



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

September 2018

Well, it's time to exit, move along, depart, vacate. scam, withdraw, push off, clear out, split, vamoose, scoot, hat up, get out of Dodge, decamp, make headway and be gone already!

Since you've been exposed to the Lord's Language (Hebrew) over a period of time I've had the privilege of serving you, you might expect that I would offer a final "Shalom" - may you be safe in mind and body, be made whole by continuous generous give and take with those around you.

However, in the interest of modern Hebrew greeting practiced in the city where we will all meet for eternity when our Lord returns to usher in a New Heaven and a New Earth I offer: BYE BYE. Yes, that's right. Bye Bye is heard in the Holy Land these days as an acceptable alternative to the more formal Shalom.

You'll soon have a real, permanent, full-time pastor that the Lord will send for you to love and as you get to know him and he in return gets to know you - remember, you only have to become acquainted with one person, but he, many - Christ Lutheran will grow in a continuous generous give and take that constitutes a loving Christian community, that from which I with a heavy heart depart. Soon, also, you will inhabit the Sanctuary and there will be great day of rejoicing at again worshiping in sacred space.

Lest Bye Bye be taken as too informal and a minimal expression for a deeply held emotion, may I offer:

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 Thessalonians 5: 23, 24) Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. (2 Thessalonians 3: 16) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen (Revelation 22:21)

Thank you all from Joan and me for your generous support, hospitality, friendship, patience, acceptance and love. It has been a great experience living, working, eating, worshiping and serving along side you in the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Carl

September Mission of the Month:

Gideons

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The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices.

Nearly half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 per day. For these people, purchasing a Bible or a New Testament would be impossible. With the help of the Gideons, these people receive a copy of God's Word in their language, at no charge.

Distributing copies of God's Word allows people to read the truth of God's love for themselves. It also provides a continuing witness after the Gideon leaves and makes it possible for people to grow in their faith.

To date, the Gideons have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with your support. Follow them on that journey as The Gideons partner with churches anywhere, to reach the unreached everywhere.

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."*

September 2018 Serving Schedule

Church Office: Juliana Morgan
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Vice-President: Carolyn Lofald

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

Sunday School - 11AM (Sept.-May)

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

**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

**The Deadline for
submitting news for the
October Messenger is
Tuesday, September 25.**

September 2

Ushers: Jim Carlson; Grace Wells; Gary & Carolyn Lofald

Greeter: Bob & Kay Dahl

September 9

Ushers: Grace Wells; Wendy Pickar; Gwen Nelson; Marge Youngren

Greeter: Laura Melander & Norma Johnson

September 16 - Communion Sunday

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska; Bill & Jan Arezzo

Greeter: Donna Swanson

September 23

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Mike & Pam Wendling

Greeter: Chuck & Lowaine Morris

September 30 - Communion Sunday

Ushers: Don & Priscilla Olson; Gary & Carolyn Lofald

Greeter:

USHERS NEEDED PLEASE

We want to thank all of you that have come forward and have signed up to be ushers and greeters!!! We couldn't do it without you!!! We would certainly welcome more volunteers!!! We will no longer be assigning you to the usher/greeter lists, it will strictly be on a volunteer basis so you can work around dates you are available. If you have been an usher in the past, please check the list and let us know when you can serve so we have good coverage. We are taking names for the month of October now so they can be published in our messenger and online. Again, we will pair all new ushers with those that have ushered previously. Remember, many hands make for a lighter load! Thank you!

Please Contact: Carolyn at 722-8392 or Wendy at 722-6112

Trustees:

September 2: Sandy & Sue

September 9: Wendy & Ouitdee

September 16: Stacy & Bill

September 23: Grace & Kim

September 30: Sandy & Sue

October 7: Wendy & Ouitdee

Coffee Servers:

