

# ***Christ's Messenger***

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

**JUNE 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:**

4<sup>th</sup> Thur. of the month  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Esther Circle**

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

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Mondays at 6:30 PM

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church in Duluth, MN

By the time you receive this copy of the messenger, the Church year will have transitioned from the Festival time of Easter into the Time of the Church beginning with Pentecost which is the last of the Easter Festivals. Immediately following this final feast, we have the Sunday of the Holy Trinity in which we as a congregation along with other Congregations in the Lutheran Church around the Word confess our faith in the words of the Athanasian Creed. This creed has about 40 verses in it and can take up to 5 minutes to recite is often split up between the Pastor the Congregation, which can also be split between left and right side of the center aisle.

In this creed we confess the differences between the persons of God and yet they are all still one God. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father. They are distinctly 3 separate persons existing in the one eternal God. It's called the Athanasian creed, but it was not written by Athanasius. Athanasius was a Bishop of the Church in the 4<sup>th</sup> century who took on the heresy of Arius who said that Jesus was a created being, and not of the same substance as the Father. This controversy in the Church caused much disturbance and was the reason for the first Church Council of the freed Christian era which met in Nicea in AD 325 and was led by Emperor Constantine.

That Council began the proceedings leading up to the Nicene Creed, which was adopted at the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Creeds are the Church's answer to all heresies that have poisoned the theology of the church. In the Lutheran Church we confess our faith most often in the Nicene and Apostle's Creed, but once a year on Trinity Sunday, we recite the Athanasian Creed which includes a very succinct description of the three persons of the God-head and that all three are active in the One God. The only reason we don't do the Athanasian Creed more often is the time it takes to go through it.

I pray you all have a safe and joyful Summer.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott L. Strohkirch



"To know Christ,  
and make Him known."

## Assisting with June Ministry

### June 2

**Ushers:** Grace W., Mark Y., Carolyn L.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Laura

**Scripture Reader:** Keith Y.

**Communion Assistant:** Jim C., Birdie M.

### June 9

**Usher:** Grace W., Mark Y., Keith Y.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Jim

**Scripture Reader:** Sandy C.

**Communion Assistant:** Mike P., Gabe W.

### June 16

**Ushers:** Bill & Jan A., Jim C.

**Trustees:** Grace & Bill

**Scripture Reader:** Aaron M.

**Communion Assistant:** Gary L, Gabe W.

### June 23

**Ushers:** Jim & Gayle M.

**Trustees:** Wendy & Carol

**Scripture Reader:** Gary L.

### June 30

**Ushers:** Grace W., Wendy P., Mark Y.

**Trustees:** Laurie & Laura

**Scripture Reader:** Dave S.

**Communion Assistant:** Mike P., Hannah A.

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

## Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

<b>June 2</b>	Birthday Donuts/Council
<b>June 9</b>	Esther Circle
<b>June 16</b>	Volunteers/Council
<b>June 23</b>	Esther Circle
<b>June 30</b>	Volunteers



## **Food Share gave away all bags last month!!**

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

Food Share: Thursday, June 27 from 11:30-12:30

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## Financial Update

April Income: \$9,492.00

April Expenses: \$8,345.66

Monthly income was over  
expenses by \$1,146.00

YTD Income: \$37,490.00

YTD Expenses: \$34,198.53

YTD income was over  
expenses by \$3,291.47

April Mission

Union Gospel Mission: \$890.00

Full financial reports are  
available in the office  
upon request



## Livestream Operators

<b>June 2</b>	Volunteers
<b>June 9</b>	Volunteers
<b>June 16</b>	Volunteers
<b>June 23</b>	Volunteers
<b>June 30</b>	Volunteers

The Call Committee has invited Pastor Mark Raitz to candidate on June 9. We will be having a meet and greet with Pastor Mark and his wife, Maryann on June 8th at 4 PM with dinner at 5 PM. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Esther Circle will meet at 10 AM on June 6th to plant the flower gardens followed by pizza lunch at noon. We will be ordering pizza for delivery and people can bring their own beverage if they have a preference. If it's raining, we will just meet at noon for devotion and pizza lunch. 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.

### Lemon Bars (Recipe from Lowaine Morris)

Crust: 2 Cups Flour

1 Cup Butter

½ Cup powdered Sugar

Mix and spread in a 9 x 12 pan and bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

Filing: Beat 2 eggs

Add: 2 Cups Sugar

6 Tablespoons Lemon Juice

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 Cup Coconut

Pour over crust. Bake at 350° for 25 minute. Cool and Frost

Frosting: 1 ½ Cups Powdered Sugar

1 Cup Butter

Beat with mixer 8 minutes. Add 1 at a time 8 Tablespoons cold water. Add one at a time 8 Tablespoons hot water. Beat well after each addition. Beat in 1 teaspoon vanilla.



**Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:**

**Christ Lutheran Church Duluth at 9:30 AM**



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**You Tube**

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## June Mission of the Month: 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.

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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### JUNE MAINTENANCE REPORT

Esther Circle will be planting the gardens on Thursday, June 6, weather permitting. All ladies of the church are welcome to join them. Planting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

These things are getting checked off the list soon! Thank you volunteers!

The children's play set—this has been repaired by Gary L. and stained by Gary G. our custodian.

Hot water heater installation in the upstairs bathroom – installed by Gary L.

Raking and sweeping – thank you Gary L. and Jim C.

Weed & Feed application – Thank you Jim C.

Lawn mower maintenance for the season – Thank you Jim C.

Window mechanism in the blue room removed and replaced – Thank you Gary L.

HONEY DO LIST: (Let me know if you are willing and able to help with any of these items please)

Basement Janitor closet doors

Retaining wall at parsonage

Base repair in Fellowship Hall

Grout repair in upstairs bathroom

Fine tune the area around the heated back entrance

Clean outside windows

Block work on outside gardens and along walk

Gutter work

- We are looking at ordering speakers soon and we will schedule the install for the sanctuary through Dad's Electronics. We continue to find the best route to improve our amplifier for our worship team and possibly enhance our livestreaming.
- The church kitchen refrigerator repair is holding refrigerant. Hopefully this repair did the job. Please let me know if you note the temperature above 36 degrees.
- The Styrofoam in the church kitchen has been removed and stored for next year.

Please bring items to our attention if you see a need or if you have a suggestion on an improvement. Again, we are so thankful that we have the funds and the means to take care of our things and to keep God's house cared for. We are also thankful to those that step up to volunteer when there is a need. If you would like to help with one of these projects or have a question, please call my cell phone number at 218-390-8357.

God's blessings,

Carolyn Lofald

Maintenance Chair

**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: Camp JIM

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	Lynn Erickson
Luanna Wachula	Brian MacDonald	Janice Spindler
Vi Boder	Vicki Johnson	Tammie Strohkirch
Michael Wilson		Dave Schreyer

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

*A Reason to Sing*

*Singing changes the brain! Some studies show that when we sing, our bodies release hormones that relieve anxiety and stress. Other research indicates that when a group of people sings together, their heartbeats actually synchronize with each other!*

*(Thank you Lowaine Morris!)*

**The first Sunday of every month we are celebrating birthdays!**

**Donuts will be served during coffee time to honor all birthdays for the month!**

# 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*

Trudy Youngren	June 18
Jan Arezzo	June 19
Chuck Morris	June 19
Birdie Miner	June 22
Bonnie Kubiak	June 29

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