



Christ's Messenger - March 2018

"To know Christ and to make Him known"



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CARL'S CORNER

March 2018

Sat. Mar. 10
5-8 PM
Family Game &
Potluck Night

Wed., Mar. 7, 14, 21
5:15 Soup Supper

Wed., Mar. 29
5:15 Meatball Supper
6:30 Maundy Thursday
Service

Fri., Mar. 30
6:30 PM Good Friday
Service

Tues., Mar. 6, 13, 20
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Money Matters Classes

Sun., Mar. 25
Youth hosting
Palm Sunday
Pancake Breakfast
Following the Service

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Whoa. What happened to spring? Being from Georgia, I was expecting the buds to come out on the trees February 10. Is that really snow continuing to come down or did I accidentally get on a flight to the North Pole?

Tell me there's not going to be snow on the ground when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on April 1. Okay, don't tell me.

Here we are in the middle of the season of Lent and I hope you are availing yourselves of the preparation activities, particularly the Wednesday evening meals and services. I really encourage you to be there as we explore some challenging basics on the Christian faith. For those of you on the Journey of Faith, thanks for your participation and I hope you continue to grow in your relationship to God during this time. Sunday, March 4 is the final opportunity to begin the Journey. It calls you to exercise a specific spiritual discipline for a three-week period.

This month particularly, I also urge you to attend the services of Holy Week:

- Maunday Thursday March 29. This will be probably different than Maunday Thursday services you have attended in the past. Without going into specifics, let's just say it will more resemble the actual environment in which the Last Supper took place. (Be ready to discard from your minds the famous Leonardo da Vinci painting.)
- Good Friday Tenebrae service, March 30. The service will be the traditional one that we have used in the past.

It will such a great blessing to be with you for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection this year (barring the call of a new, permanent pastor). Our Call Committee continues to work diligently to identify the person God has already selected to be our next pastor. Please remember the committee members in your prayers as we approach such a wonderful celebration of the Spirit's selection. Also, be sure to check to see if you are on the Voting Member list if you are not sure. Only Voting Members will be able to vote at the meeting for the Call of a new pastor.

Could be I'll never see the grass in Duluth. Does it even exist under all that snow?

Pastor Carl



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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

**Deadline for submitting news
for the April Messenger is
Mon., Mar. 26.**

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

March 2018 Serving Schedule

March 4

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

Greeter: Grace Wells

March 7- Lenten Service

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson

March 11

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska

Greeter: Norma Johnson

March 14 - Lenten Service

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald

March 18

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Matthew Virkus; David Wood

Greeters: Grace Wells

March 21 - Lenten Service

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski

March 25

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim Carlson; Paul Holt

Greeters: Bob & Kay Dahl

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim & Gayle Maruska

March 30 Good Friday Service

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski

April 1

Ushers: Bob & Pam Halvorson; Gary & Carolyn Lofald

Greeters: Norma Johnson

Trustees:

Mar. 4: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

Mar. 11: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Mar. 14: Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

Mar. 18: Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

Mar. 21: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

Mar. 25: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

Mar. 29: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

Mar. 30: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

Apr. 1: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

Coffee Servers:

Mar. 4: Hannah Circle

Mar. 11: LL

Mar. 18: Dorcas Circle

Mar. 25: Council Group 5

Apr. 1: Evangelism Committee

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
The Call Committee
Youth Group Kids & Leaders
Open Arms Daycare
Missions of the Month:
East European Missions Network
Pray for each other
Pray for our Country, Troops & Police
Pray for Persecuted Christians throughout the World

Those with Health Needs:

Ann Rogers
Lynn Erickson
Gerald Bartels
Aletha Bartels
Shirley & Sig Randa*
Bryan Goeppinger*
Brian MacDonald
David MacDonald
Donna Swanson*
Shirley Kern*
Dennis Peterson**
Dick Seseman**
Larry Kubiak**

Bill & Jane McLean**
Wayne & Jean Sundstrom**
Katie Lund**
Susan Johnson**
Vi Boder
Russ & Carol Schramm
Carl Swanson
Ruth Dahl
Florence Kubiak
Leo Plewa
Mary Jenny
Marlene Stauber
Janice Engstrom*

*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.

**Christ Lutheran Church
Call Committee:**

Jim Carlson
Lillian Fontaine
Bob Halvorson
Carolyn Lofald
Kim Matuseski
Kim Mitchell
Mike Pickar
Mark Wiita
Keith Youngren

For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person
one would dare even to die—
but God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Romans 5:6-8

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.



