

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2021



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“Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isiah 40:29-31)

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

The verses above remind us that all of us, no exception, need to take some time to rest. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that ‘even the youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted’. Indeed, it has been a wearisome and exhausting time for all of us for the last at least eighteen months or so; physically, mentally and even spiritually with this pandemic. We were very much under locked down and isolated from our family and loved ones for a long extended period of time and limited to do what we would like to do both individually and collectively as a church. We tried to navigate our life and ministry through that unfamiliar territory. We were tired of being tired. But by God’s grace, we are able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, especially in our country and gradually return to our ‘new’ normal.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Unfortunately this is not the case in the other parts of the world. Some countries, including Indonesia the COVID-19's infections are still high and many lives are lost. My family and I have been greatly affected by this pandemic especially with the death of my mother and family members and this has added to our weariness and exhaustions. I appreciated all the prayers and support for our family during this difficult time. As Christians we are called to carry each other's burden as the Apostle Paul said, "*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ*". (Galatians 6:2) You have done that and for that we give God thanks and praise.

We know everything takes time and patience to wait. Even as Isaiah said, '*But those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles...*' Interesting how Isaiah uses eagle as an analogy. When I was in Alaska, I saw many eagles; bald eagles. One fun fact about eagles is that eagles love a storm. When clouds gather, the eagles get excited. The eagle uses the storm's winds to lift it higher. It will soar through the raging storm and fly above the clouds. Sometimes the eagles also use the storm as an opportunity to glide and rest their wings. That is what my family and I are waiting for from the Lord; that God will lift us up like eagles so that we may soar through our storm of life and glide to find rest and strength.

I am excited to take sometimes off at the end of this month; to grieve, to rest, and be renewed before we resume again with our busy life in the fall. I would like to encourage you to do so with your family and friends. In the end, we all take a comfort in Jesus' invitation come to him and a promise to find comfort and strength, "*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*" (Matthew 11:28-29)

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

PASTORAL CONTACT INFORMATION

If you wish to contact our pastors, please do so by calling the church during office hours (listed on pages 10-11) or their cell phones. Pastor Bimen can be reached at 502-553-6025 and Pastor Rich can be reached at 502-665-2917.

Please be aware of the pastors' days off. Pastor Bimen's scheduled days off are Friday & Saturday. Pastor Rich's scheduled days off are Monday & Saturday.



Dear Ones,

It's been a rapid first four months as your associate pastor. I look forward to many more opportunities to visit one-to-one or in small group settings as the Summer speeds ahead with fury. I'm always up for a cup of coffee or tea (hot or cold) to visit and get to know one another.

I want to thank the Youth Ministry Team (committee) and Christian Education Team (Committee) for putting our heads together. Please take a look below at some plans:

Friday, July 9 - Pastor Alissa Kretzmann from Lake Park Lutheran (ELCA) in Milwaukee, WI will bring a group of 10 youth on a service-learning trip to Louisville. We invite our youth and all members of Christ Lutheran to join fellowship that evening at 6pm. I will share my testimony with Lake Park's youth and Pastor Alissa will preside at communion. This will be a relaxed setting in the gym and time to share hospitality with a sister congregation visiting our city.

First Communion Classes begin on Thursday, July 29th at 6pm for three consecutive Thursdays (Aug. 5 and 12). We hope attendees can attend two of the three classes. *All ages welcome!* I hope some of our confirmed adult members will attend one or more of these classes as an intergenerational event as we discuss holy communion.

Rally Day/Blessing of Backpacks and Planning Day is Sunday, August 15. *All parents and adults* interested in helping plan activities and who may volunteer to lead an activity for the rest of 2021 are invited to attend the 9:45am planning session between services. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Tammy K. and Liz W. will facilitate the planning meeting.

Installation of Pr. Rich will happen on Sunday, August 29 at 3pm. Bishop Gafjken will officiate and install me and Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran (ELCA) in Denver and Special Assistant to the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod will preach.

Many of us have an opportunity this summer to travel a bit more, or at least get out and about in ways limited to us in 2020. May travel mercies go with each of us whether we travel far and wide or enjoy some "stay-cation" time with loved ones. May we never take one another for granted.

Peace, Pr. Rich

COUNCIL UPDATE

This has been a busy month for business through the Council and as we continue to progress out of the Covid-19 pandemic, this is a time that presents great opportunity for the CLC community. With that being said, here are some items of note from our May meeting.

