

June
2018



Christ's Messenger

"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.

CARL'S CORNER

June 18-22
Vacation Bible School
5-8 PM
Dinner at 5 PM

Wednesdays 6-8
Youth Nights at Church

Sat. June 9
5-8 PM
Family Game &
Potluck Night

It's been awhile since I've been home. By home I don't mean Atlanta; I'm talking California, Dude!

As you're reading this, the May 30 birth due date has come and we're either on pins and needles or jumping for joy and cuddling the new arrival. Our son is in the Navy, stationed in the Los Angeles area. Since he lives in Simi Valley, our new granddaughter will be one of those famous "Valley Girls." (Valley Girls have long been the generators of teenage culture in the country.)

Like, totally cool, you know.

You might have guessed by now that with 6 children and 9 grandchildren, I'm definitely pro-life!

Psalm 127

3: *Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.*
4: *Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.*
5: *Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.*

Genesis 33:5

5: *Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."*

Mark 9: 36, 37

36: *He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,*
37: *"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."*

So, here we are welcoming a new little one and praying that our church will be filled with the presence of many children as well.

Joan and I are much appreciative of your continued support toward us and thankful for the opportunity to be with family.

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

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

June 2018 Serving Schedule

June 3

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling

Greeters: Bob & Kay Dahl

June 10

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

Greeter: Norma Johnson

June 17

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Jim & Gayle Maruska

Greeter: Grace Wells

June 24

Ushers: Les Johnson & Kim Matuseski; Jackie Stumpf; Jessica Stumpf

Greeters:

July 1

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling

Greeters: Bob & Kay Dahl

Trustees:

June 3: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

June 10: Sandy Carlson & Sue Boder

June 17: Wendy Pickar & Ouitdee Carson

June 24: Stacy Homstad & Bill Arezzo

July 1: Grace Wells & Kim Mitchell

Coffee Servers:

June 3: Mary Circle

June 10: Youth Group

June 17: Council Group 2

June 24: Esther Circle

July 1:

Please Pray for...

The Leadership of the Church

The Call Committee

Youth Group Kids & Leaders

Sunday School Kids & Leaders

Open Arms Daycare

Missions of the Month:

The Sending Place

Pray for each other

Pray for our Country,

Troops & Police

Pray for Persecuted

Christians throughout the World

Those with Health Needs:

Gerald Bartels

Aletha Bartels

Shirley & Sig Randa*

Bryan Goepfinger

Brian MacDonald

David MacDonald

Donna Swanson*

Shirley Kern*

Dennis Peterson**

Dick Seseman**

Larry Kubiak**

Wayne & Jean Sundstrom**

Bill & Jane McLean**

Katie Lund**

Susan Johnson**

Vi Boder

Russ & Carol Schramm

Ruth Dahl

Leo Plewa

Mary Jenny

Dan Herdina ***

Norma Johnson

Priscilla Olson

*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 accidently overlooked, please contact the church office. We apologize for any oversights.

THANK YOU

Dear Church,

Thank you for your prayers, visits and gifts to mom and dad over the years, and for holding us up in prayers as we walked the final walk with mom and dad on this earth. The final battle is won. Praise God!

We will fondly remember Christ Lutheran and her love.

God Bless

Russell and Elsie Holm family

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 June 13**



**Christ Lutheran Church
Call Committee**

Jim Carlson

Lillian Fontaine

Bob Halvorson

Carolyn Lofald

Kim Matuseski

Kim Mitchell

Mike Pickar

Mark Wiita

Keith Youngren



Come join us for



Vacation Bible School 2018

Pre-school to 5th grade

Mon. June 18 - Fri. June 22 from 5 PM - 8 PM

Dinner at 5 PM

Questions? Send an email to: clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com

Registration can be done online at clcduluth.org
(click *Ministries* Tab, then *Vacation Bible School*)

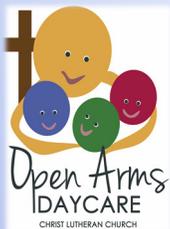


How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!

