

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2021

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‘We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” (2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 6:1)

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Before you know it, Ash Wednesday will be here, marking the beginning of our 40 days journey of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we imposition ashes on our forehead with the sign of the cross to remind us of our mortality that we are from ashes and to ashes we shall return. Traditionally throughout the season of Lent we focus on reconciling with God through spiritual disciplines on prayer, penitence, fasting and almsgiving. For some people throughout this season refraining from consuming certain foods or drinks and for others refraining from doing certain habits; mostly for personal piety and spiritual satisfaction. What if our Lenten spiritual disciplines; not just focused on our individual piety with acts of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving, but also use this Lent season to focus on deepening our community as a whole? What I mean by community is not limited just among people but also the whole creations.

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Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Indeed, God created us for a relationship and communion with Him, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. By ignoring one over the other will cause us harm. It is very obvious that our relationships with creation and with fellow humankind are broken. We experience the impacts of climate change in our world with flood, draught, fire, extreme weather just to name a few. We are also experiencing great division in our country socially and politically. This brokenness affects our relationship with God.

This year we are planning to focus on restoring and deepening our community as part of our Lenten Midweek Series using the readings from the gospel of Mark (our lectionary year) and to invite all of us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God. As a matter of fact, one of the distinctions between the gospel of Mark with the other synoptic gospels is that this gospel centers its proclamation not only for humankind but also the whole creation. Mark wrote Jesus' command in his gospel saying "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creations.*" (Mark 16:15). God does want us to reconcile with him, with one another and all creations that he loves dearly.

For the five Wednesdays of Lent we will consider these five themes:

- ✠ **In community with creation:** *Jesus calms a storm* ((Mark 4:35-41)
- ✠ **In community with all the saints:** *Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before him* (Mark 9:2-8)
- ✠ **In community with our neighbor:** *A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus* (Mark 2:1-12)
- ✠ **In community with those on the margins:** *Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins.* (Mark 5:1-20)
- ✠ **In community with Christ:** *Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross* (Mark 10:32-45).

I look forward to journeying with you in this coming Lent season

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank You

I want to take a moment to thank the entire council for their work during 2020 and welcome the new members who will be joining us in 2021. The first two members I want to thank are Yvonne Gallahue and Ron Skelton. While their terms are endings, they have been model examples of leaders through the past years and we are grateful for their dedication to the support of CLC.

The members of the council for this year are Barry Barmore, Morgan Bowman, Lexie DeLain, Jean Eisen, Bud Goss, Jennifer Kemnitz, Roger Kissling, Hillary Mitoraj, Sarah Pryor, and Mike Trautman as well as Pastor Bimen and Pastor Rich. I would also be remiss in forgetting Ann Wade who attends and provides great insight at every meeting. With the addition this year of Steven Gray and Ginny Hallum, this will be an exciting year as we continue to explore new ideas and opportunities for 2021 and beyond.

Pastor Rich Starting Date

Pastor Rich and the council have reached a start date of March 8th to be the first work day at CLC. The date for an installation service with the Bishop will be set at a later date. A group will begin putting together some plans for working with Pastor Bimen and Pastor Rich to assist in the transition. Pastor Rich will be meeting with committees and setting up additional opportunities to get to know the congregation. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize it.

Annual Meeting

Thank you for everyone who attended the annual meeting. It is an important event in the life of a church to have a setting where the entire congregation can be present in a single setting to have open and candid conversations with each other. We will be continuing the work to move as quickly as possible to have safe In-person Worship opportunities and make adjustments and improvements to the streaming of the worship service.

Thank you again for supporting CLC through 2020.

Peace and blessings.

Roger

FINANCE

Current Expense and Benevolence Update

End of year financial information is in the Annual Report. This was emailed to all members, and can also be picked up in the church office.

Thank you to January counters: Mike & Jean Barney. Thank you to February counters: Roger & Becky Miller.

Memorials were received in the months of December and January in memory of Todd DeNardo and Bud Spalding.

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PROPERTY UPDATE



Members of the Property Committee, along with our Saturday through Friday Friends have been busy working on updating the Associate Pastor's office for our new associate, Pastor Rich Gianzero.

They have removed the wood paneling and replaced it with drywall, they have updated the bookshelves with a fresh coat of white paint, walls will receive fresh paint as well. We will continue to share photos next month as the project progresses.



Thank you to everyone involved for all your hard work.

FEED LOUISVILLE

Christ Lutheran is still partnering with Feed Louisville to help feed the homeless community in J'town and the surrounding area. Every Saturday volunteers come to church to cook a meal for 50 individuals.

Volunteers are always needed. However, due to Covid-19 and the current building restrictions single family units are who we are asking to volunteer. If you are a family that would like to volunteer to prepare a meal at church please sign up using this link: bit.ly/FeedLouCLC. If you want to volunteer but are in need of a "kitchen boss" - someone to oversee the meal - please reach out to Tammy Kissling, tkissling@gmail.com or Josh DeWar, joshuadewar@gmail.com.

Questions should also be directed to Tammy or Josh.

WELCA UPDATE

Our WELCA group donated food (meat, canned goods), toiletries and toilet paper to JAM during the month of January.

The women also sent an offering to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod's Women of the ELCA.

KITCHEN NEWS

The kitchen has adequate paper and plastic products (plates, cups, bowls, utensils) available. Please use what is there rather than purchasing more. We also have an abundance of artificial sweeteners, please use what we have before purchasing.