- ✦ Congratulations and thanks are extended to Karen Koch and Dale Breitenstein who will be serving on the council. They are filling terms which have been vacated and will serve through to the next congregational meeting. They join Barry Barmore, Bud Goss, Ginny Hallum, Jean Eisen, Lexie Delain, Mike Trautmann, Roger Kissling, Sarah Pryor, Steven Gray and Pastors Bimen Limbong and Rich Gianzero. If you have any items for the council please reach out to any of us.
- ✦ As of this time, the council is placing no recommendations for restrictions to in-person meetings or services. As a reminder, the Covid-19 virus is still present so all are encouraged to still follow the appropriate safety protocols especially to support those who are unable to be vaccinated.
- ✦ Bids are being reviewed for updating the security at the church as well as the equipment being used for streaming the service online. Anyone interested in helping with either of these projects are encouraged to contact the church office.
- ✦ We are beginning to plan the installation for Pastor Rich. The date is currently set for August 29th at 3pm. More information will follow.
- ✦ Please continue to support Pastor Bimen in this difficult time for his family in Indonesia. Any gifts people wish to provide can be sent to the church with a note that they are for Pastor Bimen and his family. They will be used as needed to provide care and support for them in this time of need.
- ✦ Planning for Vacation Bible School is well underway. Continue to follow the announcements for ways you can participate either as a camper or as a volunteer.
- ✦ The next council meeting will be on July 18th following the 11:00 service.

Many of the committees are up to full-speed now that they can meet together regularly and in-person. If there is a place you feel called to help, please reach out to support and work with these committees to continue to Make Christ Known.

Peace and blessings,

Roger Kissling

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Phone: (502) 797-0349

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday at 8:30am.

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Christ Lutheran is partnering with Forest Hills Commons and offering a new worship opportunity. Forest Hills Common is the assisted living facility on Taylorsville across the street from church. On the second Sunday of every month CLC will offer a worship service at 2pm at Forest Hills Commons. Please contact one of our pastors if you are interested in serving. (pastor contact info can be found on page 2).

GYM RENTAL

St. Gabriel begin using our gym once again as their practice space for their basketball teams. They will be in the gym every Wednesday from 6-8pm beginning on Wednesday, June 30. It is our hope that they will continue to practice and use our gym into the fall.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars and save the date for Pastor Rich's Installation celebration. Please see page 3 for details. Bishop William Gafjken will preside over the installation on Sunday, August 29 at 3pm. There will be fellowship immediately following the service. We hope to see everyone there.



WORSHIP UPDATE

Those wishing to attend in person worship are no longer required to make reservation.

Please consider joining us each Sunday at 8:30am and 11am for worship. We would love to see you and worship with you.

FINANCE

Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through May 2021

Expected Receipts: \$178,447.00
Actual Receipts: \$191,200.00

[Online Giving](#)



This large surplus is due to some members contributing annually and early in the year. It is estimated what appears as a \$13,000 surplus is a (-\$9,000) deficit due to decreased Activity Room Rental.

Thanks to July counters: Rhonda & Mike Trautman.

SCAN ME

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

We are excited to announce several fun events coming up this summer!

First is the multi-congregational **VBS** event “Generation to Generation with God’s Blessings.” This event will take place July 19-23. Camp counselors from Lutheran Hills will lead the camp. Registration and additional information can be found on page 14. We are recruiting volunteers. Please contact Liz Dawson or Tammy Kissling if you would like to volunteer.

First Communion class will be held Thursdays, July 29th, August 5th and 12th at 6pm. We are offering this class to all ages. It is up to the parents’ discretion if you feel your child is ready to attend. We can provide a Zoom option. Please reach out to Pastor Rich if you have any questions. Classes are open to all ages with an emphasis on youngsters. Booklets will be given to all attendees.

Rally Day is Sunday, August 15th at which time our Pastors will perform the blessing of backpacks at both the 8:30am and 11am worship services.

Our committee is always seeking those interested in helping to teach **Sunday school**. We have several spots to fill. Please reach out to Pastor Rich or Liz Dawson if you feel called to share your gifts in this area of ministry.

We wish you all a fun safe summer.

God’s Peace be with you all,
Liz Dawson
Committee Chair

MUSIC NOTES

BREAKING NEWS: After a **very long** fifteen months of not being able to sing (or even be) together, the Choir is having a short rehearsal in the sanctuary followed by social time on Wednesday, **June 30 at 7:00**. If you'd like to sing to the Lord with us, please contact Ann Wade so we're sure to have enough music and food. We are always looking for and welcome new members, and now is a perfect time if you've been thinking about joining us. We rehearse from 7 to 8 on Wednesday nights, and sing mostly at 11:00, with a few 8:30 services thrown in during the year. Since it will take a few weeks of (re)learning our music I'm not sure at this point when we will start singing for services.

My sincerest condolences and prayers go to Pastor Bimen and his family following the loss of his mother and two other family members to Covid 19. However, we rejoice in the sure knowledge that they are singing with that great company of saints around the throne of God!

Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Property committee continues to keep changing light bulbs and changing furnace filters to help keep our building bright! Wednesday Friends keep pulling weeds, weed eating the ditches, spraying the weeds in the parking lot and playground, and cleaning inside when it rains. The windows on most of the building have been washed and spider webs in many classrooms have disappeared! As we get closer to fully using our building, we will need to increase our cleaning service to more hours a week.

We plan to have the carpets in the building cleaned and the kitchen floor scrubbed professionally after Bible School ends; we are planning sometime at the end of July. We think the sanctuary floor by the stained glass windows may be repaired by the end of June.

If you notice how nice the grass is cut every week, be sure to thank Rod Hester for doing an outstanding job. He and Dale have kept the cemetery mowed also.

Thanks to those who give many hours of their time to do all this work!



JULY 2021



TEMPO

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 7pm Property Cmte Mtg Pastor Bimen on vacation through July 11	2
4 8:30am In Person Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School 11am In Person & Worship@Home Pastor Bimen vacation	5 OFFICE CLOSED 4TH OF JULY OBSERVED	6 9:30am Tuesday Friends	7 9:30am W Friends 7pm Wors
11 8:30am In Person Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School 11am In Person & Worship@Home Pastor Bimen vacation	12 Pastor Bimen Returns	13 9:30am Tuesday Friends 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Mtg	14 9:30am W Friends 6pm Youth
18 8:30am In Person Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School 11am In Person & Worship@Home	19 Vacation Bible School	20 9:30am Tuesday Friends	21 9:30am W Friends
25 8:30am In Person Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School 11am In Person & Worship@Home	26	27 9:30am Tuesday Friends	28 9:30am W Friends

LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30am—2:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am—3:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30am—1:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am—12:00pm

Friday: 9:00am—12:00pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3
Wednesday Ship Cmte Mtg	8	9 6pm Lake Park Lutheran Event	10
Wednesday n Cmte Mtg	15 7pm Council Mtg	16 7pm Busy Women Bible Study	17
Wednesday	22	23	24
Wednesday	29 6pm First Communion Class	30	31

STAY IN THE CLC INFORMATIONAL LOOP

Would you like to know more about decisions made by committees or how those decisions were reached? Or are you interested in learning more about the history of our church?

There is a binder with all of the committee minutes for the current year and the past year in the Solarium for anyone to review and read if you would like to know what's going on and decided upon in different committees. Additionally, we book bind the Messenger every few years and those books are in the library and date back to the year 1961. These books are a wealth of information, history and great memories.

FEED LOUISVILLE

Our Feed Louisville ministry is in desperate need of volunteers to prepare pans of food each Saturday. If we continue to struggle to fill Saturday slots with volunteers we are in danger of having to discontinue this valuable ministry. The folks of Feed Louisville depend on weekly donations of meals and without a weekly commitment from members of CLC we will not be able to provide this much needed food to the community. Average time commitment is approximately 2 hours. If it's your first time, guidance and supervision can be provided.

Again we need volunteers every Saturday or we will discontinue this ministry. To sign up use the link bit.ly/FeedLouCLC. You may contact Tammy Kissling, 552-1104 if you would like more information or have any questions.

Thank to the Mertz family for their time and talents on Saturday, June 12.





CLC CARD MINISTRY

Did you know that we have a card ministry at Christ Lutheran? It's simple, all you have to do is send a card or two to our members who are on our prayer list or in nursing facilities or other members who you just haven't seen in a while. We have many cards available for individuals to pick up located in the Solarium; or you can use your own. There are also preprinted address labels for those members in nursing facilities or homebound. You can drop your cards off at the church office and we will mail them for you.

This is such an easy way of making Christ known. A simple greeting card letting someone know you are thinking about them can make a huge impact on their day.



We are still collecting shoes for our partnership with WaterStep. WaterStep is an organization that collects shoes to help provide clean water for places around the world that need it.

Just drop your shoes off at church. There is a collection box in the Solarium. If you prefer not to come in just call the church office to arrange for a time to drop them off.

LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church is in need of volunteers to help with the live-streaming of our Sunday worship. No experience is necessary to be a volunteer, all individuals wishing to help will be trained. Positions needed include an individual to run the powerpoint program and an individual to run the live-stream and manage the sound. At this time the only service that we live-stream is the 11am Sunday service. Please contact either Pastor Bimen, 553-6025 or Roger Kissling, 797-0349.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know how we can pray for you. Just call the church office, 267-5082, or email us at church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

Join us for a NEW vacation bible school experience July 19 - 23. VBS 2021 From Generation to Generation is open to kids preK (potty trained) through 6th grade. For preK - Kindergarten there is a 1/2 day program. For grades 1st - 6th grade the program is a full day, 9am-4pm. All kids will receive lunch. Contact Tammy Kissling or register at

<https://louisvillelutheranvbs.rsvpify.com>.

