



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

A fortress of safety in a post-Christian frontier.

### It's A New Season

How many of you remember Nat King Cole's hit record, "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer?"

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer; Those days of soda and pretzels and beer; Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer; Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer; Just fill your basket full of sandwiches and weenies; Then lock the house up, now you're set; Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer; You'll wish that summer could always be here."

How many of us have been craving for summer days? How many of us have been saying to ourselves, is this going to be an endless winter? Remember the 9.1 inches of wet snow the first week of May this year? Uffda/Oofda!

I remember a lot from music, movies, different songs and jingles during my lifetime. Sometimes they trigger wonderful memories, they trigger things I don't want to remember, and then sometimes they trigger memories of sorrowful events.

Speaking of endless seasons of the year, I remember a movie called "Endless Summer." I remember it so well, as a guy who grew up in Florida, and going to the beach was like putting my flip flops on every morning! The "Endless Summer" movie was about two surfers, Mike Hynson and Robert August, on a surfing trip around the world. Despite the balmy climate of their native California, cold ocean currents make local beaches inhospitable during the winter. So, they end up traveling to the coasts of Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa in a quest for new surf spots and a chance to introduce locals to the sport. Its title comes from the idea, expressed at both the beginning and end of the film, that if one had enough time and money it would be possible to follow the summer up and down the world (northern to southern hemisphere and back), making it an endless summer.

Well, up here in the North country, especially here in Duluth, summer isn't endless, and surfing during gale

force winds in waters pushing 45 degrees, isn't suitable for guys like Mike Hynson and Robert August. I've been told there may be just one month of honest summer! Doesn't that make you wonder?

However, when we observe what we have up here in this part of the United States, Minnesota, and the world, we see people sailing, fishing, exploring, playing all kinds of sports. There boasts a far-from-ordinary level of outstanding fine art and performance offerings and many means of entertainment. Even though the temperatures outside are frightful, there is always warmth inside. When the sun shines, and it gets warm, you can go down to Lake Superior, and for the most part, the air is cool.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

We all go through seasons: seasons of trials and tribulations, seasons of enlightenment and revelation, seasons of confession and repentance, and seasons of growing closer in our relationship with God. Daniel 2:21 tells us, "He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

Our God is a sovereign God. He is in charge of everything. Every movement of the earth, every blade of grass that grows, especially, "in Him, we live, move, and have our being." Acts 17:28.

## Every Month:

Join us for prayer  
Every Tuesday at Noon

Every Wed. at 6:30 PM  
Adult Bible Study

Mary Circle  
First Thursday of each month  
at 9:30 AM

Esther Circle  
First Thursday of each month  
at 6:30 PM

Lutherans for Life  
Second Sunday of each month  
at 6:30 PM

Dorcas Circle  
Second Monday of each month  
at 1:00 PM

Council Meeting  
Second Thursday of each  
month at 6:30 PM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pastor Gary and Sue will be in Chicago at a Preaching Workshop from June 3-5.
- There will be no Bible study June 5. Bible study will resume on June 12.
- Thursday, June 6 at 9:30 AM - Mary Circle will hold their June meeting at Edge-wood Vista (4195 Westberg Rd., Hermantown).
- Thursday, June 6 at 5 PM - Esther Circle will meet for the annual spring planting event! Anyone that would like to help is welcome to join them for the planting and taco dinner.
- Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 PM - Youth meeting for the Colorado trip followed by a scavenger hunt. Meet in the choir loft.
- Saturday June 8 from 9-12 - VBS Volunteer Work Day. Set-up and staging, deco-rating, registration how-to.
- Wed., June 12 and Mon., June 17 at 5:30 PM - VBS Planning Meetings.
- Saturday June 15 from 9-12 - VBS Volunteer Work Day. Final decorating and sup-ples, prep for crafts and games.
- Summer movie nights start on June 12 at 7:30 after Bible Study. We'll enjoy some grilling, popcorn and the animated movie "UP." Bring lawn chairs and soft drinks. Bottled water will be available
- Miraculous Mission VBS will be June 18-22 from 9 AM-Noon. There will be a VBS Celebration as part of the service on June 23. Following the service there will be a potluck. Please sign up for the potluck.
- Pastor Gary and Sue are hosting a weekly prayer time for the congregation on Tuesdays at noon in the fireside room. We will pray for each other, the ministry of the church, for our community, and any special needs people bring. There are prayer cards to fill out in the pews if you would like to share a request that way.

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### It's a New Season (cont.)

We are told in Holy Scripture that, "He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were cre-ated, things visible and invisible, wheth-er thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in every-thing. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heav-en, by making peace through the blood of His cross." Colossians 1:15-20

At Christ Lutheran Church, you have ex-perienced a variety of spiritual seasons.

