

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



APRIL 2021

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*"So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." (Mark 16:8)*

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

May the joy of Easter fill your heart and mind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Definitely our experience of Easter has a stark difference than the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. We already know what happened with Jesus; He died and on the third day he rose again. Unlike the first witnesses of the resurrection, especially that group of women (Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome) experienced on the morning of the first day of the week. As the gospel of Mark testifies; they were filled with a mixture of terror and amazement all at once. They didn't know what to expect nor did they know how to make sense of out of their experiences.

Still overshadowed by sadness and terror of what happened to Jesus just a couple days prior, they were compelled to go to Jesus' tomb to bring the spices they bought themselves that they may anoint Jesus' body in

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong

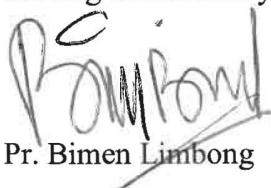
Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

spite of the obstacle that they would not be able to remove the big stone that covered Jesus' tomb, but it didn't stop them from going. But when they got into the tomb, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. When they entered the tomb, they didn't see Jesus but a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, who told them to not be alarmed; He said, '*you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you*' In response, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

How do we make this Easter story ourselves this year? Like those three women, we too, might experience terror and amazement all at once. The shadows of deaths have lingered in our lives for the whole year now with this pandemic and still do. We have witnessed ourselves the terror caused by this pandemic that took more than half a millions lives in our country alone. We found ourselves powerless. It is like the heavy stone that covered the tomb of Jesus. Even though we know that Jesus has conquered death, the sting of death is still painful and it affects us so deeply. But at the same time, we are amazed that we can see signs of new life; an '*Easter moment*' if you will, through the decreasing numbers of infections and the availability of the vaccines. We now have many people, including our members, who have received their vaccinations. It feels like the stone has been removed.

We are living in an Easter moment each and everyday; joy and sadness, terror and amazement might overshadow us, or sometimes we can find ourselves unable to remove the stone-like obstacle in our lives, but God is faithful. God who raised Jesus from death is our help. May our terror and amazement not stop us from sharing the good news of Easter in our words and deeds that 'Jesus Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong





Dear Christ Lutheran,

Thank you for the warm welcome(s) and hospitality. We arrived in Louisville during the snowstorm and bitter cold weather a few weeks ago. As we crossed the river en route to our short-term rental we made a wrong turn, ending up in Indiana. Something about nearly arriving evokes a desire to speed up since the destination is in view - or at least imaginable. It seems wiser to slow down and make for a safe arrival.

You called me to serve as associate pastor during strange and troubling times in society. In terms of the pandemic it seems we can imagine the destination - or at least imagine the things we miss doing as returning sometime soon. Perhaps you've sensed a desire to speed up since the good news of increasing vaccinations and declining COVID numbers settle in (at least as of the time of this writing). It seems like the time is now to take extra care to make sure we all arrive at a healthy destination - there's nothing wrong with Indiana, mind you, but that's not where my family was headed. Let's continue to mind the speed limits and take the best turns as we look towards a destination of healthy togetherness.

I look forward to meeting each of you over the weeks ahead and getting to know you in the seasons to come. I look forward to listening and learning about Christ Lutheran and collaborating in ministry together. Below please find my email and mobile. My regular days off are Saturdays and Mondays.

Finally, may the grace of God in Christ Jesus rest upon each of you.

Sincerely,

Pr. Rich Gianzero

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## FINANCE

### Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through February 2021

**Expected Receipts:** \$73,766.00

**Actual Receipts:** \$107,868.00

This large surplus is due to some members contributing annually and early in the year.

It is estimated what appears as a \$34,102 surplus is actually a (-\$4,000) deficit due to Activity Room rental which is (-\$4,400) behind.

Thank you to April Counters: Jean Eisen and Jane & Tom Farrar.

Memorials were received in March in memory of Bud Spalding and Patty Petry Vaught.

