

# Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

**MAY 2024**

**Christ Lutheran  
Church**

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Every Month:  
**Sunday Bible Study**  
11:00 AM

**Council Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM

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

**Esther Circle**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur. at 10:00 AM

**AA**  
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Dear Friends in Christ,

May is upon us and soon we may see evidence of mayflowers in bloom. While we suffered through a rather weak winter, we have, at the latest, received some much needed precipitation to delay the dryness expected through this summer. We are in the last weeks of Easter and soon we will celebrate the Ascension of Christ, which is also the beginning of the Last Days. Pentecost will take place 10-days later with the celebration of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon God's faithful, the first time in Jerusalem where 3000 were baptized that day.

Today we celebrate this whenever someone becomes a child of God in their Baptism, whether it be an infant, or someone older. The Holy Spirit was sent to counsel us after Christ's ascension to heaven to rejoin His Father. Christ, however, is not immovably fixed at the right hand of God as we are told by those in the Reformed tradition. The phrase "right hand of God" denotes that Christ is at the seat of the power of God. He is ubiquitous, meaning He is everywhere. The Holy Spirit points us always to Christ and His work on the cross followed by His mighty resurrection.

As we slowly transition from our celebration of Christ, Risen from the grave to the Time of the Church in the season of Pentecost, we also transition our teaching from being about Christ to the teachings of Christ given us while he was still with the disciples. Those teachings are valuable to us. I look forward to sharing these gemstones with all of you throughout my time in Duluth.

Soon we will be enjoying summer temperatures and hopefully some good recreation and perhaps some barbeque, enjoyed in the good old outdoors. May the Lord richly bless you and your families and give you all a safe month of May.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott L. Strohkirch



"To know Christ,  
and make Him known."

## Assisting with May Ministry

### May 5

**Ushers:** Mark Y., Keith Y., Jim C.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Laura

**Scripture Reader:** Dave S.

**Communion Assistant:** Mike P., Birdie M.

### May 12

**Usher:** Mike & Wendy Pickar.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Jim

**Scripture Reader:** Jim C.

### May 19

**Ushers:** Bill & Jan A., Mark Y.

**Trustees:** Grace & Bill

**Scripture Reader:** Gary L.

**Communion Assistant:** Keith Y., Gabe W.

### May 26

**Ushers:** Carolyn L., Jim C.

**Trustees:** Wendy & Carol

**Scripture Reader:** Aaron M.

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

## Financial Update

March Income: \$11,374

March Expenses: \$9,282.46

Monthly income was over  
expenses by \$2,091.54

YTD Income: \$27,998.00

YTD Expenses: \$25,852.87

YTD income was over  
expenses by \$2,145.13

March Mission

KDNW Radio: \$780.00

Full financial reports are  
available in the office  
upon request



## Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

**May 5** May Birthdays & Donuts

**May 12** Esther Circle

**May 19** Volunteers

**May 26** Esther Circle

## Livestream Operators

**May 5** Gary L.

**May 12** Keith L.

**May 19** Volunteers

**May 26** Volunteers



## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

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

Food Share: Thursday, May 23 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, May 21 at 9:00 AM. Contact Sandy Carlson (218-349-2786) with any questions you have. This is a great time for some fun and fellowship.
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## MAY MAINTENANCE REPORT

Spring is here!! We will be announcing a work date to clean up the grounds around our church soon. We are looking into products that would work best for the retaining walls and capstones around the church gardens, also the edging along the front walkway. We will be asking for volunteers to help with those projects, too! Esther Circle is planning their flower planting and we are all eagerly waiting for the beauty that comes with that.

Our Honey-Do List:

- The children's play set
- Basement Janitor closet doors
- Retaining wall at parsonage
- Base repair in Fellowship Hall
- Hot water heater installation in the upstairs bathroom
- Grout repair in upstairs bathroom
- Fine tune the area around the heated back entrance

We are progressing on updates for our sound system equipment. We will begin with a speaker upgrade for the sanctuary to improve our sound quality and work with DADS Electronics on components to improve our amplifier for our worship team and possibly enhance our livestreaming.

Our church kitchen refrigerator repair is working well. Please let me know if you note the temperature above 36 degrees.

As a friendly reminder, we still have Styrofoam pieces in the kitchen overhead exhaust fan. As soon as the gales of Lake Superior subside, it will be removed.

If you note something that needs attention or if you have a suggestion on an improvement, please, reach out and let us know. We are so thankful that we have the funds and the means to take care of things and keep God's house cared for. We are also thankful to those that step up to volunteer when needed. If you have a question, please call, my cell phone number is 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,  
Carolyn Lofald  
Maintenance Chair



## 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.

FCA works to connect individuals through events in many different environments, building genuine trust and sharing the gospel. They strive to connect with coaches and athletes where they are on their spiritual journey. After cultivating relationships and seeing coaches and athletes come to faith in Christ, they 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.

Once equipped, they 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. FCA wants 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."

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