A season of testing, a season of internal strife, a season without a shepherd, and a season of enduring hardships. I truly believe that Christ Lutheran Church is entering a new season. A season of new birth, a season of renewal, a season of regeneration and recuperation. There-fore, as St. Paul tells us, "let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15 We have to assert the peace of Christ over all the seasons of our lives and seek to purify them so that they are not hindrances to our spiritual life. God bless you all as we enter together this new season at Christ Lutheran Church.

Pastor Gary



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR....**

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

*James 5:14*

Our Pastor & the Leadership of the Church  
Youth Group Kids & Leaders  
Open Arms Daycare  
Mission of the Month: The Sending Place  
Each other

Our Country, Military & Police  
The teachers and students at all schools  
Persecuted Christians throughout the world  
Piedmont Elementary  
Summer safety for students

### **THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:**

Don Olson	Katie Lund	Diane Malander
Carol Schneeberger	Susan Johnson	Mary Jenny
Bryan Goeppinger	Gerald & Aletha Bartels	Marlene Stauber
Brian MacDonald	Carol Johnson	Mark Malander
Vi Boder	Jim Maruska	Leo Plewa
Shirley Kern	Shirley Randa	Kathleen Randa
Dennis Peterson	Russell & Carol Schramm	Melanie Saeland
Bill & Jane McLean	Ruth Dahl	Darlene Saaf
Jean Sundstrom	Florence Kubiak	Evelyn Johnson
Robert J. Johnson		

*If there are any people who have been accidently overlooked, please contact the church office. We apologize for any oversights.*

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## **June 2019 Serving Schedule**

### **Ushers & Greeters**

#### **June 2**

**Ushers:** Keith Youngren; Mark Youngren; Bill & Jan Arezzo

**Greeter:** Chuck & Lowaine Morris

#### **June 9**

**Ushers:** Jim & Sandy Carlson; David Wood; Grace Wells

**Greeter:** Marge Youngren

#### **June 16**

**Ushers:** Carolyn Lofald; Grace Wells; Mike & Wendy Pickar

**Greeter:** Volunteers

#### **June 23**

**Ushers:** Ethan Wiita; Lydia Wiita; Gabe Wiita; Jim Carlson

**Greeter:** Volunteers

#### **June 30**

**Ushers:** Ouitdee Carson; Zach Carson; Mike & Pam Wendling

**Greeter:** Volunteers

### **Trustees:**

**June 2:** Sandy & Laura

**June 9:** Jim & Wendy

**June 16:** Grace & Bill

**June 23:** Sandy & Laura

**June 30:** Jim & Wendy

### **Coffee Servers:**

**June 2:** Mary Circle

**June 9:** Luther League

**June 16:** Council Group 2

**June 23:** Esther Circle

**June 30:** Volunteers

# Everyday is a blessing at Open Arms!



Happy Spring and Summer Everyone!

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

*For behold the winter is past the rain is over and gone  
the flowers appear on the earth the time of singing has come.*

We hope the snow is gone until next winter. We have all been experiencing some crazy weather this year. Some days the kids were playing in the sunshine covered in sunscreen and the very next day they were throwing snowballs!

We have been having lots of fun playing outside. Tyler and Addy Mae's Grandma Jane donated a six seat stroller cart so the kids can all go on walks together. The kids call it the bus. She also donated some ride on toys. Thank you so very much Grandma Jane! You are great!

Thank you Grace for our darling new costumes. Addy has worn the pink princess dress everyday.

A belated thank you goes to Peggy Wiita for the fun Minnesota book. The kids love it. It was so nice of you to think of us. You are so thoughtful!

Thank you so very much Norma, Priscilla, Marge, and all the members of the Dorcas circle for being so generous to treat all the moms and grandmas from the daycare to the Mother's and Others Dinner. It was so very generous and thoughtful of all of you to do that for all of us. The children had all their songs and scripture ready to go at five o'clock but a little stage fright took over by six o'clock. We hope to show you the songs we know so well another time. Thanks again for treating all of us.

Here are a few cute things the kids have been saying lately...

We were playing outside and noticed that there were a few pieces of straw or hay laying on the porch.

Joshua hurriedly picked them up and ran back in the house to put them in his daycare bag to take home.

He said excitedly, "I have pieces of the manger!"

Little Addy was feeding her Minnie Mouse with a little doll bottle and I showed her the picture of a little baby in a diaper printed on the bottle and she said "Ohhhhhhhh, it's baby Jesus."

