



Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH The American Association of Lutheran Churches



APRIL 2024

**Christ Lutheran
Church**

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Every Month:
Sunday Bible Study
11:00 AM

Council Meeting
2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM

Food Share:
4th Thur. of the month
11:30 AM -12:30 PM

Esther Circle
1st Thur. at 10:00 AM

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Mondays at 6:30 PM

Spring has sprung

By the time you read this, Easter Sunday will have been kicked off and for the next 40-50 days we will be celebrating the Easter season. On May 9th, the church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, on May 19th the Season of Pentecost begins and a week later, we celebrate the Holy Trinity with a recitation of the Athanasian Creed. Outside of the Church festivities, we are hopefully enjoying beautiful sunny weather and getting our bodies in Spring Cleaning mode. Lawns are getting raked up and the mowing season will take place almost immediately.

My wife will be coming to Duluth on April 8th. She flies into the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport the afternoon of April 7. I will go down and pick her up and we'll spend the night at my Mother's in Apple Valley and then drive up to Duluth from there. She is looking forward to meeting everyone. I've told her that you have been a blessing to me and I'm sure you will be for her as well. She will be up here until the end of May when she has to return to Fort Wayne for more Doctor appointments but hopes to return in August.

I'm looking forward to the Spring and Summer months and to serving this Congregation as God allows. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. May He look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. Amen.

Pastor Scott L. Strohkirch

Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:

Christ Lutheran Church Duluth at 9:30 AM



Christ Lutheran Church Duluth



"To know Christ,
and make Him known."

You Tube

Christ Lutheran Church Duluth

Assisting with April Ministry

April 7

Ushers: Mark Y., Keith Y., Jim & Gayle M.

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: Gary L.

Communion Assistant: Jim C., Gabe W.

April 14

Usher: Grace W., Carolyn L.

Trustees: Laurie & Jim

Scripture Reader: Dave S.

April 21

Ushers: Bill & Jan A., Mark Y.

Trustees: Grace & Bill

Scripture Reader: Mark W.

Communion Assistant: Keith Y., Hannah A.

April 28

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn L.

Trustees: Grace & Bill

Scripture Reader: Sandy C.

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

Financial Update

February Income: \$6,444.00

February Expenses: \$7,863.99

*Monthly income was under
expenses by \$1,419.99*

YTD Income: \$16,624.00

YTD Expenses: \$16,570.41

*YTD income was over
expenses by \$53.59*

February Mission

TAALC: \$945.00

Full financial reports are
available in the office
upon request



Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

April 7 Volunteers

April 14 Volunteers

April 21 Volunteers

April 28 Esther Circle

Livestream Operators

April 7 Volunteers

April 14 Volunteers

April 21 Volunteers

April 28 Volunteers



DONATIONS NEEDED

**Please bring a box of cereal for the monthly food share
Cash donations are always appreciated!**

Food Share: Thursday, April 25 from 11:30-12:30

Packing starts at 10:00 AM

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Esther Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to join.
- Band of Brothers meets every Wednesday at 7 AM at Caribou Coffee by Cub Foods. All men are welcome to join this time of fellowship and devotions.
- Quilting on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 AM. Contact Sandy Carlson (349-2786) with any questions you have. This is a great time for some fun and fellowship.

APRIL MAINTENANCE REPORT

We continue working on the sound system equipment decisions and the best route to take to upgrade. We hope to learn and have more information forthcoming.

We will be ordering the new hot water heater for the upstairs bathroom and will have that installed soon.

We are looking into new doors for the janitor's closet in the hall downstairs. Not a priority, but on the list of things that need attention.

This spring, we will need to update some of the block retaining wall around the church gardens and get that looking nice again. We will be looking for volunteers to help with that. We also have that retaining wall at the parsonage to take care of, too.

The children's play set has been getting use during the winter as it has been so mild. We will need to spruce up a few things on that, too when the weather warms up.

Our church kitchen refrigerator was not working properly and we had Gartner Refrigeration out to take a look. The Evaporator Coil system has a small leak. They did add new refrigerant and stop-leak to the system to see if it will take care of the issue, otherwise that coil may need to be replaced. We are monitoring that for now. Please keep me posted if you note a change in the temperature on the top right corner display. It should read about 35 degrees.

Just a reminder, we have placed Styrofoam pieces in the kitchen overhead exhaust fan. If you need to use the kitchen fan, please call, so the Styrofoam can be removed.

We are still doing well in the snowplowing department, but will see what this late spring will bring!

