



Christ's Messenger

July 2019



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The American Association of Lutheran Churches
A fortress of safety in a post-Christian frontier.

"To know Christ,
and make Him known."

Summer Breeze

Do you remember this from the singers Seals and Croft?

See the curtains hanging in the window, in the evening on a Friday night; A little light shining through the window, lets me know everything is alright...

Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind; Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind...

See the paper laying in the sidewalk, a little music from the house next door; So I walked on up to the doorstep, through the screen and across the floor...

Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind; Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind...

Sweet days of summer, the jasmine's in bloom; July is dressed up and playing her tune; And I come home from a hard day's work; And you're waiting there, not a care in the world; See the smile waiting in the kitchen, food cooking and the plates for two; Feel the arms that reach out to hold me, in the evening when the day is through...

Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind; Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind..

In John 3:8, Jesus says, "The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. That's how it is with everyone who has been born from the Spirit."

Nicodemus had objected to Jesus' teaching because he did not understand. Jesus shows him that he ought not to reject it on that account, for he constantly had a problem believing. Jesus' words might appear incomprehensible, but His teaching was to be understood by its effects. As in this case of the wind, the effects were seen, the sound was heard, important changes were produced by it, trees and clouds were moved, yet the wind is not seen, nor do we know where it comes, nor by what laws it is governed. So it is with the operations of the Holy Spirit in the life of a person. When the Holy Spirit comes, we see the changes produced. Men who

are sinful become holy; the thoughtless become serious; the licentious become pure; the vicious, moral; the moral, religious; the prayerless, prayerful; the rebellious and obstinate, meek, mild, and gentle. When we see such changes, we ought no more to doubt that they are produced by God - by the mighty Agent, than when we see the trees moved, or the waters of the ocean piled upon heaps, or feel the cooling effects of a summer's breeze. In those cases we attribute it to the "wind," even though we do not see it, and we do not understand how it operates. Here are four things we learn from this passage:

1. That the proper evidence of conversion is the effect of change on the life.
2. That we must not search for the cause or manner of the change on the life.
3. That God has power over the most hardened sinner to change him, as He has power over the loftiest oak, to bring it down by a sweeping blast.
4. That there is a great variety of the modes of the operation of the Holy Spirit. As the "wind" sometimes sweeps with a tempest, and knocks everyone down all before it, and sometimes blows upon us in a mild evening zephyr, so it is with the operations of the Holy Spirit. The sinner sometimes trembles and is prostrate before the truth, and sometimes is sweetly and gently drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit's invisible operations gives visible evidence of His power. The Holy Spirit works His own way beyond our comprehension just like we do not know the law of the wind.

So, as our summer draws nearer and covers us with its warmth, remember as you feel the summer breeze upon your face, that God, by the invisible power of His Holy Spirit has moved you and changed you, and is in the process of changing you, from glory to glory into the blessed, holy image of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Have a blessed summer!

Pastor Gary +

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

- Messengers will be available to pick up at church, any newsletters not picked up after 2 Sundays will be mailed. They will also be emailed. If you have not received an email copy and you have an email address, please contact the church office: church@clcduluth.org to be on the list.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study continues throughout the summer at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- Save the Date - Saturday, September 14 from 4-5:30 Sarah Mae and the Birkeland Boys will be here. There will be a BBQ following the concert.

Maintenance Update!!!

"Behold, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end – they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" Lamentations 3:23.

It's hard to believe, but we are coming up on one year since we were struck by lightning and had our fire – July 12, 2018. We have weathered the storm and we are on the final stretch of finishing all the repairs. Just about everything in our church is new or has been restored. We are so thankful that our Lord continues to provide for all of our needs, not only materially, but spiritually also. He is faithful. Thanks be to God!

The cupola stained glass should be installed very soon and the Carillon should be playing by the time you have your Messenger in hand. We are reviewing all our invoices with the adjuster and as soon as we have that all approved the insurance company will make their final pay-out. Praise God! Thanks to all of you for being prayerful, steadfast and supportive. The bricks that needed attention on the outside of our building are being replaced and tuck pointing is being completed. New weather proofing and membrane has been applied to the foundation of the east and west sides of the exterior of the building to prevent water intrusion. New drain tile has been added to the east wall outside the Sunday school room and the dirt has been built up to divert the water away from the building. We have also redone the rock garden at the west entrance and added a new retaining wall with drain tile. We added a French drain to catch the water run off from the roof in front of the windows as a gutter doesn't work there. We are also replacing the old weathered wooden siding with vinyl siding on the east and west sides to match the vinyl on the cupola and between our sanctuary windows. We have also made some improvements to the existing gutters. We will need some volunteers to stain the siding on the back entrance of the church. A big thank-you to Esther Circle, too.