**\*\*\*PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR  
ONLINE GIVING\*\*\***



**SCAN ME**



Holy Week services will be in person and online this year. We will continue to live stream services on our Facebook page, YouTube channel and on Zoom. If you are planning to attend in person, you will need to make a reservation for a seat. While in the building you will be required to follow our safety protocols: wear a mask the entire time, have your temperature taken prior to entering the building and communion will be celebrated from the pews. Please review our [What to Expect](#) document.

† Maundy Thursday	April 1	7pm; doors open 6:45pm
† Good Friday	April 2	7pm; doors open 6:45pm
† Easter Vigil	April 3	7pm; doors open 6:45pm
† Easter Sunday	April 4	8:30am, doors open 8:15pm 11am, doors open 10:45am

## MUSIC NOTES

I join the rest of the congregation in welcoming Pastor Rich Gianzero and his family to Christ Lutheran! We are glad to have every one of them here and look forward to the time when we can get to know them better in person. (As my mother-in-law used to say “It won’t be as long as it has been.”)

The hymn series will return in future months. In the meantime, I wish all of you a blessed Holy Week and a very joyous Easter.

Ann Colbert Wade  
Director of Music

## ELECTRONIC SIGN UPDATE

Construction for the new electronic sign is scheduled to begin the first week in April. The current old sign will be removed and the concrete footer and pole will be installed. Once this is done installation for the sign will begin. We are very excited about this project. A huge thank you to Bud Goss for his time and dedication to this process. Project. It has been quite a task to get us to this point. We are very grateful for his commitment and knowledge.

## NEW MEMBERS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

We would like to welcome the entire Gianzero family as the newest members of Christ Lutheran Church. Welcome Pastor Rich, Rachel, Max, Caleb, Sophia & Isaac.



## MARCH MADNESS EVENT

### “Spring Cleaning Drive” for JAM

The result are in and the ACC won the entire championship with 85 items donated!! The results of the other conferences are as follows:

2nd place: Big 10 with 83 items donated

3rd place: SEC with 27 items donated

4th place: Other with 10 items donated.

The grand total of items donated for JAM’s Spring Cleaning Drive was **205 cleaning products and 108 rolls of toilet paper!** A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

On Friday, March 19 members of the Busy Women’s Bible Study gathered in the church parking lot to collect donations. It was a fun evening of fellowship for a good cause. AND while waiting for donations to arrive, these faithful ladies put their time to good use. They stuffed plastic eggs with candy which were delivered to the Uspiritus Brooklawn campus for their young residents’ Easter surprises. 300 eggs were stuffed—what a sweet way of Making Christ Known!



## WORDS OF THANKS

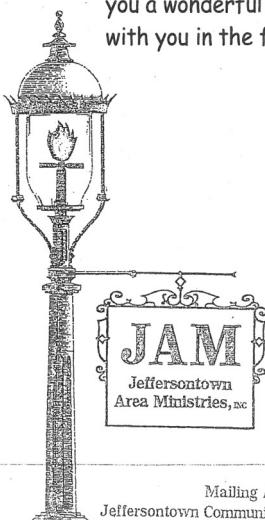
Doug Kull would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement. Each and everyone gave him strength and meant so much to him. He is on the mend, but still has a ways to go. Again, thank you for everything.

And from JAM....

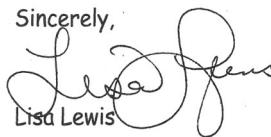
Dear Sponsor

Jeffersontown Area Ministries would like to thank you for your "spirit of giving" at Christmas. It was a difficult year for so many with the pandemic, and still you gave with a whole heart to help those in need. In partnership with you, J.A.M. was able to provide Christmas for 303 kids in 113 households with food boxes and gift cards.

We wish that we could share the hugs, tears and smiles of those who received your generosity. In giving, we share the blessings that enrich lives and enhance the true spirit of Christmas. May God grant you a wonderful New Year and we look forward to working together with you in the future.