We are so thankful to those that volunteer to help when needed. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call. My phone number is 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,

Carolyn Lofald

Maintenance Chair



April Mission of the Month: Union Gospel Mission

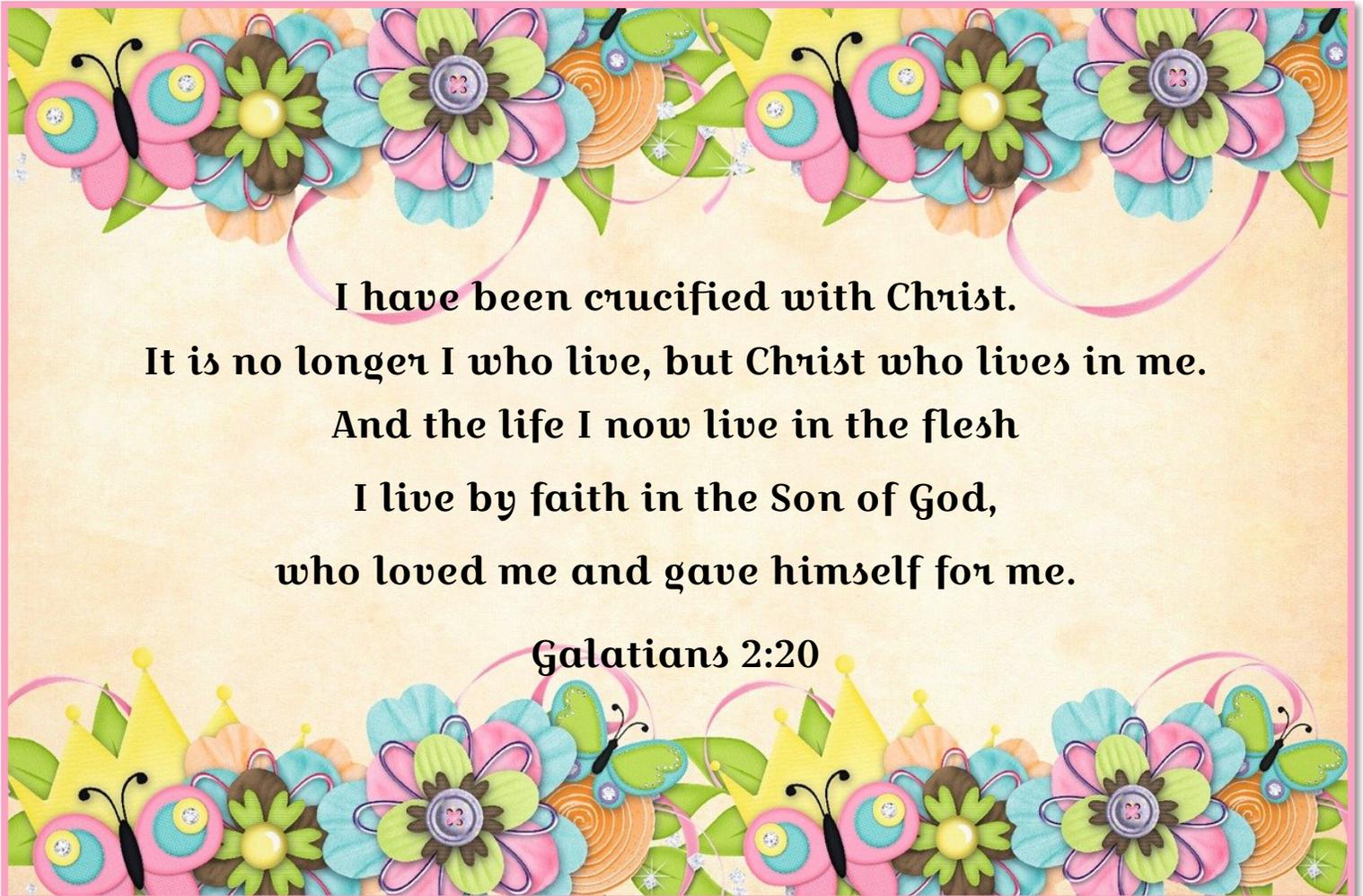
In 1922, 22 churches of different denominations came together during the Great Depression with one unified goal...to provide FOOD, SHELTER and HOPE.

UGM has seen many changes throughout the years, but what remains are those same three main goals. There has always been a need for these services, and in recent years, the need has grown in all three categories. The onsite meal program serves over 93,000 hot, nutritious meals yearly. The majority of these households have children, or are seniors or vulnerable adults on limited incomes. These clients simply cannot afford groceries, or worse yet, are homeless and have no shelter, let alone, nowhere to keep or prepare food. Thus, they rely on the meals served at the Mission - it is truly what stands between them and hunger. Also, the UGM open food shelf contributes thousands of meals a year as well.

UGM offers good Christian values by providing a hand up, not a handout. There are church services, bible studies, and various support groups.

They provide hope so people, even during the darkest of times, know there are many people that care. Hope... it does take a village - it takes us all of working hand in hand.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen mission. You may make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support in our mission "To know Christ and to make Him known."



I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh

I live by faith in the Son of God,

who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

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: Union Gospel Mission

THOSE WITH HEALTH NEEDS:

Carol Johnson
Florence Kubiak
Brian McDonald
Linda Anthony
Del Sandberg
Carol Sogard
Janice Spindler
Vicki Johnson

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

Mary Jenny
Mark Malander
Donna Swanson
Sharon Nylander
Lynn Erickson
Tom & Marlene Stauber
Tanya Schlamann
Vi Boder

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



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Curtis who passed away Monday, February 26, 2024. Please remember her family in your prayers.

A Celebration of life will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the Cremation Society of Minnesota, 4100 Grand Ave, in Duluth.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Schneeberger who passed away Friday, March 22, 2024. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

A Celebration of life was held at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

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*

Gary Lofald	April 5
Jim Maruska	April 10
Ethan Wiita	April 17
Don Olson	April 20
Grace Wells	April 29

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