They have purchased new flower pots and have planted the gardens. Everything looks so nice.

We will be replacing the blacktop at the back door with concrete before winter comes again to make for a smooth entrance. We will be crack filling and doing some pot hole repairs on our parking lot in hopes of buying us a few more years of wear. The cost to remove and replace the pavement for the lot will run over \$100,000.00 when the time comes to replace it. We will need to start saving for that.

We are thankful for those that contributed to the purchase of our play-set. A big thank you to Stacy & Tyler Homstad for putting that all together for us with the help of Stacy's dad, Bruce Wells. Our VBS children were able to use it for a few days and had so much fun! We will be finalizing that project very soon and will need a few more volunteers to help with that.

The parsonage roof has also been re-shingled. We were blessed to totally pay for that project with the warranty money that we received from our church shingles. Praise God!

We would still like to get the garage cleaned out and re-organized and the old copy room needs a little TLC. Other than painting a few more areas in our church, we have taken care of everything that needed attention. We appreciate all the cooperation and support we have received during this process also.

We again praise God for all He has blessed us with. Our thanks to all of you that have stepped up and continue to help with regular maintenance and helping to keep everything looking so nice – Bless your heart!

In Christ's Service,
Carolyn Lofald, Maintenance Chair

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: Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry
& Women's Care Center of Duluth

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

Kaylea Guddeck

Kathleen Randa

Dennis Peterson

Shirley Randa

Melanie Saeland

Bill & Jane McLean

Russell & Carol Schramm

Darlene Saaf

Jean Sundstrom

Ruth Dahl

Evelyn Johnson

Robert J. Johnson

Florence Kubiak

Judy Stocke

Kaylea Guddeck

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

July 2019 Serving Schedule

Ushers & Greeters

July 7

Ushers: Bill & Jan Arezzo; David Wood; Jim Carlson

Greeter: Chuck & Lowaine Morris

July 14

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn Lofald; Laura Melander; Jim Carlson

Greeter: Norma Johnson

July 21

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar; Jim Carlson; David Wood

Greeter: Volunteers

July 28

Ushers: Keith Youngren; Mark Youngren; Ouitdee Carson; Zach Carson

Greeter: Marge Youngren

Trustees:

July 7: Grace & Bill

July 14: Sandy & Laura

July 21: Jim & Wendy

July 28: Grace & Bill

Coffee Servers:

July 7: Mary Circle

July 14: Luther League

July 21: Dorcas Circle

July 28: Council Group 2



Do you need a ride to or from church?

Please call the office if you are in need of transportation
and we will connect you to someone that can help!

Office: 218-722-7537

Everyday is a blessing at Open Arms!



Happy Summer!

We all hope you are enjoying the warm sunny days with family and friends.

Cora and Joshua were so excited to attend VBS this year. Thank you Sue for all you do for the children! When Cora woke up from her nap the other day she was singing one of the songs she learned at VBS. Thank you Jessica for escorting Cora and Joshua to and from VBS. It was so kind of you to help us out.

The children enjoyed another fun visit from Norma. Thank you Norma for the great lesson and craft about Noah's Ark. You are so thoughtful.

Here are a few of the cute things the kids have been saying:

When the men were working on repairing the chimney one day Cora asked, "Do you think they are looking for Santa?"

We were having a great time playing with bubbles when Joshua said "If the bubbles were shaped like hearts they would be love bubbles and float up to Jesus."

Addy is quite the performer. She will say "Wanna come to my house? I can sing I love Jesus to you?"

During lunchtime prayers Joshua prayed for his mom and dad and his daycare friends and his brother and his food and... Pipsqueak. When we asked who Pipsqueak was he said the baby in my mom's tummy. He said Pipsqueak means little one, Joshua is so sure that the baby will be a girl. He says God knows because He made her. I mentioned to Cora one day that she could ask me anything about God. She said, "Okay, how do worms talk?"

We have many fun activities planned for July. We will be having a camping week. The children will be doing some fun painting projects and making their own little storybooks. We will also be learning about putting on the Armor of God.

Blessings to everyone!

Mary Jo

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family,

My sincere thank you to Pastor Gary, Sue, & my church family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and good wishes for my heart valve replacement.

I'm recovering slowly. To God be the glory. God's blessings to all.

Love,

Carol Schneeberger



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.

