



Christ's Messenger

April 2019

"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.

Installation

Installation is a big word. The verb install means to set up for use; to put into an office or a position; to place something somewhere. The noun installation means, "the act of installing of equipment, or the formal entry into a position or office."

On Sunday, March 24th, 2019, I was installed as Pastor for Christ Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN. Presiding Pastor Curtis Leins formally placed me in to the office of Pastor, here at Christ Lutheran Church.

Jim Maruska, Mike Pickar, and Don Olson made bookshelves for the Pastor's Office, and on the same day, the bookshelves were installed. They are placed precisely upon the walls in my office. The bookshelves are now a permanent fixture of Christ Lutheran Church. They look absolutely wonderful!

Sue and I went around the tables during brunch Sunday telling people we are "all in." We are all in! What does that mean? We are here! We have moved into a new home. We live in a new city. We are meeting new people and making new friends. We are establishing new routines. Going to new places. Learning new roads. Learning about Christ Lutheran Church.

I hear the children across the street at Piedmont Elementary School playing and their sound is one that shouts, "I'm all in!" The children are all in to their recess and play time! What does it mean for me to be "all in?"

For me, as your Pastor, it means I am fully committed to and involved with everything and everyone relating to Christ Lutheran Church. Now, I carry in my heart everything to do with Christ Lutheran Church, especially you – the people of this church. I'm here to love you, protect

you, teach you, be patient with you, walk with you, suffer with you, mourn with you, cry with you, laugh with you, play with you, dance with you, worship with you, sing with you, eat and drink at the Lord's table with you, and preach Law and Gospel – for you.

There is also a learning curve when one is "all in." Learning old ways and learning new ways. Taking on old challenges and experiencing new challenges. Me learning who you are, and you learning who I am. I will learn more about the vision and mission of Christ Lutheran Church and then consider revisiting that vision and mission in a newer context.

There is so much to being "all in." When I think of being "all in," I also think of being "dialed in." To be dialed in means I am totally concentrating on the task set before me. I also think of being "tuned in." This means that I am to be aware of, responsive to, and able to hear and understand what the people are saying and what is happening at Christ Lutheran Church. Lastly, I think of being "all in" as being "turned on." For me being "turned on" means that I am to enable, connect with, and equip you to function as a healthy, vital, warm, enthusiastic, and evangelistic Lutheran Church – all to the glory of God.

So, now I am "all in" – tuned in, turned on, and dialed in to Christ Lutheran Church. Come with me on this journey of faith!

Much love and blessings!

Pastor Gary

This Month:

Join us for prayer
Every Tuesday at Noon

Wed., April 3 & 10
at 5:15 PM
Soup Supper Study

Thur., April 4 at 9:30
Mary Circle

Thur., April 4 at 6:30
Esther Circle

Mon., April 8 at 1:00
Dorcas Circle

Thur., April 11 at 6:30
Council Meeting

Sun., April 14 at 6:30
Lutherans for Life

Thur., April 18 at 5:15
Maundy Thursday

Fri., April 19 at 6:30
Good Friday Service

Sat., Apr. 27
Emotionally Healthy Church
Workshop

Sat., Tues. & Thur. 4- 9 PM
Dance Classes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join us every Tuesday at Noon for a time of prayer in the Sanctuary
- Soup Supper Studies April 3 & 10 at 5:15 PM
- Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service & Holy Communion
- Friday, April 19 at 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service



YOUTH NEWS

Thank you, Christ Lutheran brothers and sisters! We appreciate your kindness, hospitality, generosity, and warm welcome! We have snuggled in at Deerfield Townhomes with our golden retriever, Jack, and we are learning about our new hometown and community.

If you haven't already heard, I am working with Pastor Gary and the Church Council to rebuild our ministry to children and youth. For the remainder of 2019, we will be praying, learning, listening, planning, and working to create God-loving, neighbor-loving ways to meet the discipleship needs of the young people in our church family. We also want to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to the young people of our community. This new ministry to children and youth will be called "Discipleship Outfitters." Please pray with us and for us to be a beacon of love and light to the lost! And please call or email me anytime with your ideas and questions.

*In Matthew 4:19 Jesus says, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men!"
I say with Him, "Come on, let's get in the boat and get going!"*

COMING UP!