The next Hannah
Circle Food
Share will be
on March 11

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 29
Meatball Supper 5:15 PM
Service 6:30 PM

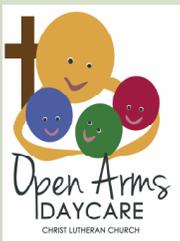


Good Friday Service
Friday, March 30
6:30 PM



*But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen,
nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man
imagined,
what God has prepared for
those who love him"*

1 Corinthians 2:9



The Luther League will meet on Saturday March 24th from 11-2. We will have lunch, prep for the Palm Sunday breakfast and hide eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Egg hunt will be open to the community and the younger youth from church and will run from 1-2.

The youth are hosting a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday after the church service. Come and join us for breakfast and support the youth! The funds raised are going towards their summer mission project.

The youth will be going roller skating on May 7th from 5:30-8. A sign up sheet will be posted on the youth board in the basement. Bring a friend!

Luther League has started planning VBS. Our theme this year is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. If you would be interested in helping please contact Allyson Jurek, Jessica Stumpf, or Jackie Stumpf. You can also email: clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com. Watch for more information soon!!



This is the the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Happy almost Spring everyone! We are so looking forward to spending more time outdoors. We had an exciting February. Joshua became a big brother when little Samuel James was born. Samuel will be joining us in a few months. We are so happy for Ben and Kathryn and Joshua's blessing. *I prayed for this child and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him.* 1 Samuel 1:27 We have been enjoying visits at the church with Pastor Carl. Thank you Pastor Carl for sharing Jesus with the children. They are very excited to be going to the church again. One day Cora was telling another one of the children that she wanted to be a Pastor when she grew up. When another child asked her why, she said "because they get to talk about Jesus". It is so wonderful to share Jesus with our friends and family.

One mom shared that their child requests they sing Jesus loves me before each meal.

We will be learning about Easter this month. The children have been learning about the cross and how very much God loves us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.

We are praying for one of our families whose baby they were expecting went to Heaven.

Her big sister likes to tell people that she has a baby sister who is in Heaven with Jesus.

She says she knows she will see her again some day in Heaven.

Little lunchtime prayers...

"Dear Jesus thank you for my mom and dad and our food and the whole big huge world."

"Dear God thanks for my daycare friends and funny things that make me laugh".

"Dear Lord Jesus please help my friend who is sad. She has been crying. Please make her happy again".

"Dear Lord Thank you for Gwen. She is nice".

We hope you all have a happy month full of God's greatest blessings.

Mark 10:14 Jesus said Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mary Jo

Afraid to open those bills? Worried about unexpected expenses? Want to start saving for retirement or college for the kids?

Come to the *Money Matters* course and learn how to become financially stable. We are hosting a 9 week course “Financial Peace University.” The cost is \$85 (per person or couple). You will receive workbooks and other materials in addition to attending the weekly meeting. We will be meeting on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 PM in the fellowship hall (March 6,13,20; April 3,10,17,24; May 1,8). Class starts with an instructional video and then group discussion and questions. More information can be found on their website: www.daveramsey.com

Family Potluck & Game Night

Sat., March 10

from 5-8 PM



Our 22nd Annual Father Daughter Ball

Our 22st annual Father Daughter Ball's were held on Saturday's, January 27, and February 3, 2018. These were again held in the Lake Superior Ballroom of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. The cost of each ticket was \$25.00. These prices have stayed the same since we began working with the DECC in 2008. There has been an increase in the number of Father Daughter events being held in Duluth with three other venues providing similar functions. We had a decrease in numbers the first night with only 657 in attendance. Mark Wiita was our emcee and Michael Birkeland of Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys Family Band gave the message – sharing how as fathers we don't need to look across the table or from side to side to compare ourselves with others, we need to look up and look to God and trust Him to give us direction. Michael then sang a prayer for us, accompanied by his daughter Sarah Mae who played the base and Sarah's friend who played violin. We had 872 in attendance on the 3rd. Gary Lofald emceed, and Erik Reinertsen from The Water's Edge Community Church on Central Entrance shared a message – focusing on how we talk to one another as a dad to a daughter and we need to be sensitive to this and apologize when we get short and say things to hurt each others feelings, but ask for forgiveness and guidance from our heavenly Father. Michael Birkeland and his son's Derek and Adam performed their prayer for us this night also. Our theme this year was “Paris”. Our tables had alternating white and black table cloths and pale pink napkins were sticking out of the water glasses to be fancy. We had black curtains for a backdrop behind our DJ with draped and gathered white gossamer fabric laying on top which was lighted from the bottom to give depth and twinkle lights were hung vertically throughout the whole backdrop for a beautiful effect. On the far ends of the backdrop we had placed our Father Daughter Ball Banners. Duluth Event Lighting was gracious enough to donate their lighting services and projected scrolls unto the walls and did some up lighting to decorate the whole room. They also projected the Eiffel Tower on one wall which many of our guests had their picture taken by. Café lights were strung across the ballroom and different sized white and black umbrellas hung up-

