

Christ's Messenger



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The American Association of Lutheran Churches

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Every Month:
Esther Circle
First Thursday at
10:00 AM
Council Meeting
Second Thursday at
6:30 PM
Food Share
4th Thursday from 11:30
AM -12:30 PM

AA
Meets at church
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Dear Christ Lutheran Family,

As many of you may know, Pastor Gary and Sue's last Sunday with us was on April 30th. We were able to have a short sing-a-long during the service with them and a very nice brunch afterward. We ask our Lord to provide all things needed for them as they transition into their next Calling. We thank Pastor for serving our Lord and sharing God's Word as our Shepherd with his solid Biblical teaching. Pastor was instrumental in getting Facebook Live set up for us during Covid so that we could still have services through the internet together as a church family. We were also blessed to have him provide the outdoor communion services for us as we prayed God's hand of protection over all of us. Pastor Gary was also instrumental in getting the Food Share up and running and many in our community are being blessed by that effort. We also thank Sue for her dedication and playing the piano for us each Sunday which she did beautifully. Also, for orchestrating VBS as an outreach for our community. Pastor and Sue are certainly a team. We again thank them for their service to our church family and ask for God's continued hand of blessing over them as they move back to Alexandria.

We, as a church council, will do our best to serve you in the upcoming months as we begin our next chapter here at Christ Lutheran. We will form a Call committee and finish the necessary paperwork to begin the process. We were given a list of pastors from the AALC office that are willing to provide pulpit supply and communion services for us a couple of Sunday's each month. We have all of our Sunday Services planned out for the month of May with communion on the first and third Sundays. The Deacons are also willing to provide services for us when a pastor is not available. We will make the parsonage available for overnight stays for those pastors needing housing. If you have concerns or needs, please reach out and let us know. God has placed us here to help each other. We will be reaching out to our shut-ins to provide communion for them also.

God will provide for all our needs and give us the strength, guidance and wisdom to carry on. We look forward to all He has planned for our church family.

In Christ's Service,
Carolyn Lofald
Jim Carlson

Assisting with April Ministry

May 7

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: Jim Carlson

Communion Assistant: Keith Youngren & Hanna Allen

May 14

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska

Trustees: Jim & Laurie

Scripture Reader: Mark Wiita

May 21

Ushers: Carolyn Lofald; Grace Wells

Trustees: Bill & Grace

Scripture Reader: Gary Lofald

May 28

Ushers: Bill & Jan Arezzo

Trustees: Wendy & Carol

Scripture Reader: Sandy Carlson

*If you have a conflict with these dates,
please contact Jim Carlson at 218-343-6755*

Coffee/Fellowship Servers

May 7: Council

May 14: Deacons

May 21: Karen B.

May 28: Esther Circle

June 4: Volunteers

June 11: Volunteers

June 18: Karen B.

June 25: Esther Circle

Livestream Operators

May 7: Lydia

May 14: Keith

May 21: Gary

May 28: Keith



*We are still looking for
Livestream operator volunteers!
If you are interested in serving
in this ministry,
we are willing to train!*

Financial Update

March Income: \$11,656.75
March Expenses: \$11,456.60

*Monthly income was over
expenses by \$200.15*

YTD Income: \$27,233.55
YTD Expenses: \$32,718.35

*YTD income was under
expenses by \$5,484.80*

March Mission: KDNW \$390.00

Full financial reports are
available in the office
upon request



Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:

Christ Lutheran Church Duluth at 9:30 AM

You can also log onto our website clduluth.org



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May Mission of the Month

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel.

OUR VISION: To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

OUR MISSION: To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

OUR VALUES: Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

- Engage (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

We engage relationally by connecting with individuals and through events in many different environments by building genuine trust, sharing our lives and sharing the gospel. We strive to connect with coaches and athletes where they are on their spiritual journey.

- Equip (Ephesians 4:12)

After cultivating relationships and once coaches and athletes come to faith in Christ, we want to equip them with Christ-centered training, events, resources and on-going support in what it means to be a follower of Christ, growing in God's Word and applying it to life.