South Central Conference

The ELCA churches in the Louisville and S. Indiana area

VBS 2021

From Generation to Generation

July 19 - 23

Christ Lutheran Church

9212 Taylorsville Road

Kids entering grades 1 - 6

M - Th 9:00am - 4:00pm

F - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Full day camp like experience run by the staff of Lutheran Hills. Lunch will be provided.

Kids ages 3 - Kindergarten

9:00am - 12:00pm

A morning filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, and music run by the Pastors and volunteers from the conference churches. Lunch will be provided and children must be potty trained.

For more information, or to register please visit:

<https://louisvillelutheranvbs.rsvpify.com>

If you have questions about the program you may contact Tammy Kissling at (502) 552-1104 or scyouthcoordinator@gmail.com or Aaron Flynn at youthdirector@ascensionlouisville.org.



YOUTH EVENT

IT'S BACK...our annual Rally Day & Back to School Splash!!! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of celebrations on Sunday, August 15. Backpack Blessings, fun activities, BBQ lunch and the ever loved WATERSLIDE!!! RSVP with the church office if you plan to attend, 267-5082.



Rally Day & Back to School Splash

Join us as we kickoff the school year with our Annual Backpack Blessing, BBQ and more!

Sunday, August 15th

Backpack Blessing @ 8:30am, 11:00am

(During both services- Bring your backpack)

Sunday School Kickoff @ 9:45am

(Ages 2-18)

Youth BBQ @12:30pm

(After 2nd Service- Come prepared to get wet!)

Come for food, water slide fun, and fellowship!



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For more information about our Youth Program, call
Pastor Rich at 502-665-2917

MAKING CHRIST CONNECTIONS: Connected to One Another Meet Christ Lutheran member, **Joe Pfazgraf!**



Work: Senior Manager of International Marketing at Texas Roadhouse

Play: Watching Reds baseball; working around the house; family bonfires

Family Connections: Married to Becky Pfalzgraf; kids – Lainey and Nathan; step-kids – Brooke, Jack, and Kathryn; grand-babies – Madi and Lincoln; also attend church with my dad, Dave, and sisters Marti Gibson and Sarah Pryor and their families.

CLC Member Since: around 2002, drawn to CLC by the traditional

Lutheran liturgy and Pastor Poisel's sermons.

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:38-39 – *it was my grandpa's favorite verse; I wrote it in calligraphy for my dad when I was a kid and it hung in our family room growing up. Looking back I thought I wrote it for my dad, but really I was reading it every day without knowing it, realizing that my grandpa's main message in life, "never doubt, He is with you!" stuck with me the rest of my life.*

Special memories at Christ: *Mission trip to Belize with my daughter, Lainey; Holden Evening Prayer at Advent services; Christmas Eve services; having Maundy Thursday services outdoors in Oldham County with Pastor Bimen.*

Time & Talents Shared at Christ: Communications committee; Evangelism committee; communion assistant; bulletin covers; mission trips. Why did he join these groups? *To fulfill the need to serve; I feel like I'm not serving God unless I do something to make Christ known. If you are interested in serving, Joe recommends, Reach out to us! "Do not fear!" Everyone has ways to share their talents, whether out front or in the background, as much or as little as you are available.*

Why do you go to church? *I need to hear the good news every week to refresh me and give myself a reminder of the bigger picture, that there is more than my concerns in life. It helps to remind me to pray, to continue to turn to God for guidance and know that I'm not alone.*

JULY MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
7/2	Sherry Davis Lexie Delain Isabella Delain James Pryor	7/1	Trish & Randy Ferris
7/4	Janet Kull	7/2	Jane & Tom Farrar
7/7	Roger Kissling	7/6	Sharon & Ron Coombs
7/8	Marti Gibson	7/12	Karen & Ed Schuette
7/9	Rachel Gianzero Ann Wade	7/21	Heather & Andy Rush
7/14	Marty Mercer	7/22	Amanda & Matthew Phillips
7/15	Samantha Brace Rich Hallum		
7/16	Peggy Stephens		
7/17	Alex Huber		
7/18	Brian Zibart		
7/19	Nathan Pfalzgraf		
7/25	Jessica Bruederle		
7/27	Karen Schuette Gary Stephens		
7/29	Eliza Stephens		
7/30	Keaton Walker		

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



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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am

Sunday School
preK—Adult 9:45am

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Worship Times: 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.