



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.

Dearest Christ Lutheran Church,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

"Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; the uneven ground will become smooth and the rough places, a plain. And the glory of the LORD will appear, and all humanity together will see it, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:4-5 (CSB)

On behalf of Sue and I, we would like to express our humble appreciation and thankfulness for the call to Christ Lutheran Church. We were in awe because of your warmth and hospitality that made our interview experience unforgettable. Sue and I remarked at how devoted you were to stand in line for so long to greet us—just to offer a brief word of welcome. Thank you! It meant a great deal!

I would like to exhort Christ Lutheran, with the Lord's help, to be a church that moves forward with great courage in following Jesus and to stand firm committed to the inerrant Word of God. Our community needs brave Christian men and women, a community hungry to be led by Jesus Christ, craving to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, ready to forgive and be forgiven, and with total commitment prepared to love one another and our neighbors.

I can't wait to see where God will take us! I can't wait to see you every Sunday and the days in between! I am excited to begin our partnership shouting "Thanks be to God!"

Years ago, with God's direction, Sue and I developed a mission statement that says, "To pursue God relentlessly, worship Him fully, care for others deeply, and serve Him joyfully." My prayer is that this resonates with you as well so we can pursue God with relentless passion, engage in worshiping God in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, truly care for others deeply, and joyfully serve God with all our hearts.

We are praying for you and for all these things, and we covet your prayers always. Even as you read this, we will have said goodbye to our house and home church in Alexandria and moved into our new home in the community of Duluth.

May God bless you and keep you warm,

Pastor Gary DeSha

March 2019

This Month:

Wed., March 6 from 10 -4
Knitting & Quilting

Wed., March 6 at 6:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Service

Thur., March 7 at 9:30
Mary Circle

Sun., March 10 at 6:30
Lutherans for Life

Mon., March 11 at 1:00
Dorcas Circle

Wed., March 13, 20, & 27
at 5:15 PM
Soup Supper Study

Thur., March 14 at 6:30
Council Meeting

Sun., March 24 at 9:30AM
Installation Service for
Pastor DeSha

Tues. & Thur. 4- 9 PM
Dance Classes

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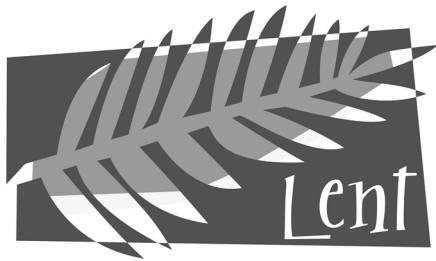
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Knitting and Quilting Day will be Wednesday, March 6 from 10-4. Come anytime throughout the day. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions contact Sandy - email skcarlson@charter.net or cell phone 218-349-2786
- The Installation service for Pastor DeSha will be on Sunday, March 24. Dr. Curtis Leins will be conducting the service.



Ash Wednesday Service -

March 6 at 6:30 PM - Service with communion
Dessert following the service

Soup Supper Studies

March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 & 10 at 5:15 PM

MAINTENANCE REPORT

A big thank you to Jim Carlson for keeping on top of the blowing and drifting snow that we have been experiencing - thankful his schedule allows time for his labors. We are painting out the wall that the coffee bar will go on in Fellowship Hall. Electrical is ready to go and the water lines have been brought to this area for the new sink and coffee maker. Hopefully cabinetry can be delivered the first week of March. We will be purchasing shelving/bookcases for Pastor's office to accommodate his library. We are making every effort to welcome him and make him comfortable in his new home! A new faucet has been installed on the kitchen sink – Thank you Ouitdee! Other areas in the church are being painted and freshened up. When spring comes we will be doing a good cleaning of the garage and will re-stain the back entrance exterior and other areas of the church with T-11 on them. The brick work is due to start in April if the weather cooperates. Most of the stained glass has now arrived in the states, anxious to have that made up and installed. We are waiting to receive a final payout from the insurance company which should be in the next week. We will need help with assembly of the new play-yard once the ground dries up. Praise God for those generous donations – we exceeded our goal! In closing, please be accepting of the ongoing changes that we are making to our church and its functions. Continue to pray for our new Pastor and his wife Sue. May God lead us to new and exciting things under the direction of his ministry and our Lord's Will! God's blessings on you.