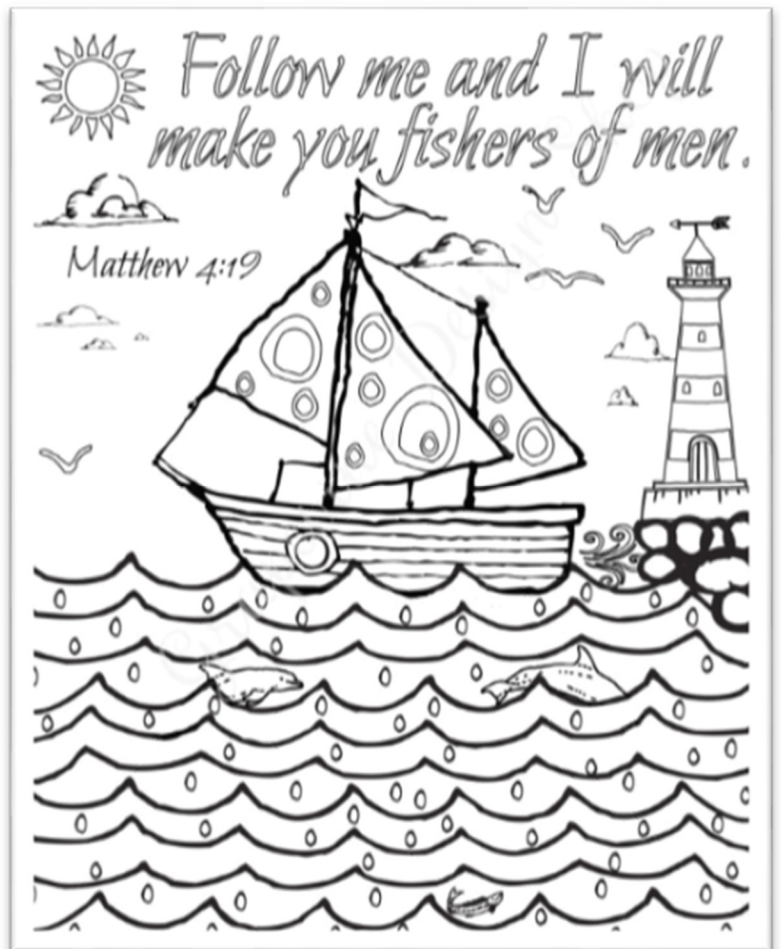
- Youth are invited to gather with me during Lent on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in The Loft!
- 4/20/19 SAVE THE DATE for the movie premiere of "The Pilgrim's Progress"! Visit www.pilgrims.movie to see the trailer. This is a Saturday matinee. Details coming soon!
- 5/12/19 Mother's Day Brunch hosted by the youth with beautiful hanging baskets on sale from Engwall's.
- June 18-23 Miraculous Mission VBS and Celebration!

Buckets of love and blessing to you all in Christ,

Sue DeSha

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

The Leadership of the Church
Youth Group Kids & Leaders
Open Arms Daycare
Mission of the Month: TAALC Youth Commission

Pray for each
Our Country, Military & Police
The teachers and students at all schools
Persecuted Christians throughout the world

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Gerald & Aletha Bartels
Shirley Randa
Bryan Goeppinger
Brian MacDonald
David MacDonald
Shirley Kern
Dennis Peterson**
Dick Seseman***
Bill & Jane McLean**

Jean Sundstrom
Katie Lund**
Vi Boder
Russ & Carol Schramm
Ruth Dahl
Florence Kubiak
Leo Plewa
Mary Jenny
Marlene Stauber

Pastor Tom Stover
Mark Malander
Del Sandberg
Kathleen Randa
Melanie Saeland
Olivia Schadel
Diane Malander
Darlene Saaf
Carol Blair

*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.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches Youth Commission

The Youth Activities Commission plans and supervises youth gatherings, at a national level, that will encourage the youth of The AALC in Christian faith, growth, service, and fellowship, and to witness to the unchurched and unconverted.

The AALC Youth Conference is held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. This year's conference will be from July 15 to July 19. The theme is "All In." Bill Yonker will be the featured speaker. The Conference will feature Bible studies, songs, dramas, fun, and fellowship.

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."



CLC Services are now on our own
YouTube channel!

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

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.
Our last donation was 58#!

PACT Televised Services

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 Easter Everyone!