As I mentioned a few months ago Cora was so sure she was going to have a new baby in her family. Well, she is now a big sister to her new fur baby named Kevin. He is a tiny little black curly fur four pound puppy! Cora and Joshua are looking forward to attending VBS this year. Thank you Sue for thinking of us. VBS is a wonderful experience and I'm so thankful that children from the daycare can go, too.

The children have some fun projects planned for their dads for Fathers Day.

Happy Fathers Day to all the great dads!

Thank you for keeping Open Arms in your prayers. We truly appreciate it so very much.

Big Blessings are wished for all of you!

Mary Jo

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.

## **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



## DISCIPLESHIP OUTFITTERS UPDATE



**Miraculous Mission VBS** is right around the corner! It's only three weeks to launch on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> for starry night storytelling, Bible challenge, creative crafts, healthy snacks, active games, and great songs of praise and worship to our Creator. Five exciting days of VBS will be followed by a Sunday VBS Celebration and Potluck right after Sunday worship on 6/23. We are very thankful to announce that **Life 97.3 will be with us on June 23<sup>rd</sup> hosting Church of the Week!** REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR POTLUCK!

I want to give a shout-out to all you great VBS volunteers and donors. I know the Holy Spirit will be at work as we share the love of Christ with the children and families God brings our way. Thank you for leading and serving with all your heart!

Dear CLC Family: Please pray that we will share the gospel of Jesus Christ with great joy and boldness, and that His Word will transform all of us during Miraculous Mission VBS 2019!

### YOUTH MEETING & SCAVENGER HUNT!

AALC Youth Conference Meeting and Scavenger Hunt coming up Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in The Loft for prayer and devotions... THEN LET THE HUNT BEGIN!

### NOW SHOWING! SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS AT CLC-DULUTH

The second Wednesday each month this summer, grab your lawn chairs and a cool, delicious beverage and join us for grilling, popcorn, and fun, family movies on the outdoor screen. Bottled water will also be provided. Bible study will conclude at 7:30pm and all are invited to enjoy movie night together. Our first movie night is June 12 and we will be showing the great Pixar animated movie "UP." What classic, family movie would you like to watch on July 10<sup>th</sup>? Bring your suggestions. The August 14<sup>th</sup> movie selection will be a surprise!

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, bring your favorite Dug quotes to share. Here's mine.  
"I was hiding under your porch because I love you."  
~ Dug, the golden retriever



Special thanks to the Evangelism Committee for hosting this event!  
Love and blessing to you all,  
Sue DeSha

**Happy Father's Day on June 16!**

## 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!*

**THANK YOU**

*To Everyone at Christ Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you so much for the McKenzie's Restaurant gift card I received recently for Secretary's Day. Steve and I have already enjoyed a great dinner there! Also, thank you to Pastor Gary and Sue for the beautiful flowers! You are all so kind!*

*Judi*

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2019 Annual Budget: \$230,899; Weekly \$4,440; YTD Need \$93,240

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Daycare</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>5/26/2019</b>	\$1,788	\$0	\$2,041	\$3,829
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$67,732	\$4,370	\$22,654	\$94,756

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

**Collection for April Mission of the Month:** AALC Youth Commission \$745.00

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

# JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Worship/Comm. 11:15 Bible Study <i>Coffee: Mary Circle</i>	10:00 Hookcrafters 6:00 AA 7:30 AA	12:00 Prayer Time Dance Classes 4-9 PM	<b>NO EVENING MINISTRIES</b>	9:30 Mary Circle at Edgewood Vista Asst. Living 5:00 Esther Circle Planting & Dinner 6:30 Youth CO trip Mtg & Scavenger Hunt		9-12 VBS Decorating & Set Up
<b>Pastor Gary and Sue at Preaching Workshop            In Chicago June 3-5</b>						
9:30 Worship 11:15 Bible Study 6:30 Lutherans for Life <i>Coffee: Luther League</i>	1:00 Dorcas Circle 6:00 AA 7:30 AA	12:00 Prayer Time	5:30 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Movie Night "Up"	5:30 Deacon/Trustee Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting		9-12 VBS Decorating & Set Up
9:30 Worship/Comm. 11:015 Bible Study <i>Coffee: Council 2</i>	5:30 VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 AA 7:30 AA	12:00 Prayer Time	<b>Vacation Bible School June 18-22            9 AM - Noon</b>			
9:30 Worship & VBS Celebration 10:45 Pot Luck <i>Coffee: Esther Circle</i>	6:00 AA 7:30 AA	12:00 Prayer Time	6:30 Adult Bible Study	1:00 Evangelism Comm. Meeting		