Sincerely,

  
Lisa Lewis  
Program Director

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Jeffersontown Community Center ◊ 10617 Taylorsville Road ◊ Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40299 ◊ 502 267-1055

# APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<b>4</b> Easter Sunday  <b>8:30am In Person &amp; Worship@Home w/ Communion</b> <b>11am In Person &amp; Worship@Home w/ Communion</b>	<b>5</b>  Pastor Bimen vacation	<b>6</b>  9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	<b>7</b>  9:30am We Friends
<b>11</b> 9am unday School via Zoom <b>10:00am - In Person &amp; -Worship@Home w/ Communion</b> 1:15pm Confirmation Class via Zoom	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  9:30am Tuesday Friends	<b>14</b>  9:30am We Friends 6:30pm Soc Cmte Mtg 7pm Worship
<b>18</b> 9am Sunday School via Zoom <b>10:00am - In Person &amp; -Worship@Home w/ Communion</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  9:30am Tuesday Friends	<b>21</b>  9:30am We Friends
<b>25</b> 9am Sunday School via Zoom <b>10:00am - In Person &amp; -Worship@Home w/ Communion</b> 1:15pm Confirmation Class via Zoom	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  9:30am Tuesday Friends	<b>28</b>  9:30am We Friends

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	1  7pm Maundy Thursday Worship - In Person & Online	2  7pm Good Friday Worship - In Person & Online	3  7pm Easter Vigil Worship - In Person & Online
Wednesday	8 5:30pm Youth Cmte Mtg	9	10
Wednesday Social Ministry Chair Cmte Mtg	15 7pm Council Virtual Mtg	16	17
Wednesday	22	23	24
Wednesday	29	30	

## WELCA NEWS

WELCA is an organization called Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We have a constitution, our own funds and give a report at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

All women of the congregation are members of the Women of the ELCA. So all women are invited to join our activities! Some activities are a once a month - Tuesday day group and an evening group on Friday for study, support, and action. Tuesday Friends meet every Tuesday morning for quilting, knitting, crocheting, and fellowship.

A craft fair has been held in October for several years. In order to be successful volunteers are always needed for this event. Some of the proceeds from this event are given to the church and our outreach projects.

### TUESDAY FRIENDS

Tuesday Friends have resumed meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in Rooms 9 & 10. If you would like to join these ladies while you crochet, knit, quilt, needlepoint; feel free to join them. Crafting is not required though, if you just want an opportunity to chat with friends, this group will welcome you with open arms, Covid safe of course.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know how we can pray for you. Just call the church office, 267-5082, and we will send out a prayer request. Christ Lutheran has some fierce prayer warriors always ready and willing to lift you up in prayer.



## **MAKING CHRIST CONNECTIONS: Connected to One Another**

Meet Christ Lutheran member, **Colin Selch!**



**Member Since:** Colin joined CLC in 2019 with his family—parents Brent & Emily Selch, and siblings Lucas, Ethan, & Kate. Colin's grandparents, Mike & Anita Selch, were longtime members at Christ.

**Work:** Colin is currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, attending Newburg Middle School.

### **Play:**

*I love the performing arts (Band, Orchestra, Theatre, etc), it has a special place in my personality and is a big part of me I would say.*

### **Favorite Quote:**

“Take risks. Ask big questions. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes; if you don’t make mistakes, you’re not reaching far enough” –David Packard  
*This quote is special because it gives me motivation to do the things that matter and to give my best effort because I won’t get anything done and I won’t learn if I don’t try.*

### **What’s a memory at CLC that is particularly special to you?**

*I remember the first week that we had visited the church and I was so blown away by the amount of positivity that was shown towards new members, it was truly exciting.*

### **Sharing Time & Talents:**

Colin attends Confirmation classes and is also involved in GIFT, the youth group for middle and high schoolers. *I wanted to get involved back when anyone could [pre-Covid] and it gave me happiness when we did things outside of church for service.* If any youth are interested in getting involved, Colin suggests kids or parents to talk to a youth who’s already in the group, or talk to one of the adults, bring it to their attention so you can get the information that you need.

