wiita

Deacons:

Dale Lund
Andrew Virkus
Carol Ziemer
Sue Boder

Trustees:

Sandy Carlson
Ouitdee Carson
Bob Dahl
Grace Wells
Gwen Nelson
Wendy Pickar
Stacy Homstad
Kim Mitchell

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
 - **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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 2015 Annual Budget: \$245,283; Weekly \$4,717

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total	Budget	Over (Under)
10/18/2015	\$ 2,463	400	1,084	3,947	4,717	(770)
YTD	\$ 133,257	8,376	35,341	182,992	198,114	(15,122)

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