

# Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

**JULY 2024**

## Christ Lutheran Church

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### Interim Pastor

Pastor Scott Strohkirch  
307-228-3203

### President

Mike Pickar  
651-338-4171

### Deacon Chair

Gary Lofald  
218-590-8217

### 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

**Next meeting Sept. 5**

### AA

Mondays at 6:30 PM

The Call Committee has recommended that we extend a call to Pastor Mark Raitz. For those who weren't able to be at the "meet and greet" BBQ on June 8th or the church service and Bible study on June 9th, please watch the recorded service found on our YouTube channel and Facebook. The Trustees have met and will be sending a proposed financial package to Rev. Dr. Cary Larson, who will be the go-between in this regard. **We will have a Special Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, July 17th, 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, for a vote on whether or not to extend a call to Pastor Mark. This meeting will be announced during the upcoming three Sunday services per our by-laws. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Pickar, Chair of the Call Committee. There will be a time of discussion at the July 16th meeting prior to the vote. Please continue to keep Christ Lutheran Church, the Call Committee, Pastor Mark Raitz, and our interim pastor, Pastor Scott Strohkirch, in your prayers. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring forth our next pastor, and we need to prayerfully seek God's perfect will. Some Bible passages for reflection:

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Psalm 143:10*

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26-28*

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

*1 John 5:14-15*

*Proverbs 2:1-11*

In Christ, Mike Pickar,  
Council President, Call Committee Chair



"To know Christ,  
and make Him known."

## Assisting with July Ministry

### July 7

**Ushers:** Mark Y., Jim & Mike & Wendy P..

**Trustees:** Laurie & Jim

**Scripture Reader:** Jim C.

**Communion Assistant:** Keith Y., Birdie M.

### July 14

**Usher:** Bill & Jan A..

**Trustees:** Grace & Bill

**Scripture Reader:** Dave S.

### July 21

**Ushers:** Mike & Wendy P., Grace W., Jim C.

**Trustees:** Wendy & Carol

**Scripture Reader:** Aaron M.

**Communion Assistant:** Gary L., Hannah A.

### July 28

**Ushers:** Jim & Gayle M.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Laura

**Scripture Reader:** Ilya M.

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

## Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

<b>July 7</b>	Birthday Donuts/Council
<b>July 14</b>	Esther Circle
<b>July 21</b>	Volunteers/Youth
<b>July 28</b>	Esther Circle

## Flower Garden Watering Schedule

June 30 - July 6	Laura
July 7 - July 13	Danielle
July 14 - July 20	Grace
July 21 - July 27	
July 28 - August 3	Sharon
August 4 - August 10	Carolyn & Wendy

If anyone would like to help with the watering by volunteering for a week, please contact Sandy Carlson 218-349-2786



## Financial Update

May Income: \$11,103.99

May Expenses: \$17,538.52

Monthly income was under expenses by \$6,435.52

YTD Income: \$48,593.00

YTD Expenses: \$51,737.05

YTD income was under expenses by \$3,144.05

May Mission

Fellowship of Christian Athletes:  
\$900.00

Full financial reports are available in the office upon request



## Livestream Operators

<b>July 7</b>	Keith L.
<b>July 14</b>	Keith L.
<b>July 21</b>	Gary L.
<b>July 28</b>	Gary L.

**Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:  
Christ Lutheran Church Duluth at 9:30 AM  
You can also log onto our website [clcduluth.org](http://clcduluth.org)**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH, 6:30 P.M.  
TO VOTE ON THE CALL TO PASTOR MARK RAITZ**

Please be in prayer for God's will in this call process.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Esther Circle is taking a summer break. The next meeting will be on September 5 at 10 AM.
- 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.
- Wed. Night Bible Studies begin July 10 at 6:30 PM. Join us for season 4 of "The Chosen".



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**JULY MAINTENANCE REPORT**

The gardens are looking beautiful! A big THANK YOU to the Esther Circle Ladies and their volunteers Birdie and Danielle Miner for doing all the planting! God has been watering for us which has been a blessing! We thank Jim C., for his continued efforts in mowing and trimming to keep the grounds looking nice for us. We thank Gary L., too, for trimming up all the trees along the soccer field and hauling away all the branches with the help of Chuck Morris and Ilya Miner! Our thanks to our custodian, Gary Glad, for jumping in to help with any project we are doing – even going so far as to take a day off his regular work schedule to help us out! He painted the base of our electronic sign for us, too!