September 2: Mary Circle

September 9: Luther League

September 16: Dorcas Circle

September 23: Council Group 1

September 30: Council Group 2

October 7: Hannah Circle

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Reflecting over the last few months, we realize how blessed we were by our Lord to have had Pastor Carl as our Shepherd. He was there to guide, support and pray for us as we navigated through turbulent and many a difficult time at our church. We will miss the wisdom and guidance he provided through the trials we had to endure. He was not only a Shepherd; he was a kind hearted friend that had a deep love of Jesus to share with us. It's also hard to believe that it's now close to a year that Pastor Myke has been gone, too with all the changes that have taken place. As we reflect, we note we will have many physical things that will be new very soon – we are hopeful we will have a new Shepherd for our flock, a new (clean and reconstructed) sanctuary to worship in, a new boiler to keep us warm, a new roof to protect our heads, new bricks and landscaping to correct our exterior facade and hopefully some new paint and updates to the fellowship hall and hall areas that have been neglected for some time. Various areas of the church are being cleaned and organized and we will be reaching out for help in those areas, too. We need to embrace the fact that we will have all things new and rejoice! Our Lord promises in Revelation 21 that He will make all things new and we look forward to that day when we meet our Savior face-to-face. During this time of new beginnings we also need to have a new heart; we need to be able to accept these new changes. We need to be united - as one heart and mind and voice for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. We need our church family to be praying; to be kind and gentle with one another and to be strong in our faith. When we stand united, together, we will be able to withstand all that the devil tries to divide. The day is coming when we will have more turmoil, but with faithful hearts, united, we will be able to withstand anything that comes our way as we trust in the one who died for our sins and promises life everlasting to all those who believe in Him, the one who died on the cross for us...

A special thank you to those of you that have stepped up to serve our Lord and to help fill the needs at our church. Please continue to sign up to usher or to help with future repairs that need to be done. Please be praying for our nominating committee that their load will be light and that they will find members willing to serve on our church council. Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions about our church. Please contact Carol Ziemer or myself if someone is ill or needs a visit – we are usually available during the day to accept calls. Please continue to pray for God's will to be done at Christ Lutheran Church and for each other.

God's blessings on all of us!

Carolyn Lofald, Vice President

FUNERAL SERVING

It has come to our attention that the Mary and Dorcas Circle ladies would welcome a little extra help to serve for funeral luncheons. If you are willing to be on an on-call list, please let us know. We are welcome to use Peace In Christ Church for funerals, weddings, and baptisms if need be, and also the use of their fellowship hall. We are keeping in contact with Pastor Ludwig and he is available to help if needed. Andrew Virkus is also available for funerals.

Please call Carolyn if you would like to help out, have questions or have a need:

722-8392 or 390-8357.



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



Christ Lutheran Church
Come Check out our Sunday School and Youth Activities

Sunday School: Sundays 11:00-12:00
Starting September 16th

For more information email: clcyouth_duluth@yahoo.com

Catch the Excitement!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Happy Autumn!

As much as I love the amazing changing colors of fall it seems as always our few months of summer have gone by far too quickly. We have greatly enjoyed all the wonderful times playing outside on summer days.

With fall upon us we will send prayers with Evan as he begins Kindergarten. We know you will do great in school. We will surely miss his kind, loving and thoughtful ways. We are excited for you Evan and we look forward to seeing you on school breaks. We have openings for preschool age children. If you know of someone who is looking for a fun place to be where we learn about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ please pass the word along. We love having new friends join us.

Thank you! Many thanks to Norma for another great time of learning fun things with you. Every time you visit with us is extra special. We hope to see you again soon. Thank you Pastor Carl for meeting with us again before you leave. We have really appreciated your lessons and the interesting tours of the church. May the Lord bless you on your new adventure. We will miss you and Joan. Have fun with your new grand babies! When we were heading downstairs at church for our lesson last week the children saw the picture of Jesus and began singing our *I Love Jesus* song. It was so sweet.

Psalm 95:1 Come let us sing for joy to the Lord Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

Everyday I hear the children tell each other that Jesus loves them. We are so blessed to be able to share that good news with others. Jesus loves you too! Share the good news of Jesus with someone today. We have lots of fun activities planned for fall. We will be collecting a box of food this month for someone who needs a little extra help. Sharing makes our hearts happy. We are always thankful to be able to share God's love. We will be learning about how special God made the world with beautiful changing colors. How great His gifts are to us and all He gives us to enjoy each day. We will be going on nature walks and scavenger hunts, too. One of my favorite things the Lord created in nature is the beautiful blue sky especially when it has a few puffy white clouds in it. When we go outside we look up at the sky and say, "Thank you, Jesus." One of the mom's recently shared with me that when her little boy goes outside he looks at the sky and says it's a beautiful day and then he says, "Thank you, Jesus." Another fun thing we love to do is have dance parties to praise songs. Sometimes we even get up in the middle of lunch for a dance party! Our favorite songs this month have been by Mercy Me and The Messengers.

We hope you take time to lift your hands in praise and sing to the Lord!

Have a happy September full of blessings from above!