It is so wonderful to be able to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The children are learning about Jesus' journey to the cross, his death and glorious resurrection, and how He took our sins away and gives eternal life to all who believe.

The children will be learning new songs like...*Up from the Grave He Arose, He is Risen, and Give it all to Jesus.*

Some of our activities this month are journey to the cross boxes, resurrection eggs, jelly bean prayer, an Easter Egg Hunt, and a special spring date night for the parents.

Here are some cute things the kids have been saying...

Whenever we are reading books the kids ask "Where's Gwen?" "We miss Gwen." "Gwen is nice and she is so pretty." We all miss you Gwen we have been so blessed by you! Please come for a visit whenever you feel like it. We would love to see you! The children would love to snuggle with you on the couch and "read" some stories to you.

Susan was going down the basement stairs to do the wash when Addy said to her "Be careful! Don't get hurt Susan." Addy likes to pretend to be the mommy and repeat things she has heard her mommy say at home.

Adam sings "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me. Him me know for the Bible tells me so."

Two of the kids have been very convincing that their moms are expecting another baby. Cora described every detail of the new baby's room and what his name will be. Cora has been wishing so hard for it her Mom said she thinks Cora believes it to be true.

Joshua was pretty sure there was a baby in his mommy's tummy because he heard his mom and dad talking about it late at night. He would like another baby brother so that his brother Samuel can be a big brother, too. Joshua loves to pray for his brother Samuel when he is not feeling well. He knows God will make him feel better.

Maggie has been folding her little hands and repeating some of the words the other kids are praying. It's so sweet!

Adam and Maggie's mom accepted a new job so she won't be working right next to daycare anymore. Adam and Maggie will be attending a different daycare closer to home and her new job. We will really miss them. Adam has been coming to Open Arms for nearly three years. Maggie has been coming here since she was three months old. Happy and fun times are wished for you Adam and Maggie! We will miss your sweet smiles and seeing you grow and learn.

We currently have 2 openings for children over the age of two if you know of someone looking for a fun, faith filled daycare. Please help us pray for a few new families to join us Thank you!

Thank you Pastor Gary for coming to daycare to share Bible Stories with the children. We really look forward to your visits and getting to know you. We are so happy that you are our new Pastor!

May you all be blessed with a wonderful Easter! He is Risen ! Christ is Risen Indeed! This is the day that the Lord has made Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 128:24

Mary Jo

The Daycare has a new email address: openarmsdaycare@clcduluth.org



*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

OUR 23rd ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER

This recap is coming a little late, but wanted to let you know how our Father Daughter Ball went. Our Events were held on two Saturday's; February 2, and February 9, 2019, in the Lake Superior Ballroom of the DECC. Since 2008, we have charged attendees \$25.00 per ticket. We made changes with our online ticketing people this year. We now work with iTickets to purchase tickets online and WordCross processes the transactions. This worked well for us this year and helped with costs. Mark Wiita was our emcee the first night and Pastor Kyle Eaton from Rockhill Community Church gave the message. Due to an increase in the number of Father Daughter events being held here in the Northland at three other venues, we had a decrease in numbers with only 637 in attendance the first evening. We had 679 in attendance on the 9th and Gary Lofald emceed. Erik Reinertsen from The Water's Edge Community Church gave the message. Courtney Mitchell and her friend Cadence – students from Cuzzo-Stocke Dance Studio performed a dance for us to the song "Lord I need You". It was beautifully choreographed by Kelly Mitchell. We worked with Northland Special Events and Duluth Event Lighting. Our theme this year was "Under the Sea". We used white table cloths and teal napkins. On each table we had a 9" glass cylinder filled with sand with a votive candle inside. We had a piece of teal raffia glued to the top of each vase with a star fish or sand dollar glued on to it. We also had two smaller votives with white candles placed on mirrors as our centerpieces. We had colored beaded necklaces and rings to look like treasures on each mirror and some chocolate gold coins and Hershey kisses for fun. We had silver curtains for a backdrop behind our DJ and placed fish nets on it to give a tropical theme. We had clear and white balloons attached to that to look like bubbles. Teal up lighting every four feet lit up 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 also projected water waves on the walls and ceiling and did some up lighting to decorate around the whole room. Café lights and white tulle were strung over the dance floor and gathered together in the center. White and clear balloons hung in sets of three or four hanging down to give the illusion of bubbles throughout the whole ceiling of the ballroom. We served chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans mixed with julienned carrots

