

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

AA
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Grace and Peace to you from God, our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ

This is my last article to you in my time as your vacancy/interim pastor. The last nine-months have gone by so quickly, but we knew it was not going to be a permanent placement.

I want to tell you that I am blessed by God to have been given this assignment as I have met some of God's children in this part of the world. Both Tammie and I have been blessed by each one of you and I am sorry to be leaving. I am leaving you knowing that your new Pastor, Mark Raitz, will come in and take care of your spiritual needs. I believe more than anything that God has placed him here for that purpose. I expect you will give him and his wife Marianne, the same love and respect you gave me.

I will occasionally write to some of you here to let you all know where I am serving when the Lord seeks to place me where I can serve best. Until that time, I will be enjoying time with my wife and grandchildren in Fort Wayne. I've been told they miss me and truth be told; I miss them more.

I have come to love you all and praise God for the love you have shown me in my time here. Helping me to fly back to Fort Wayne when Tammie was going to her 5th back surgery in the past 18 months was overwhelmingly kind. Even though Tammie has only come for 2 of these months, your expression of love to her has been something she won't forget. We can only hope our next adventure in ministry will be as good as our time here. I wish I would have had more time with you to share other aspects of worship, and to teach confirmation to the junior class.

Thank you all and may the Lord bless you as your new Pastor and his wife, Mark and Marianne become part of your church family. Let him shepherd you to a new and closer relationship to Your Lord, Jesus Christ.

You will always be in our prayers and in our hearts. I don't know if we'll see you again, but until that time, **Let us holdfast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25 ESV).**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).

God's Blessings to you until we meet at the Great feast in paradise on the last day.

Pastor Scott and Tammie Strohkirch

Assisting with September Ministry

September 1

Ushers: Mark Y., Keith Y., Carolyn L., Jim C.

Trustees: Laurie & Jim

Scripture Reader: Dave S.

Communion Assistant: Mike P., Birdie M.

September 8

Usher: Bill & Jan A.

Trustees: Grace & Bill

Scripture Reader: Jim C.

September 15

Ushers: Gary & Carolyn L.

Trustees: Wendy & Carol

Scripture Reader: Sandy C.

September 22

Ushers: Jim & Gayle M.

Trustees: Laurie & Laura

Scripture Reader: Keith Y.

September 29

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

Trustees: Laurie & Jim

Scripture Reader: Gary L.

Communion Assistant: Mike P., Gabe W.

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

Coffee/Fellowship Servers & Helpers

September 1	Birthday Donuts/Council
September 8	Esther Circle
September 15	Volunteers/Youth
September 22	Esther Circle
September 29	Volunteers/Youth



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!

Financial Update

July Income: \$8,714.00

July Expenses: \$8,797.96

Monthly income was under expenses by \$83.96

YTD Income: \$67,735.00

YTD Expenses: \$68,870.71

YTD income was under expenses by \$1,135.71

July Mission

Project Manana: \$707.50

Women's care Center: \$707.50

Full financial reports are available in the office upon request



Livestream Operators

September 1	Gary L.
September 8	Gary L.
September 15	Keith L.
September 22	Keith L.
September 29	Keith L.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We thank the volunteers that helped pack up and load Pastor Scott's belongings into the moving truck on Monday, September 2. We were able to bless Pastor with a few of the items that were left in the parsonage from the daycare to use in his new parsonage in Illinois. Please pray for safe travels for him and that this new position will go well for him.

The Evangelism Committee blessed Piedmont Elementary School by bringing them 10 dozen donuts, assorted rolls and muffins for their staff meeting on Thursday, August 29. We included some plates, napkins and coffee, too. We also sent a note along with a prayer for their new school year. They were so appreciative.

