



Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The American Association of Lutheran Churches

**"To know Christ,
and make Him known."**



June 2023

**Christ Lutheran
Church**

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Every Month:
Esther Circle
1st Thursday at 10:00 AM

Wed. Summer Study
6:30 PM - *The Chosen*

Council Meeting
2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM

Food Share
4th Thursday
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

AA
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Happy June to all of you and a Happy Father's Day to all you Dad's and Father figures out there too! We hope you will all find time to get outside and enjoy the weather, maybe do some gardening, go fishing or camping or just relax and enjoy the beauty of all the many things our Lord has provided for us.

We want to give you an update on the process to interview pastors for our church. We have made announcements to ask for volunteers to be on our Call Committee. We are thankful for those members that have volunteered. Now that we have a Call Committee formed, we can move forward. We will finish completing the necessary paperwork required for the AALC office. They will, in turn, select candidates based on our requests. Please keep this Call process in your prayers and ask that God would provide us with a wonderful man to shepherd us. We trust He already has a plan for us.

As you all know, summer is a very busy time for all of us with family and vacations. We are working to secure other pastors for the month of June. Pastor Joe Marsh will be with us on June 4. The deacons will also be filling in as needed for our church services. Sharon Nylander, a cousin to Carol Blair, is willing to fill in as a pianist for us, too. Cindy Kent will also help out as her schedule allows.

Our church secretary, Judi, is taking a two-week vacation. We are so thankful for her and all the gifts God has blessed her with to provide for our secretarial needs! We will try to have volunteers in the office most mornings to answer the phone. If you need anything at all, please contact myself at 218-390-8357, our Deacon Chair, Jim Carlson at 218-343-6755 and/or one of our deacons: Mike Pickar - 651-338-4171, Keith Youngren - 218-491-3668, Mark Wiita - 218-391-2003 or Gary Lofald - 218-590-8217.

If you see a need, we would welcome you to volunteer. Our church council members are doing their best to keep our church running smoothly. Again, please feel free to reach out to any one of us if you have questions, needs or concerns. We want to keep our lines of communication open. We ask for your patience and to extend to us your grace and your prayers as we continue to move forward under God's hand.

Psalms 145:15-16: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Philippians 4:19: And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His Glory in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,
Carolyn Lofald

Assisting with June Ministry

June 4

Ushers: Grace Wells; Mark Youngren

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: Keith Youngren

Communion Assistant: Jim Carlson

June 11

Ushers: Jim Carlson; Carolyn Lofald

Trustees: Jim & Laurie

Scripture Reader: Jim Carlson

June 18

Ushers: Mike & Wendy Pickar

Trustees: Bill & Grace

Scripture Reader: Mark Wiita

Communion Assistant: Gary Lofald

June 25

Ushers: Bill & Jan Arezzo

Trustees: Wendy & Carol

Scripture Reader: Gary Lofald

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

Coffee/Fellowship Servers

June 4: Lowaine M.

June 11: Volunteers

June 18: Karen B.

June 25: Esther Circle

July 2: Volunteers

July 9: Deacons

July 16: Karen B.

July 23: Esther Circle

July 30: Lowaine M.

Livestream Operators

June 4: Keith L.

June 11: Gary L.

June 18: Volunteer

June 25: Volunteer



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

Financial Update

April Income: \$11,449.00

April Expenses: \$11,046.52

*Monthly income was over
expenses by \$402.48*

YTD Income: \$38,682.55

YTD Expenses: \$43,764.87

*YTD income was under
expenses by \$5,082.32*

April Mission:
Union Gospel Mission \$730.00

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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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.

Wed. Summer Ministry Starts June 7!
Join us for an episode each week of:

THE CHOSEN

June 7th – Cookout starting at 5:30

*(church providing hot dogs, buns, beverages –
Please bring side salads, chips, deserts, etc. if you are able)*

Episode One starting at 6:30

Following each week's episode we'll have a time of discussion and prayer.