To-do LIST: (We've checked off a few and added!)

Basement Janitor closet doors -

Retaining wall at parsonage

Base repair in Fellowship Hall

Grout repair in upstairs bathroom

Clean outside windows

Gutter work

Clean out garage

Install parsonage air conditioning units

Our speakers will be ordered and install scheduled through Dad's Electronics. We continue to find the best route to improve our amplifier for our worship team and possibly enhance our livestreaming.

We are so thankful that God has provided the funds and means to take care of our church and to keep His house cared for. God has blessed us beyond measure. We are also thankful to those that step up to volunteer when there is a need. If you are able to help with one of these projects or have a question, please call my cell phone number at 218-390-8357.

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

God's blessings,

Carolyn Lofald, Maintenance Chair

## **July Missions of the Month: Project Manana & Women's Care Center**



Project Mañana in the Dominican Republic is a charitable organization dedicated to sharing the gospel and breaking the cycle of poverty by investing in impoverished children, their families and communities through clean water, nutrition, education, and discipling projects.

They achieve their goals through charitable donations and child sponsorship, which unites children in need with individual sponsors who wish to address the children's immediate and basic needs.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this month's chosen missions. 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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Hi Christ Lutheran Church,

My name is Brooke Mohar and I am the Media Director at Camp JIM (Jesus Is Mine). Our mission at Camp JIM is that "We exist to lovingly teach and model the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, and to encourage people to grow in faith and service. "We serve campers in our community, the foster care system, low-income families and everything in between. God has shown me through our campers, the importance of sharing Jesus and having a relationship with Jesus and that our kids need to hear the gospel, especially in the world that we live in today. So my role at Camp is that I get to take pictures and be able to do videos for promotion, our events, and for summer camp! I am also in charge of our social media and other media outlets. I want people to go onto our streams of media to be able to experience God, hear the gospel, get disciplined and so much more. I love that I still get to interact with the campers, be on the worship team, serve in other areas of camp and also serve in my church.

link: <https://campjim.org/give/>

Brooke was a member of the church as a child. Her salary at camp is provided solely through donations. If you would like to help her with support please follow the link above or contact the office.

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### **Altar flowers and plants**

All are welcome to place fresh flowers or floral plants on the church altar for a Sunday service.

It can be for a memorial, tribute, celebration, or just because.

We need to know at least 2 weeks before you would like to place them  
-unless they are from a funeral.

Please call the church office to get more information. Thank you!

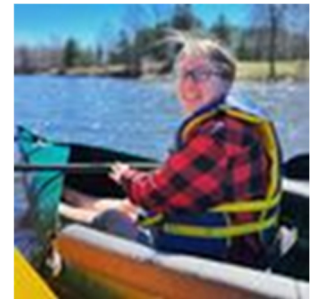


### **WOMEN'S CARE CENTER**



The Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support, and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Thanks to partners like you, since opening here, over 1,900 babies have been saved. You are touching the lives of so many women...and saving so many babies!

After a choice for life, you help women have healthy babies and build nurturing families. Hundreds of babies are being saved...because of you!



**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: Project Manana &  
Women's Care Center

Please Pray for Those with Health Needs:		
Jean Clark	Carol Sogard	Mary Jenny
Carol Johnson	Donna Swanson	Mark Malander
Florence Kubiak	The Lund Family	Tom & Marlene Stauber
Jane McLean	Carol Schramm	Linda Anthony
Del Sandberg	Kelly Carson	Dave Schreyer
Luanne Wachula	Brian MacDonald	Janice Spindler
Vi Boder	Vicki Johnson	David Wood
Michael Wilson	Laura Cruz	Curtis Green

*If there are any people who have been accidently overlooked, please contact the church office.*



Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$890.00 to the Union Gospel Mission.

Here at UGM, we are driven by a belief that everyone deserves food, shelter, and hope. And, because of the generosity of our donors, the Mission has been on *that* mission for over 100 years. Your thoughtful gift ensures we can continue serving our guests in a way that preserves pride and inspires belief in a better tomorrow. Because shelter fills a need, and food fills the stomach - but hope fills the soul.

Please thank your congregation for making difference in the Northland!

With sincere gratitude,

Katie Hagglund, Executive Director

*Thank you!*

# 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*

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| Janice Spindler | July 6  |
| Carol Blar      | July 14 |
| Julie Fairchild | July 18 |
| Carolyn Lofald  | July 24 |
| Zach Carson     | July 24 |

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