In Christ, Carolyn Lofald – Vice President

March 2019 Serving Schedule

Trustees:

March 3: Jim & Wendy

March 6 & 10: Stacy & Bill

March 13 & 17: Grace & Kim

March 20 & 24: Sandy & Don

March 27 & 31: Jim & Wendy

Coffee Servers:

March 3: Volunteers

March 10: Luther League

March 17: Dorcas Circle

March 24: Council Group 1

March 31: Volunteers

Don't Forget!
The first Sunday of
each month is
FOOD SHELF
SUNDAY!
Please bring an item
or two to help
those in need.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

The Leadership of the Church	Pray for each
Youth Group Kids & Leaders	Our Country, Military & Police
Open Arms Daycare	The teachers and students at all schools
Mission of the Month: <i>East European Missions Network</i>	Persecuted Christians throughout the world

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Gerald & Aletha Bartels	Bill & Jane McLean**	Mary Jenny
Shirley Randa	Jean Sundstrom	Marlene Stauber
Bryan Goeppinger	Katie Lund**	Pastor Tom Stover
Brian MacDonald	Vi Boder	Mark Malander
David MacDonald	Russ & Carol Schramm	Del Sandberg
Shirley Kern	Ruth Dahl	Kathleen Randa
Dennis Peterson**	Florence Kubiak	Melanie Saeland
Dick Seseman***	Leo Plewa	Olivia Schadel

*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.

MARCH MISSION 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 support in our mission "To know Christ and to make Him known."



PACT Televised Services

CLC Services are now on our own
YouTube channel!

Go to YouTube and look for
Christ Lutheran Church Duluth.
Services are added each week.

Duluth: Charter Ch.180 Sat. @ 9AM & 9PM; Sun. @ 7AM

Superior: SCMC 180 Sun. @ 10:00am; Wed. @ 6:00pm

Hermantown: MediaCom Ch. 7 Sun. @ 8AM Thur. @ 2 PM Sat. @ 8 AM



Happy Springtime Everyone!

That's what we are looking forward to. We have been playing outside on the giant mountains of snow as much as we can. During the week of 35 below temps sweet little Addy Mae said, "I want to go to the beach." Don't we all? Cora replied "We could go to Florida. They have beaches and it only takes two planes to get there."

Joshua was working on a memory verse one day which he is so good at and he said, "I can't remember exactly, hmmm, but it's not the one with the green pastures and mercy." It was so cute. He had been working on Psalm 23 and Joshua 1:9.

I was blessed to see something so wonderful at the Father Daughter Ball. One little girl got her dress a little wet and she was very upset but her dad got down on his knees and he looked right into her eyes and he said, "You are Beautiful and I love you. No one will notice." She calmed down and he hugged her. It was so amazing. I thought wow, what a wonderful dad. She is so blessed. As I share this with you it reminds me of our Heavenly Father. When things don't always go the way we planned or how we thought things should be, our Heavenly Father tells us I love you! I created you! You are beautiful and everything will be alright. What a wonderful time of making amazing memories for the dad's and their daughters.

Another cute thing at the Father Daughter Ball was when a mom came in from playing outside with her little boy to use the bathroom. He said "Mom, what are all these princesses doing here?"

We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Hebrews 10:24 is one of the verses the children have been learning. It's so important to build each other up. To cherish and love one another and be a cheerleader for someone.

We had two date nights in February. The parents had a fun night out and the kids had a pizza pajama party with lots of fun activities .

Thank you Norma for your painting activity lesson and treats. You are sweet and we all enjoy the fun times with you. Thank you Jim for all the snow and garbage removal you do for us. You are so kind!

Special thanks to you Grace for the yummy Valentine treats. You made our day with your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Blessings!

Mary Jo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yvonne Terry
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

*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:

2019 Annual Budget: \$230,899; Weekly \$4,440; YTD Need \$35,520

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
2/24/2019	\$1,208	\$0	\$0	\$1,208
Year to Date	\$25,136	\$2,048	\$10,439	\$37,623

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

Collection for January Mission of the Month: TAALC - \$1,980.00

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

