



Christ's Messenger

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The American Association of Lutheran Churches

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**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

**Next meeting Sep-
tember 5**

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Mondays at 6:30 PM

A Message From Pastor Scott

Wow! This past month has gone by so fast. Has it been that way for you as well? The Summer months always seem to go by quickly for me. I know it because I look forward to doing things outside, and these months from May thru September are full of all kinds of activity. Many of you have gone off on vacations and camping trips. Some of you have been taking time to enjoy being with your Grandchildren who I'm sure you've noticed are growing up way too fast. Yesterday they were little and enjoying the playground at the park near your house, and now they're taking their play to more adventurous altitudes. But we love them and hope they are enjoying themselves. Such is life in the Church.

That is what God wants for us. To live our lives with joy. A joy he gives to us to live abundantly and share with others. When we share the blessings God has given us and do so with the emotions we tie to that joy, we can't help but spread that feeling. Jesus wants us to share the Good News with everyone. He tells us to go and teach ALL Nations, Baptizing them in the name of our Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I know some are nervous when it comes to sharing why you believe in Jesus as the Messiah with others. That's what the Devil wants. He wants to tie you up in one great ball of nerves and stop you from even saying "Jesus" name. But you have a weapon that the Devil can't beat. You have the Holy Spirit given you in your Baptism.

The Holy Spirit enlightens you with His gifts; He sanctifies you and keeps you in the one true faith. That makes you a citizen of Heaven on earth and prepares you for the citizenship you will enjoy when you finally enter heaven and the Church Triumphant. Right now you belong to the Church Militant and your job is recruitment. All you do for recruitment is speak the Word of God to people. The Holy Spirit then calls them by the Gospel to convict them with that word of the sin in their life, just as he called and still calls all of us to repentance.

Some us this Summer have transferred their church membership to the Church Triumphant. Tom and Marlene Stauber, Deloris Sandberg and Mary Huttanen. Earlier this year we saw Arlene Ziemer and Carol Schneeberger transfer to that better Church as well. I was privileged to have served most of these their final Lord's meal before they left us. We remember each of them with fond memories and look forward to our reunion with them when we also transfer to that Greater Church. Until we leave, we must hold the fort here in the Church Militant. We must denounce the works of the devil and repent of the sins we fall into.

My prayer for all of you is that the rest of your summer is safe, but also lived up to your expectations. Enjoy your family, but also take time to enjoy your church family and pray for those opportunities the Lord gives to share with others the Joy that is within you; the Joy given by God as you follow in faith as His child.

-Thank you,
Pastor Scott

Assisting with August Ministry

August 4

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn L., Grace W., Mark Y.

Trustees: Laurie & Jim

Scripture Reader: Dave S.

Communion Assistant: Mike P., Birdie M.

August 11

Usher: Bill & Jan A..

Trustees: Grace & Bill

Scripture Reader: Keith Y.

August 18

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn L., Keith Y., Mark Y.

Trustees: Wendy & Carol

Scripture Reader: Aaron M.

Communion Assistant: Jim C., Gabe W.

August 25

Ushers: Jim & Gayle M.

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: Mark W.

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

Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

August 4	Birthday Donuts/Council
August 11	Esther Circle
August 18	Volunteers/Youth
August 25	Esther Circle

Flower Garden Watering Schedule

July 28 - August 3	Sharon
August 4 - August 10	Carolyn & Wendy
August 11-17	Sharon
August 18-24	Wendy
August 25-31	Gayle
September 1-7	Laura

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



Financial Update

June Income: \$10,438.00

June Expenses: \$8,718.10

Monthly income was over expenses by \$1,719.90

YTD Income: \$59,021.00

YTD Expenses: \$60,169.75

YTD income was under expenses by \$1,148.75

June Mission

Camp JIM: \$552.50

AAL Youth Convention: 532.50

Full financial reports are available in the office upon request



Livestream Operators

August 4	Gary L.
August 11	Keith L.
August 18	Keith L.
August 25	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**

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

On July 17 the Congregation elected to call Pastor Mark Raitz. The Letter of Call has been sent to Rev. Dr. Larson and he will forward it on to Pastor Mark Raitz. Please continue to keep Pastor Mark and Pastor Scott in your prayers for God's will.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Night Out at Piedmont Dental is Tuesday, August 6 from 5 PM - 7PM. The church will have a tent at the event. Volunteers are needed to help in the tent. Contact Sandy Carlson.
 - 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 at 6:30 PM. Join us for season 4 of "The Chosen".
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AUGUST MAINTENANCE REPORT

We thank you Esther Circle Ladies and volunteers for maintaining our beautiful gardens! They are full of colorful blooms! God has been watering for us, too which has been a blessing! Again, we thank Jim C. for his continued efforts in mowing and trimming to keep the grounds looking nice for us.