### **Why do you go to church?**

*I go to church because it has always been a habit for my family to be in a congregation and without being in a congregation I feel like there is a small part missing in my weekly schedule.*

## PROPERTY UPDATE

The members of the Property committee has been very busy lately. Lots of work was done to update the Associate Pastor office for Pastor Rich. Now this group of tireless volunteers are taking on Rooms 6, 7, & 8.

Blinds will be replaced in rooms all the rooms, which will give a fresh new look to all the windows. They will be cleaning the carpets in room 6 & 7 and, both of these rooms have received fresh paint.

But the most exciting news is that Room 8 is currently under reconstruction! Lexie Delain has taken the lead on the design for this room, with input from our middle and high school youth. In addition to new drywall, fresh paint and new flooring, there will be new furniture and technology. The main purpose of this room will serve as a meeting space for the GIFT Youth on Sundays, however it will be open to other meetings when not in use by GIFT.



In other property news, **Wednesday Friends** have been hard at work keeping our landscaping and exterior looking amazing. Their hard works continues to pay off as we are beginning to see signs of spring all around the building.



## FEED LOUISVILLE

First of all, we want to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered to spend their Saturday morning cooking meals for Feed Louisville!

Second, we want to tell you about some changes to the Feed Louisville program. Feed Louisville has changed how they are operating and are no longer doing outreach on the weekends. What this means for us is that we do not have to pack the meals into 50 individual containers, but into larger (12x20 inch) pans that they will reheat and serve on Monday. These changes will reduce our costs, since we do not have to buy the individual containers, silverware, or water. This will also save us time since we don't have to individually package the meals and don't even have to bake the food as Feed Louisville will do that on Monday. We hope these changes will make it easier for us and encourage more people to volunteer!

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please sign up at [bit.ly/FeedLouCLC](https://bit.ly/FeedLouCLC) or contact Tammy Kissling or Josh DeWar.

**Mark Your Calendars!!** Saturday, April 17 is the High School youth's turn to prepare the meal.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC: Old Testament</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
April		
4	No Confirmation	Easter Sunday
11	War & Peace	
25	Sex & Love	
May		
2	Ten Commandments Overview	
16	The Apostles Creed Overview	
30	No Confirmation	Memorial Day
June		
6	The Bible & My Life	
20	Rite of Confirmation	TBD

### ON THE HORIZON

Be on the look out for youth events that are being planned. We are beginning to discuss events and get them on the calendar. We are excited and hope you are too. It's been way to long and we are ready to get back together.

A couple of things in the works are a Youth led worship service and an outdoor movie night. We will keep you posted on all the details. Please reach out to Pastor Rich if you would like information about the Youth led worship.



## APRIL MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
04/03	Josh DeWar	04/01	Jennifer & Robert Kemnitz
04/05	Dylan Kissling	04/03	Susan & Stephen Yankey
04/06	Bruce Alder	04/13	Marilyn & Raymond Peak
04/07	Mary C. Metzner Nancy Walsh	04/14	Mary & Pete Peters
04/09	Leroy Koch	04/16	Sherry & Mark Davis
04/11	Jackson Phillips  Alice Spaulding	04/28	Teran & Scot Winskye
04/12	Sarah Pryor		
04/14	Wilma Brown		
04/17	Melissa Turpen		
04/19	Barry Barmore		
04/20	Anne Hernandez Andrew Puckett Karen Westbrooks		
4/23	Luke Dawson Larry Dison		
4/24	Hannah Gibson		
4/27	Kinsley Hoehner		
4/28	Lucas Selch		

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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 Christ Lutheran Church Jeffersonville Kentucky  
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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.**