**A graduation celebration honoring
Kaylea Guddeck will be held at
church on June 24th from 12-2 PM**



Food Share: Thursday, June 22 from 11:30-12:30
Packing starts at 10:30 AM
Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Pastor Gary & Sue's contact information:

pastor.symphonyministries@gmail.com

suedesha@gmail.com

PO Box 523

Alexandria, MN 56308

A Prayer left by Pastor Gary for the church:

Dear Jesus, Please hear my prayer, what have I to do but trust you?

Will you watch over this congregation, each and every one—save them all.

*Bless them with all the fullness of Your Spirit and bless them with everything they need
in this life and the next.*

June Mission of the Month: Camp JIM & The AALC 2023 Youth Conference

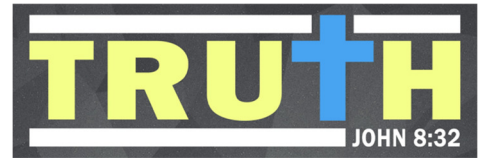


Camp JIM (Jesus is Mine)

Camp JIM has been providing quality, affordable, year round Camps, rentals and retreats to Churches, youth, families, and adults for over 90 years. Camp JIM exists to lovingly teach and model the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, and to encourage people to grow in faith and service.

2023 AALC Youth Conference

Five days of God-filled opportunities to learn more about Christ and all His wonderful works and love for us. Youth will meet others from across the country and share their walk with Christ. The event will equip youth with faith-based responses to the daily challenges of growing up in an ever-changing world.



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.*"

June Maintenance Report

We are hoping our June will bring some much needed warm weather and sunshine! The Esther Circle has purchased many of the flowers for the gardens and is watching the weather to plan for their planting! They welcome volunteers to help with planting and watering! Our gardens always look so nice and we thank all of them for their efforts!

Jim Carlson and Gary Lofald have been busy working to sweep the sand out of the grass. The two of them will be working on some of the yard work. Our plow person was able to get our parking lot swept and make some repairs to the ruts and also did some seeding for us. We are now looking at how best to address a few pot holes at the east entrance of our lot and also in the back near the soccer shed. We will need to redo some of the retaining wall blocks at the church and replace the edging along the sidewalk that holds in the rock.

We are working with MN Power to upgrade some of our electrical lines coming into the church. This will be done sometime in early June.

Gary G., our custodian, has been working hard to keep the church looking nice for us. Again, he is hoping to get the floors waxed here soon. He also pulled and filled the nail holes in Pastor's office walls and did some touch-up painting and gave it a good cleaning!

Pastor and Sue moved out of the parsonage on May 16. We are very thankful to the Allen family for coming over that morning to help Pastor and Sue with the final cleaning and getting the upstairs ready for pastors that come in to town to do our Sunday services for us. **THANK YOU ALLEN FAMILY!** A thank you to Mike P. for fixing the leak in the parsonage kitchen sink and to Gary L. for re-caulking the shower surround in the upstairs bathroom. They will also help move a couple furniture items upstairs. We plan to remove all the carpeting from the basement and will be looking into a different floor covering for the downstairs.

We also plan to repair the retaining wall on the east side of the parsonage when the weather gets warmer. We are always looking for volunteers to help with maintenance there too!

Many hands make for a lighter load so if you are available to volunteer for any of our projects, please, give me a call. 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. If you have questions or concerns, please notify me at 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,

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*

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:
Camp JIM & TAALC Youth Conference
Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Lutheran Vicar Mwavu Ronald and his
two churches in Uganda

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Carol Johnson	Barb Hanson	Mary Jenny	Carol Sogard
Florence Kubiak	Jane McLean	Mark Malander	Maggie Kaptonak
Brian McDonald	The Lund Family	Donna Swanson	Luanne Wachula
Linda Anthony	Carol Schramm	Carol Schneeberger	Tom & Marlene Stauber
Del Sandberg	Jean Clark	Lynn Erickson	

*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 Debbie DeRocher who passed away May 11, 2023. The funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 21, 2023.
Please remember her family and friends 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!

Jan Arezzo	June 19
Chuck Morris	June 19
Bonnie Kubiak	June 29