Psalm 119:9-12

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136
We are so blessed at Open Arms for all the love that has been given to us this past month. We would like to give extra thanks to Mark, Laurie, and Peggy Wiita, and the Sunshine Committee for treating the moms and children to the Mothers and Others Banquet. It was very nice and everyone felt special to be invited. Many of the parents have mentioned how they are grateful for the visits the children have with Pastor Carl. Thank you Pastor! We look forward to your lessons every week. One afternoon when we were playing outside one of the boys saw Pastor Carl going home from church and he said, "Oh no! Who will read us stories if Pastor isn't at the church?" Thank you Grace, Carolyn, and Laurie for all you do for us. Thank you Grace for our cute ride on toys and pillows for our reading corner. Thank you Jim Carlson for our new TV and for helping us each week. You are so kind and we really appreciate you! You're great! The children were watching you mow the backyard and they were so excited. They said, "That's Jim! He's nice."
Norma Johnson we would like to thank you for our super fun time making treats. You are so sweet! Thank you for thinking of us. Thank you Gwen for sharing your special time reading to the children. They look forward to snuggling up in the chair with you every week.
We have been enjoying lots of fun times outside running and playing in the sandbox and water table... We hope you are all enjoying the warm sunny days too.
We have been gearing up for all the fun things we will be doing this summer. Our days are full for summer. However we will have a few openings for children three and older in the fall. We have many fun things planned this month. We will be painting a mural, beginning a journal and making our own musical instruments.
Blessings to Everyone!
Remember God loves you so much!

Mary Jo



UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRIES

- ◆ Graduation Sunday is June 3. We will be honoring Grace DeRocher, Jonathon Stumpf, and Ethan Wiita for their graduation from high school, also Jillian Brula for her graduation from college.



*To our friends at Christ Lutheran Church
You are invited to help us celebrate
Ethan Wiita's
Graduation from Hermantown High School
Open house on: **Sunday, June 17, 2018**
1:00 pm - 5:00pm
4977 Jonan Drive
Hermantown, MN 55811
Thank you all for your support - Mark & Laurie Wiita*

- ◆ Family game & potluck night is Saturday, June 9 from 5-8 PM.
 - ◆ The next Hannah Circle Food Share will be on Sunday, June 10
 - ◆ 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.
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Today postmodernity seeks to make God "nice," affirming, supporting, and uplifting the individual. They see God less as a king or lord and more as a friend or therapist. This requires that God be less demanding, more tolerant, and especially nonjudgmental about wayward behavior of His human creatures. Today it is more offensive to affirm God's wrath than to affirm His love.

Such an approach to God plays down His love for His creatures as He designed them and diminishes human moral standards. Too often it focuses largely or exclusively on feeling good about self. In other words, not much is expected of us other than taking care of ourselves. Bad behavior is removed from the category of sin and put in the category of activities that demand understanding of others.

When sin is addressed, it is considered in terms of vulnerabilities and weaknesses that have to do more with how sin affects the individual than how it offends God or even how it harms one's neighbor.

The Genius of Luther's Theology, p. 29
Robert Kolb & Charles P. Arand

From Pastor Dean Stoner

June Mission of the Month:

The Sending Place

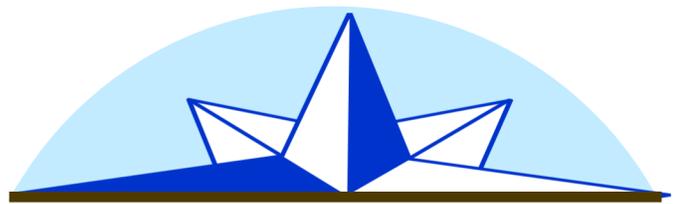
The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

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."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- ALETHA BARTELS JUNE 5
- MATTHEW VIRKUS JUNE 15
- DEBBIE SHOWALTER JUNE 23
- DICK MCLEAN JUNE 23
- BONNIE KUBIAK JUNE 29

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

**The Deadline for
submitting news for
the July
Messenger is
Tuesday, June 26.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Annual Budget: \$241,059; Weekly \$4,636; YTD Need \$92,684

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/20/2018	\$2,912	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$2,912
YTD	\$59,971	\$4,070	\$23,300	\$87,341

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

Collection for April Mission of the Month: The AALC \$630.00

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

Matthew 6:21