PACT Televised Services

Duluth: Charter Ch.180

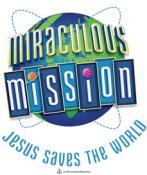
Sat. @ 9AM & 9PM; Sun. @ 7AM

Superior: SCMC 180

Sun. @ 10:00am; Wed. @ 6:00pm

Hermantown: MediaCom Ch. 7

Sun. @ 8AM Thur. @ 2 PM Sat. @ 8 AM

**VBS 2019**

Praise the Lord for an awesome VBS week at CLC Duluth! 18 children and 15 youth and adult volunteers sang our hearts out, worshiping the Lord in spirit and truth. We made beautiful crafts, heard amazing stories, ate delicious snacks, played exciting games, and learned important truths from the Bible.

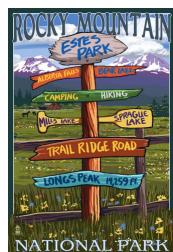
Wasn't that VBS Celebration amazing! God surprised us all with the enthusiasm, joy, and fun expressed by the VBS Teams as they showed us how they learned that 1) God made me 2) God keeps His word 3) Jesus came for me 4) Jesus saves me and 5) Jesus is coming for me! Thanks to all who shared a dish for the potluck too!

I think I can speak for all of us when I say, "I just keep humming and singing those VBS songs"! Thank you, Christ Lutheran Church, for your prayers and support as we planted seeds of life deep into the hearts of the children who were with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15th

Pastor Gary has chosen our Sunday School curriculum for this fall, and I am very excited about Cross Exploration by CPH. It is a solid, Bible-based program structured somewhat like VBS, and it has lessons for all ages. The most exciting part includes an opening assembly where everyone is invited to sing and learn the main points of the lesson together before breaking into small groups.

Please pray for God to show CLC Duluth favor by bringing new families and their children to join us for a new Sunday School year starting September 15th!

**AALC ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Our youth trip to Estes Park CO is just around the corner. We leave on Saturday 7/13 and return on Saturday 7/20! Please pray that we will grow in knowledge, grace and the love of Christ during all aspects of our trip. Also ask God to lead us, guide us, and protect us spirit, soul and body. We appreciate your support for our youth and sponsors!

Sandy's Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cake (Recipe also available at the office)

Mix together in a large microwaveable bowl:

1 ¾ C water, 1 cup regular oatmeal, ½ C butter or margarine (1 stick, cut into pieces)

Microwave on high for 3 minutes and let stand until cool. (Alternative: add 1 ¾ C boiling water to oatmeal and margarine in a bowl)

To cooled oatmeal mixture add and mix well:

1 C white sugar

1 C packed brown sugar

2 Large eggs

Sift together and add to mixture, mix well

1 ¾ C flour

1 Tsp baking soda

1/2 Tsp salt

1/2 Tsp Cinnamon

1/2 Tsp Nutmeg

Add half of the chocolate chips (12 ounce bag) and mix well. Pour into greased and floured cake pan. Sprinkle on the rest of the chocolate chips and 3/4 C chopped walnuts. Bake at 350 for about 40 minutes.

July Mission of the Month

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry brings the good news of Christ's perfect life, his death in the place of sinful people, and his role as the one who promises eternal life and hope to the college and University campuses in the Columbia, Missouri area. Central to this work is having a pastor often present on campus, ready to talk, and, more important, ready to listen .

Having a pastor means you have someone who can help you find that hope. You have someone who will pray for your specific troubles, meaningfully and confidentially. You have someone who will walk with you through your trials, not judging you, but bringing God's words of guidance, guarding your confidentiality, and treating you with respect. When you realize you need God's forgiveness, the pastor reminds you that Jesus came to earth, suffered, and died for all your failings and that he lives to bring you eternal forgiveness .

Through individual and small group Bible studies we can explore the riches of God's Word together. Occasionally we have larger gatherings, either in local churches or on campus, for celebrations of historic worship.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry Will be with us in August!

Women's Care Center of Duluth

The Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support, and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen missions. 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

Janice Spindler
July 6

Gwen Nelson
July 11

Carol Blair
July 14

Carolyn Lofald
July 24

Zach Carson
July 24

Don Johnson
July 27

Bob Johnson
July 31

On behalf of our church council and the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church,

we just want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Sue for orchestrating such a fantastic VBS for us. We know you spent countless hours planning, purchasing and preparing for this event. You rallied troops around you to help carry out the mission. We were in tears to see how all the little ones responded when they were up in front to share with the congregation all that they had learned about Jesus. We are so blessed to have you and Pastor here with us. With our love and gratitude, we thank you again!!!

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2019 Annual Budget: \$230,899; Weekly \$4,440; YTD Need \$106,560

	Offering	Other	Daycare	Total
6/16/2019	\$2,672	\$0	\$1,342	\$4,014
Year to Date	\$75,012	\$5,034	\$24,246	\$104,292

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

Collection for May Missions of the Month:

Project Timothy \$2,539.50 • Child Evangelism Fellowship \$283.50

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



JULY 2019