along with a salad and roll. We had cupcakes decorated with teal sprinkles for dessert from Johnson's Bakery. Lynnette's Portrait Design was there to take photographs. Eric King from Diamond Max Entertainment was our DJ. We were blessed to receive monetary donations from Lynnette's Portrait Design of \$650.00. NBC Bank, 4th Street Auto Repair and CLC Sunshine Group each gave \$500.00. Discoverpc.net donated \$100.00. 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, Blackwoods & Nevada Bob's Golf. JoAnna Carlson-Danielson created our programs this year using the same theme. 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; Jim & Sandy Carlson, Grace Wells, Wendy Pickar, Grace DeRocher, Pearl DeRocher, Gayle Maruska, Susie Decker, Stacy Homstad, Don, Tammy & Adam Renne, Kelly Mitchell, Debbie Showalter and Judy Stocke. Julie and Alondra Guddeck and their friend Britt Anderson worked the coatroom for us. They have a wonderful Candy Ministry that you can ask them about! Kim Kirkland helped also and Mary Jo Miller from our daycare was our bathroom attendant. We also thank our church secretary, Judi Morgan, for all her help with making tickets, directing phone and email messages to our committee and helping with all the extras that we needed. We were thankful that Pastor Gary & Sue were able to stop down to the DECC and witness this event too. We thank our congregation for their prayer support over all these years. We are so thankful that we can share the love of Christ here in the Northland. To God be the Glory!

In Christ's Service,

The FDB Committee – Kolleen, Debbie, Kristine, JoAnna, Laurie, & Carolyn



April 2019 Serving Schedule

Ushers & Greeters

April 7

Ushers:

Greeter:

April 14

Ushers: David Wood; Grace Wells

Greeter:

April 21

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Mike & Wendy Pickar

Greeter:

April 28

Ushers:

Greeter:



If you are able to volunteer for one Sunday each month or every other month that would lighten the load and be so helpful. Please sign up on the Usher & Greeter lists that are in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help in this ministry!

Trustees:

April 3 & 7: Stacy & Bill

April 10 & 14: Grace & Kim

April 18 & 21: Sandy

April 28: Jim & Wendy

Coffee Servers:

April 7: Mary Circle

April 14: Luther League

April 21: Council Group 2

April 28: Esther Circle



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the surprise Valentine. That warmed my heart.
I hope you are all happy with our new pastor. I am looking forward to meeting him, but it has been so cold and there has been so much snow! I hope to see you all soon!
May God bless you!

Florence Kubiak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gary Lofald

April 5

Carol Schneeberger

April 6

Jim Maruska

April 10

Jillian Brula

April 10

Ethan Wiita

April 17

Richard Johnson

April 18

Don Olson

April 20

Priscilla Olson

April 27

Grace Wells

April 29

*So teach us to number our days
that we get a heart of wisdom.*

Psalms 90:12

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2019 Annual Budget: \$230,899; Weekly \$4,440; YTD Need \$48,840

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/17/2019	\$4,891	\$0	\$928	\$5,819
Year to Date	\$34,877	\$2,712	\$13,956	\$51,545

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



APRIL



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00 Hookcrafters 6:00 AA 7:30 AA	12:00 Prayer Time 4-9 Dance	5:15 Soup Supper & Study 6:00 Y-Gather	9:30 Mary Circle 6:30 Esther Circle		
7 9:30 Worship/Comm. 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Bible Study Coffee: Mary Circle	8 1:00 Dorcas Circle 6:00 AA 7:30 AA	9 5:15 Soup Supper & Study 6:00 Y-Gather	10 5:30 Deacon/Trustee Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting 4-9 Dance	11	12	13
14 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Luth. for Life Coffee: Luther League	15 12:00 Prayer Time	16 6:00 Y-Gather	17 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion	18 6:30 Good Friday Service	19 Pilgrim's Progress Movie Outreach	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 Worship/Comm. 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Bible Study Coffee: Council 2	22 12:00 Prayer Time	23 6:00 Y-Gather	24 4-9 Dance	25	26	27 8 AM-4 PM Emotionally Healthy Church Workshop Dance Studio 10-2
28 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Bible Study Coffee: Esther Circle	29 12:00 Prayer Time	30				