side down over the dance floor at varying heights. On each table we had a 7”glass cylinder filled with white pearls, silk pink dahlias, a silver sparkle and a picture of the Eiffel Tower on a stick. We also had two smaller votives with pink candles placed on mirrors as our centerpieces. We served chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans mixed with julienned carrots along with salad, roll and cupcakes decorated with pink sprinkles from Johnson's Bakery for dessert. Lynnette's Portrait Design was there to take photographs for us again. Eric King from Diamond Max Entertainment was our DJ. We were blessed to receive monetary donations from Lynnette's Portrait Design of \$650.00. Obey Construction, Arrowhead Orthodontics, 4th Street Auto Repair and CLC Sunshine Group each gave \$500.00. Discoverpc.net and Ogston's Auto Body and Paint donated \$100.00 each. Members from our congregation donated money for tickets for the Teen Challenge Dads and their daughters - 11 from their group came. *Thank You* to all from our church who donated money for their tickets! Gift certificates were provided from Cirrus, Fly Duluth, Grandma's Restaurant, Perkins & Outback Steak House. We thank Sheldon and Northland Special Events for discounting their services to help us out. We were very blessed to have such a wonderful group of volunteers to help us this year, namely; Bob & Pam Halvorson, Jim & Sandy Carlson, Pastor Carl & Joan, Wendy Pickar, Mark Youngren, Gayle Maruska, Susie Decker, Grace Wells, Stacy Homstad, and Don, Tammy & Adam Renne. Julie and Alondra Guddeck and their friend Britt Anderson worked the coatroom for us. They have a wonderful *Candy Ministry* going on that you can ask them about! Kim Kirkland helped and Mary Jo Miller from our daycare was our bathroom attendant. We also thank our church secretary Judi Morgan and her husband Steve for helping out and Judi too for all her help with making TC ticket vouchers, directing phone and email messages to the committee and helping with the decorations and all the extras that we needed. We thank our congregation for their prayer support. We are thankful that we can share the love of Christ with our community. To God be the Glory!

In Christ's Service, The FDB Committee – Kolleen, Debbie, Kristine, Carolyn and Laurie

March Missions of the Month:

East European Missions Network

Eastern European Missions Network began in 1992 in the wake of the fall of communism. It is an evangelical, inter-Lutheran mission organization which seeks to encourage American churches to minister alongside the brothers and sisters in East European churches. Seeking to rebuild and equip the body of Christ in Eastern Europe and Russia.

EEMN's highest priority is to help train a new generation of Christ-centered, Bible-based leaders committed to fulfilling the Great Commission and the rebuilding of the church.

EEMN works in close relationship with indigenous believers in Belarus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Turkey. Bible Schools, seminaries, lay training, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and prayers are the tools for developing this long-term rebuilding.

As a sending agency EEMN has placed career missionaries in Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, and Hungary. From the historic fall of communism to the steady progress being made, the work of God in these nations is best described by the prophet Habakkuk, "Look among the nations and see, wonder and be astounded for I am doing a work in your day that you would not believe if told" (Habakkuk 1:5). Out of the hard and rocky soil of atheistic communism, God has prepared a field ripe for harvest.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen mission. 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!

Wayne Sundstrom
March 8

Carol Sogard
March 25

Laviere Johnson
March 26

Dale Nielson
March 29

Gloria Nielson
March 30

Callie Showalter
March 30

Florence Kubiak
March 30



Thank you to everyone who brought bars and helped with the Sarah Mae & the Birkeland Boys concert. Once again, the concert was a great success!

From the Evangelism Committee

*To Christ Lutheran Church,
Thank you for all the love shown us in Dad's last days. We so appreciate the prayers, the visits, & the gifts over the years.
God Bless
The Russell Holm family*

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Annual Budget: \$241,059; Weekly \$4,636; YTD Need \$32,452

| | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Daycare</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2/18/2018 | \$3,372 | \$200 | \$2,173 | \$5,745 |
| YTD | \$18,536 | \$2,320 | \$10,196 | \$31,052 |

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

Collection for January Mission of the Month: The AALC: 1,096.00

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

Matthew 6:21