

Give Thanks

Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The American Association of Lutheran Churches



Dear Congregation,

We have heard from Dr. Cary Larson. The pastor he was hoping we could interview for our Call has decided to withdraw his name from his Call list. Dr. Larson shared he may have someone willing to take an interim position with us. Mike will make arrangements to meet with this pastor and do an interview. Please continue praying for this to work out.

We were blessed to have 62 people in attendance at our church service on October 22. This was also the date of our Annual Congregational meeting which we held in Fellowship Hall following our service. Our budget of \$165,325 was passed. This is an increase of \$11,310.00 over last year. We have tried to build in enough money for our new pastor's salary and also for health insurance. We were also able to give Judi our secretary and Gary our custodian a raise as we were not able to do that for them last year. We thank them for their dedication and service to our church. Mike Pickar will be our new president. Carol Ziemer offered to help the trustees with counting. We thank them for stepping up to help. We would still like to have two more deacons and two more trustees on our church council. Please continue to pray for members to step forward to serve.

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study of the *Chosen* DVD series has moved to Sundays at 11:00 AM after coffee time to accommodate the needs of many of our attendees. We will adjust the start time as needed if the service goes long, please feel free to continue your fellowship in the blue room or the fireside room if you like. This DVD is only a portrayal of what the life of Jesus may have been like and we have all been moved, some of us to tears, when we watch it. We encourage you to stay for our Bible Study. The deacons will decide if we will have another Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. We will keep you posted.

We do have preparation in place for Sunday School and Youth Rap if we have youth come to church and would like to attend. We are thankful to Keith and Trudy Youngren and Mark Wiita for stepping up to help provide that. If anyone else is interested in helping with these programs, please let us know.

We continue to have our Food Share. We gave out 34 bags October 26. Our next food share will be on Thursday, November 16. We will give out items for Thanksgiving dinner and a \$15.00 gift card to be used to purchase a turkey. We welcome your donations and support of this mission. If you do bring a food item, please check the expiration date. We are not able to hand out expired items.

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November 2023

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Every Month:

Sunday Bible Study
11:00 AM - *The Chosen*

Council Meeting

2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM

Food Share: Nov.
Food Share will be
on Nov. 16

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Esther Circle

1st Thur. at 10:00 AM

No Wed. Bible Study
until further notice

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Mondays at 6:30 PM

Assisting with November Ministry

November 5

Ushers: Bill & Jan Arezzo

Trustees: Bill & Grace

Scripture Reader: Keith Youngren

Communion Assistant: Jim Carlson; Hannah Allen

November 12

Ushers: Carolyn Lofald & Grace Wells

Trustees: Wendy & Carol

Scripture Reader: Jim Carlson

November 19

Ushers: Keith Youngren; Mark Youngren

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: David Shreyer

November 21

Usher: Carolyn Lofald

Scripture Reader: Deacons

November 26

Ushers: Jim & Gayle Maruska

Trustees: Jim & Laurie

Scripture Reader: Mark Wiita

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

Financial Update

September Income: \$19,313.00

September Expenses: \$8,624.62

Monthly income was over
expenses by \$10,688.38

YTD Income: \$94,441.55

YTD Expenses: \$96,917.39

YTD income was under
expenses by \$2,475.84

September Mission
Gideons - \$1,060.00

Full financial reports are
available in the office
upon request



Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

DATE	TREATS	SERVERS	TABLE WASHER
November 5	Esther Circle - Lynn	Lowaine	Volunteers
November 12	Esther Circle	Esther Circle	Volunteers
November 19		Volunteers	Volunteers
November 26	Esther Circle -Lowaine & Sandy	Esther Circle	Volunteers

Livestream Operators

November 5: Keith Lund

November 12: Keith Lund

November 19: Gary Lofald

November 26:



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

Our church continues the tradition of making our pasties – 306 of them were made on October 26th! We made exactly enough to fill all our orders! Praise God! We thank Glen Nelson for mentoring us and teaching us the ropes. We had a little trial and error...but also some good belly laughs. Don Olson came to help and offer his support too – he brought us some wonderful chicken to eat for lunch – another tradition! We had a lot of good fellowship and an abundance of food to eat. We thank both Glen and Don for their years of dedication to making these. God provided and we were all blessed! Our thanks to all that volunteered to help make that happen too and to get it all done in one day! Cookies are currently planned for December 5 & 6. Stay tuned for more news! As always, we will need volunteers to help make this all happen! We will have a sign-up sheet for that also!

Our youth are selling calendars again to earn money for activities. The cost is \$10.00 each. They make great gifts!

If you would like to order our Church LOGO T-shirt, polo or sweatshirt, please call and speak with Sandy and she will help you with that.

In closing, we ask you to continue to pray for Dr. Larson to provide us with candidates so our Call Committee can begin the interviewing process. Dr. Larson also asks that we keep him in our prayers for his leadership direction under the AALC. We ask our Lord to continue to give our Deacons and church volunteers all things needed as they help with our church services and the needs of our shut-ins. We also ask for your prayers for the leadership of this church, that in all things we would bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray for our church, our church members and their families. Please pray for our shut-ins and if you have time, send them a card or give them a call, we know they miss being with us. Please also pray for those that are having health issues and upcoming procedures and surgeries. May God's will be done.

At the end of the message on October 29, this verse was read from 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, and my strength is made perfect in weakness." We cannot do this alone. It is by the grace of God that we are able to continue as a family here at Christ Lutheran. May God continue to bless us and keep us, to make His face to shine upon us and be gracious onto us. May he look upon us with favor and grant us His peace. Shalom

God bless each of you & Happy Thanksgiving!