TO-DO LIST: (These items are patiently waiting for our attention)

- Basement Janitor closet doors
- Retaining wall at parsonage
- Base repair in Fellowship Hall
- Grout repair in upstairs bathroom floor tile
- Clean outside windows
- Gutter work
- Clean out garage
- Speakers for the cupola

We had a maintenance check on our elevator, it needed a little adjustment, but is working well now!

The refrigerator has been getting a little warm off and on and resetting it seemed to take care of the situation temporarily. We will have Gartner refrigeration come back out and evaluate.

Our sanctuary air handler system is in need of a new timer. We are looking into pricing for that. This works to draw the stale warm air out. Windows do need to be open for this to work somewhat efficiently and we are working to see how to best direct that path.

We are looking into some information on air conditioning for our church to see what the best options would be and if it would be cost effective. Once we have the information it will be discussed with our trustees and brought to our church council.

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. We have been blessed beyond measure. We are also thankful to those that step up to volunteer whenever 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 thank God for his provision and the means to take care of our church home. All that we have belongs to Him!

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

God's blessings,
Carolyn Lofald Maintenance Chair



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that every village had its own interpreter and that this book alone would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people."

Lutheran Bible Translators has been partnering with language communities for nearly 60 years. More than 100 partnerships in translation and literacy efforts have equipped them to grasp, embrace, and hold God's Word in their hands and in their hearts. When you give to Lutheran Bible Translators you carry the LIGHT of God's Word to those still feeling lost, confused, and frustrated. You can give them hope, confidence, and put God's Word in their hands.

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.*"

FOOD SHARE UPDATES: We usually put together 36 to 48 bags of groceries each month and provide a different menu for each month that consists of three different meals and one or more condiments. We gave out all 48 bags of groceries in April, 29 bags of groceries in May, 36 bags in June, and 30 bags in July. We would like to continue with our Food Share Mission, so we encourage and ask for your donations to help make this possible. We ask those that drive up if they have any prayer requests and we have been able to pray with quite a few of them. We would also welcome a boxes of cereal that we can place in the bags to give away to help offset our costs (not sugary varieties please). We also hand out \$15.00 gift cards to the families. We encourage those families to buy meat or other perishable items with their gift cards as we do not provide perishable food items due to a short shelf life. If you choose to donate other items, please check the expiration date. We cannot give out expired food items. If you have questions on our Food Share, please speak to a member of the Evangelism Committee – Susie Decker, Grace Wells, Sandy Carlson and Carolyn Lofald. Thank you for supporting this mission!

SAVE THE DATE!

You are cordially invited to attend the **2024 MN Adult and Teen Challenge Duluth Gala** on Thursday, September 26th, 2024! Silent Auction at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM, and concluding with a program featuring the MNTC choir and testimonies filled with redemption, restoration, and new/renewed relationships with Christ. Your partnership through events like the gala help MNTC provide hope, offer freedom, transform lives through their relationships with Jesus Christ. The cost is \$60.00 per person and includes dinner and dessert. If you would like to attend as part of our Christ Lutheran Church group table, please contact Carolyn at 218-390-8357.

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	Our country, military & police
The leadership of the church	Pastor Yount and his ministry in Slovakia
Dr. Cary Larson & the AALC	The steadfastness of our faith
The ministry at Union Gospel Mission	Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Students and Teachers from pre-k to college	Mission of the Month: Lutheran Bible Translators

Please Pray for Those with Health Needs:		
Jean Clark	Carol Sogard	Mary Jenny
Carol Johnson	Donna Swanson	Mark Malander
Florence Kubiak	The Lund Family	Linda Anthony
Jane McLean	Carol Schramm	Michael Wilson
Luanna Wachula	Kelly Carson	Janice Spindler
Vi Boder	Brian MacDonald	David Wood
Laura Cruz	Vicki Johnson	Bryan White

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

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 memoriam, 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!

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!*

Aaron Miner

August 12

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