- Band of Brothers continues to meet at every Wednesday at 7 AM at Caribou Coffee by Cub Foods. All men are welcome to join this time of fellowship and devotions.
- Wednesday Night Bible Studies continue at 6:30 PM. Join us for season 4 of "The Chosen".
- **September 5:** Esther Circle will be starting up again! All ladies of the church are welcome to join them for Bible Study and refreshments. Our social time begins at 10 a.m. We are starting a new study by Dr. David Jeremiah.
- **September 8:** Gideon Keith McDonald will be with us. He will share information on the Gideons and include a Biblical message for us that day.
- **September 12:** Approximately 5:30 PM the Deacons and Trustees will be meeting. 6:30 PM our Council meeting will begin.
- **September 15th:** Pastor Erick Hermanson, the Executive Director for the Head of the Lakes Youth for Christ (YFC) will be joining us. He will provide us with information on Youth for Christ and how he is working to bring Jesus into Duluth and area schools. He will also provide a Biblical message. YFC will be our mission of the month for November.
- **September 22:** Aaron & Danielle Miner will be giving a presentation on their missionary work in Russia.
- **September 23:** Quilting - 9 AM. Contact Sandy Carlson with any questions
- **September 28:** Memorial Service for Mary Huttenun at the Church
- **September 29:** Pastor Mark Raitz will provide our church service for us on September 29th and will be installed on October 6th by Dr. Cary Larson and Pastor Joe Marsh with a celebration lunch to follow. Pastor Mark and Marianne plan to have all their belongings arrive at the parsonage the third week of September and get settled in. Marianne has a teaching job at Lowell Elementary School teaching first grade Spanish immersion.



Join us on Thursday, September 26 at 5:00pm at the DECC for the annual Duluth Gala. Hear stories of the miracles that are happening every day within our walls and help us to continue to restore families, strengthen communities, and transform lives. We can't do it without you.

Contact Gary and Carolyn Lofald for more information. Teen Challenge will be the October Mission of the Month

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL



Members of The Gideons International share their faith because they realize how often people today need someone to come alongside them in finding their way to true salvation that is available only through the grace of God. As opportunities arise, they take time to share the Gospel message with friends and family, business acquaintances, and other people they meet who are struggling in their daily lives.

Members of The Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and Auxiliary in key locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails. They have placed and distributed more than 2 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world.

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."

SEPTEMBER MAINTENANCE REPORT

Happy Fall! It's hard to believe that September is already upon us. As we were all enjoying our beautiful summer, we only checked one item off our list in August. We had our new speakers installed! They have wonderful sound quality and the audio for our Facebook-Livestream on Sundays has greatly improved. We will be adding a few more microphones and stands for our Praise Team members to make it easier for them to read their music when singing.

Our **To-Do list** is still waiting for volunteers and we have added a few more to the list:

- 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
- Cleaning of parsonage
- Moving some items from the parsonage into the proposed youth area.
- Painting of parsonage interior walls

Gartner refrigeration has made another adjustment to the refrigerator and that should be working well now. Our sanctuary air handler system is in need of a new timer. That has been ordered and should be installed soon. We are obtaining bids on air conditioning for our church and also the parsonage. Our trustees will decide what is the best route to take. The old driveway at the parsonage will be removed the first week of September and the upper driveway will be enlarged to allow for another parking area. The new blacktop will be laid before the snow flies. We hope to patch a couple of the holes in the church parking lot at the same time.

If you are able to help with any of these projects, please call my cell phone number at 218-390-8357. All that we have is a gift from God and we thank Him for his provision and the means to take care of our church home.

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. Hebrews 4:16

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: Gideons International

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	Laura Cruz	Michael Wilson
Luanne Wachula	Brian MacDonald	Janice Spindler
Vi Boder	Bryan White	David Wood

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

Our sympathies and prayers to the family of Mary Huttenun who passed away recently.
The Memorial service will be at Christ Lutheran on September 28.

Our sympathies to the family of Doris Aronson who passed away July 23, 2024. Pastor Scott led a committal service at Oneota Cemetery on August 6. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Our sympathies to the family of Carol "Happy" Schramm who passed away August 13, 2024. Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church on Monday, August 19. Please remember Carol's family in your prayers. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Thank you everyone at Christ Lutheran Church for your prayers and kind words at my Dad's sudden passing. The flowers you sent for the service were so beautiful! Everyone was touched by your thoughtfulness.

Thank you again for helping in this difficult time.

Judi Morgan & her family

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!

Pastor Scott	Sept. 9
Diane Malander	Sept. 13
Kelly Carson	Sept. 19
Gayle Maruska	Sept. 20
Sandy Carlson	Sept. 24
Cindy Kent	Sept. 29

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