Carolyn Lofald

Our verses to encourage & remind us of God's provision:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Esther Circle meets November 2 at 10 AM. All ladies in the church are welcome to join us!
- Quilting on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:00 AM. Contact Sandy Carlson (349-2786) with any questions you have. This is a great time for some fun and fellowship.
- Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 PM join us for a Thanksgiving Praise service. Pie and fellowship following the service



The cold weather is here! Esther Circle is starting the hat and mitten drive for Piedmont Elementary School!

Your donations to this ministry are greatly appreciated!

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3 :17

November Deacon Report 2023

Blessings to the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

The first Nationally celebrated day of Thanksgiving in the U.S. was Issued by the Continental Congress in 1777. It was declared to be a day set aside for the citizens to thank God for his many blessings. Thanks be to God. We will have a Thanksgiving Service here on November 21st at 6:30 pm, with pie and coffee after.

We will have communion service on the 5th of Nov. with Pastor David Johnson officiating. Michael Furchert will have a piano concert as well as a testimonial on the 12th of the month.

The services on the 19th and 26th are still to be determined at this time.

God bless you all, and many thanks for your continued support.

Please keep the church in your prayers.

Your humble Deacon servants,

Jim Carlson, Gary Lofald, Mike Pickar, Mark Wiita, and Kieth Youngren



Food Share: Thursday, **November 16** from 11:30-12:30

Packing starts at 10:30 AM

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

November Maintenance Report

Thank you to the Esther Circle for putting our church gardens to bed. We are trying to button up all that needs to be completed before the snow flies. We will be placing a *Memorial Gardens* sign on the back side of our electronic sign in the front garden in the near future. We have been blessed over the years to have memorial money to help with our garden projects. We will be putting the outside fountain and picnic tables away, too.

The new pump was placed on the boiler system at the parsonage and it had its annual inspection. We may need to flush the system. We are waiting to hear back from our plumber in that regard. We had the April Aire dehumidifier system installed by Basement Water Systems. We will be keeping the humidity level throughout the house at 50%. Again, this will keep the mold and dust mite spores under control and hopefully take care of the musty smell. We will also be replacing the ceiling tile in the family room downstairs as that may also be harboring some of the musty smells. We will also be replacing some of the fluorescent lights in there that are no longer working. We are hoping to get that done before the new flooring is installed. We are waiting for full flooring samples so we can approve a final color. We have repaired the thresholds on the front door and garage service door. We have also taken down the temporary wall on the basement stairs that was constructed for privacy when Pastor Carl was with us and we had the daycare. We would still like to get the inside garage walls painted; we will have to see if the weather will cooperate for us. The smoke alarms at the parsonage also had new batteries installed in them. The retaining wall project will have to be done next year. Thank you again to Grace and Wendy for doing the laundry and keeping the parsonage clean for our visiting pastors.

We have received three bids to replace the driveway at the parsonage to improve drainage by sloping the driveway away from the building. These will go to the trustees now for discussion.

The church boiler is scheduled the first week in November for its annual inspection as is the fire extinguisher inspection with the Duluth Fire Department.

Our Church Parking lot fund is still sitting at approximately \$13,000.00. The CD will come due in November and will be reinvested to add to our goal. Please keep an eye on the sign in our Fellowship Hall for updates. Our goal is to reach \$150,000.00.

The new can lights have been installed by Benson Electric! They have daylight bulbs and really brighten up the entrances to the offices.

Please note the beautiful shine on our Fellowship Hall floors. Gary Glad is in the process of waxing the floors for us.

We are so grateful to God for providing us with the resources to continuing caring for our church. We thank Him for giving our church members the gifts and abilities to repair items when needed. If you are willing to volunteer for any of our projects, please call or visit with me at church – many hands make for a lighter load. If you note something that needs to be addressed, please bring it to our attention. My phone number is 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,

Carolyn Lofald
Maintenance Chair



November Mission of the Month: The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

We support Duluth residents with a wide array of basic needs by providing help with:

- Weekday hot lunch
- Emergency food shelf
- Medical food shelf
- Rent and mortgage payments
- Heat and other utilities
- Clothing and household items from our Salvation Army Store
- Transportation
- Meeting the needs of disaster survivors
- Christmas toys and food for low-income families

Wherever there is a need in Duluth, you'll find the Salvation Army.

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

Please let your church members know how grateful we are for their hearts for placing the Word of God in the hands of as many people as possible! Thank you dearly! I absolutely love that you have a mission of the month each month. What a precious thing to do as church body. I can't wait to see, one day in heaven, what kind of impact your church has made locally and around the world!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Also, if you would like us to connect you with your local Gideons, it would be my pleasure to do so!

God Bless you all!

*Many Blessings,
Hannah*

*Thank
you!*



Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:

Christ Lutheran Church Duluth at 9:30 AM



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PLEASE PRAY FOR....

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

The Call Committee
The leadership of the church
Dr. Cary Larson & the AALC
The ministry at Union Gospel Mission
Students and Teachers from pre-k to college

Our country, military & police
Pastor Yount and his ministry in Slovakia
The steadfastness of our faith
Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Mission of the Month: The Salvation Army

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Carol Johnson
Florence Kubiak
Brian McDonald
Linda Anthony
Del Sandberg
Carol Sogard
Pastor Myke Main

Jane McLean
The Lund Family
Carol Schramm
Jean Clark
Luanne Wachula
Kelly Carson

Mary Jenny
Mark Malander
Donna Swanson
Sharon Nylander
Lynn Erickson
Tom & Marlene Stauber
Ken Allen

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



Our sympathies to the family and friends of Larry Jentoft who passed away Saturday, September 30. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday!

*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*

Mark Wiita	November 9
Betty Roseen	November 14
Abigail Curtis	November 15
Elijah Allen	November 18
Susie Decker	November 18
Carol Schramm	November 22

If you would like your birthday included in the messenger please contact the office