- Empower (2 Timothy 2:2)

Once equipped, we empower faithful leaders who desire to use their time, talents and treasures to help other coaches and athletes experience the gospel, grow in their faith and share Him with others. We desire to develop disciples who make disciples, assisting them so that they can in turn engage, equip and empower others to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

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.*"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Esther Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at 10 AM. All ladies are welcome to join the Circle for devotions, prayer, and fellowship.
- Quilting May 16 at 9:00 AM. Bring a willing spirit and a sewing machine if you have one. I will have plenty of tools, rulers, rotary cutters and best of all fabric to get us started. Beginners more than welcome. Stay for whatever time you can, bring a bag lunch and beverage if you plan to stay for the day. Contact Sandy Carlson (349-2786) with any questions you have. This is a great time for some fun and fellowship.

Pastor Gary & Sue's contact information:

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May Maintenance Report

Our snow banks are finally melting away! Once the threat of snow is over, we will have our plowing people sweep our lot to remove all the dirt and sand. The uneven area by the back entrance is settling down nicely.

A few pot holes are now visible at the east entrance of our lot and also in the back near the soccer shed. We will have to address those areas also once everything dries up. Once the snow melts, we will also have some yard clean-up work to do.

The new hot water heater is working well. Thankful we have not had any other items that need attention in the church. Our custodian, Gary, does a wonderful job letting us know if anything needs repair.

We had a sump pump failure at the parsonage the evening of April 11. So thankful that Pastor and Sue were living there and noticed the water when they went downstairs into the laundry room. If you remember, we had a quick melt as it was 70 degrees that day. We were able to get the last sump pump on the shelf that fit the application required at Home Depot the next morning and got that installed. Unfortunately, water came into the basement through the drain tile in the foundation in the east bedroom and family room. We contacted Loyear Cleaners and they advised us to remove the pad as that is where mold will start to grow which we were able to do. Unfortunately, there was some staining from the water intrusion in the family room so we are not able to save the carpet in that area and we removed the wet areas. The pad was removed in the east bedroom. We also ran fans and dehumidifiers to dry everything out. Thankful nothing else was damaged. The basement carpeting of the parsonage was installed in 2000. Council will discuss how we will move forward with the carpet replacement at our next council meeting. We will also do a walkthrough of the parsonage and get it ready for pastors to stay in while we begin our Call process.

We will need to do a little landscaping at the parsonage when the weather gets warmer on the retaining wall on the east side of the house. There are also a couple of outside carriage lights on the parsonage that we will replace.

We are so thankful that God has given us the resources to take care of all that He has blessed us with and also for our church members that have been given the gifts and ability to repair items when needed. Many hands make for a lighter load so if you are available to volunteer, please, give me a call. 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,

Carolyn Lofald
Maintenance Chair



The next food packing date is tentatively scheduled for
Tuesday, May 23. Distribution is Thursday, May 25
from 11:30-12:30.

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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

The leadership of the church
The ministry at Union Gospel Mission
All of our students from pre-school to college
Our country, military & police
The teachers and students at all schools
Pastor Yount and his ministry in Slovakia

The steadfastness of our faith
Mission of the Month:
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Lutheran Vicar Mwavu Ronald and his
two churches in Uganda

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Carol Johnson
Florence Kubiak
Brian McDonald
Linda Anthony
Del Sandberg
Jean Clark

Barb Hanson
Jane McLean
The Lund Family
Carol Schramm
Carol Sogard
Tom & Marlene Stauber

Mary Jenny
Mark Malander
Donna Swanson
Carol Schneeberger
Luanne Wachula
Maggie Kaptonak

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



Our sympathies to the family of Darlene Saaf who passed away Wednesday, April 18. Funeral services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church Saturday, May 13. Visitation will be at 10 AM, service at 11 AM with a light lunch to follow. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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

Happy Birthday!

Valery Petrowske
Lynn Erickson

May 9
May 22