Mary Jo

Help Wanted:

We are looking for more help running some of the electronic equipment at church. We need people to run the computer monitor and video camera and also people to help with editing the videos.

If you are in high-school and looking for community service volunteer hours this would be a great opportunity!

Please see Carolyn Lofald if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

Thank you.



Dear Pastor and Associates:

Thank you for your participation in our National Night Out event. It was our fourth time hosting this event, and we are pleased we are pleased we served dinner and desserts to approximately 500 people! The weather cooperated with our plans which was helpful.

We appreciate your willingness to allow us to bake the chocolate chip cookies in your kitchen! We are also appreciative of your willingness to provide carnival games for the children that attended the event. The event was a wonderful opportunity for the residents in our neighborhood to meet each other and raise awareness regarding services offered in our community in addition to the Duluth Police Department, Duluth Fire Department, and the St. Louis County Search & Rescue Squad.

We have already decided to host the event again next year because it was such a great success. Hopefully you will be able to participate with us. We will contact you when we begin our planning process. Thank you once more for your assistance.

Gratefully,

Piedmont Dental

Clyde Finch; Dave Haugen; Brian Mart; Jon Nash; Heidi Spoelhof; Mary Johnson

Pastor Carl,

On behalf of Holy Cross, I send this note of encouragement to carry on. We heard about the incident of the lightening strike. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

In Christ,

Pastor Noah Johnson

(\$150.00 sent to CLC by Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 410 N. Arlington Ave.)

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

We enjoy having Pam and Andrew here at Poplar Lake Lutheran Church for our Sunday Worship Service and Bible Study. He did a great job leading the lessons for our Vacation Bible School at the lake in July. Our theme was "Fishing for People."

The Council and Congregation at Poplar Lake Church want to thank your church for helping with the expenses involved in getting Andrew and Pam to us. We greatly appreciate it!

God's blessings to you.

Poplar Lake Lutheran Church Council & Congregation

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- The Circles are starting up their ministries again and welcome anyone that would like to join them - Mary Circle meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM; Esther Circle meets on the 1st Thursday at 6:30 PM; Hannah Circle meets on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM; and Dorcas Circle meets on the 2nd Monday at 1:00 PM.
- Saturday, September 8 - Family Potluck & Game Night Hosted by the Youth.
- The next Hannah Circle Food Share is on Sunday, September 9.
- MN Adult & Teen Challenge will be our mission of the month for October. They will also be singing and giving testimonials at our church service on Sunday morning, October 28. Esther Circle will be serving a brunch that morning. More details to follow.
- Gary & Carolyn Lofald will be hosting a table for the 2018 MN Adult & Teen Challenge Gala on Thursday, October 25 at the DECC, dinner choices are chicken or cheese tortellini. Please call Gary or Carolyn (722-8392) if you are interested in attending this event.
- 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.

Please Pray for...

- The Leadership of the Church
- The Call Committee
- Youth Group Kids & Leaders
- Sunday School Kids & Leaders
- Open Arms Daycare
- Mission of the Month: Gideons
- Pray for each other - that we would stay firm in our Christian faith and live in unity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Pray for our Country, Military & Police
- Pray for Persecuted Christians throughout the World

Those with Health Needs:

Gerald & Aletha Bartels
 Shirley & Sig Randa*
 Bryan Goeppinger
 Brian MacDonald
 David MacDonald
 Shirley Kern
 Dennis Peterson**
 Dick Seseman***
 Larry Kubiak***
 Bill & Jane McLean**
 Jean Sundstrom
 Katie Lund**
 Susan Johnson**
 Vi Boder
 Russ & Carol Schramm
 Ruth Dahl
 Florence Kubiak
 Leo Plewa
 Mary Jenny
 Marlene Stauber
 Don 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 accidentally overlooked,
 please contact the church office.
 We apologize for any oversights.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Justin Carlson Eli Miletich
 September 13 September 23

Diane Malander Sandy Carlson
 September 13 September 24

Kelly Carson Elizabeth Kent
 September 19 September 28

Gayle Maruska Cindy Kent
 September 20 September 29

Payton Holt
 September 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*

Financial Update: 2018 annual budget: \$241,059

weekly need: \$4,636; YTD need: \$134,444

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
07/22/2018	\$2,921	\$0	\$2,332	\$5,253
Year to Date	\$81,883	\$5,880	\$35,791	\$123,554

**Collection for July Mission of the Month:
 Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry - \$680.00**

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

Matthew 6:21