LENTEN WORSHIP@HOME

Ash Wednesday is on February 17 and we will live stream our service at 7pm. This service will kick off our Lenten Worship@Home services.

Just like Sunday worship, these services will be live streamed on our church Facebook page, our YouTube channel and on Zoom.us. We hope you will join each Wednesday at 7pm leading up to Holy Week.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	<p>1</p> <p>7pm Worship Cmte Virtual Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm Property Cmte Virtual Mtg</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9am Sunday School Virtual 10:00am - Worship@Home w/ Communion 1:15pm Confirmation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Virtual Mtg</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9am Sunday School Virtual 10:00am -Worship@Home w/ Communion</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Ash W</p> <p>7pm Lenten Worship@H</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9am Sunday School Virtual 10:00am -Worship@Home w/ Communion 1:15pm Confirmation Class - Virtual</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7pm Lenten Worship@H</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9am Sunday School Virtual 10am Worship@Home w/ Communion</p>			

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study - Virtual	6
	11	12	13
Wednesday Home	18 7pm Council Virtual Mtg	19	20
Home	25	26	27

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC: Old Testament</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
February		
7	Voices of the Prophets	
21	God & Science	
28	No Confirmation	
March		
14	War & Peace	
28	No Confirmation	Spring Break
April		
4	No Confirmation	Easter Sunday
11	War & Peace	
25	Sex & Love	
May		
2	Ten Commandments	
16	The Apostles Creed Overview	
30	No Confirmation	Memorial Day
June		
7	The Bible & My Life	
17	Rite of Confirmation	

MAKING CHRIST CONNECTIONS: Connected to One Another

Meet Christ Lutheran member, **Jenny Nixon!**



Member Since: Birth, having been brought to CLC by her parents, Raymond & Marilyn Peak (Pastor Be-Miller married them!). Now she brings her son, Henry (age 12).

Work: After 14 years in KFC's test kitchens, Jenny is now a Dietitian leading Science & Innovation at NiroWell. Jenny also owns her own nutrition consulting business, NexJen.

Play: Cooking/eating, watching sports (UofL & Henry's), running/exercising, fishing with dad & brother

Favorite Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. *This verse reminds me I'm not alone & God is going to help me get through whatever I have on my plate.*

What's a tradition at CLC that is particularly special to you? *With the candles glowing brightly in our sanctuary, friends & family gathered round, & the wonderful music, Christmas Eve is one of my favorites of the year. It is a reminder of memories & hope for all the ones yet to be created.*

Sharing Time & Talents: Following the Holy Spirit's lead, Jenny recently served as chair of the Call Committee (2018 - 2020). She was grateful to see such an engaged, supportive congregation at the call vote, & is very excited to have Pastor Rich join our CLC family. Amen!

Jenny also attends the Busy Women's Bible Study, a group she describes as "a wonderful, supportive group with incredible women who have similar beliefs, values, & are fun!" In 2021, this group plans to incorporate a few outreach events to complement their bible study. Anyone interested in joining can reach out to Jenny or Pastor, & request access to join their private Facebook page—CLC Busy Women Bible Study.

Why do you go to church? *To connect...with God & others. Before Covid, Sunday mornings were the best time to visit with many friends & connect. Being physically present in God's house provides a quiet space to focus without typical distractions. During Covid, the virtual setting has allowed a different way to connect & perhaps, even deepen a variety of relationships.*

JANUARY MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Due to space limitations in our January issue, January Celebrations could not be included. Please consider wishing the following people a belated birthday or anniversary to brighten their day!

January Birthdays		January Birthdays	
01/01	Kathy Armstrong	01/27	Holly Ellenberger
01/04	Logan Rush	01/28	Earl Breitenstein
01/05	Terri Kenitzer	01/30	Teresa Rupp
01/06	Becky Miller	January Anniversaries	
01/07	Phil Hernandez	01/03	Charlies & Mark Fulmore
01/08	Ron Morgan	01/04	Pastor Bimen & Berliana
01/10	Mary Lou Miller Sara Ridgway	01/05	Malissia & Jim Bell
01/11	Ed Greaves	01/07	Kathy & Mike Kull
01/12	Roger Miller	01/22	Ken & Amy Schneider
01/13	Hannah Colbert	01/23	Janet & Doug Kull
01/14	Susan Yankey		
01/18	Marilyn Peak		
01/19	Aurora Martinez		
01/20	Kathleen Breitenstein Barbara Hester		
01/22	Jennifer Kemnitz		
01/23	Ashby Hallum		
01/26	Faye Saleh		

FEBRUARY MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays		February Anniversaries	
02/01	Kameron Garr	02/05	Alita & Tony White
02/03	Penny Dawson		
02/05	Chris Huber		
02/07	Terry Rupp		
02/08	Samuel Limbong		
02/13	Chris Kull		
02/15	Kyle Fletcher Karen Koch Curtis Sigdestad		
02/16	Shari Bessette		
02/18	Tammy Kissling		
02/19	Audrey Albin		
02/21	Ashley Ridgway David Williamson		
02/23	Larry Paul		
02/25	Ryan Bessette		



Don't forget to share your special dates with us!
We would love to celebrate you!



Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School
pre-k - adult: 9:45 a.m.

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Worship Times: Saturdays at 5:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am. **Sunday School:** Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday. **Nursery:** Infant to 6 years old in Room 3 during 8:30am & 11am services.