

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2021

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“...The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16b)

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

The verse above was my confirmation bible verse a couple decades ago, but this verse means so much to me and I truly believe in the power of prayer. Prayer is like a lifeline to keep us alive. Martin Luther said, “*To be Christians without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.*” I have witnessed throughout my ministry being a pastor how God answers our prayers in miraculous ways. I am sure you have experienced God’s healing power or heard the testimonies of others who have experienced God’s healing power and wholeness in our church. I myself have experienced the power of your prayers even more as I have been dealing with sadness and grief recently.

The Apostle James challenged and encouraged his audience to do so when he said prior to the verse above, “*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.*

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Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5)

Jesus promises us, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” We do know however that we do not always get what we want or wish for in our prayers, but I am rest assured that God answers all our prayers; the answer might be to wait or the answer is no. Our heavenly Father knows our greatest needs. Even though at times I felt disappointed that God didn’t answer my prayers according to what I asked or wished for, but then I realized it turned out better than what I expected. Prayers might not change our reality but God changes the way we see and perceive the reality. Sometimes, there is nothing else you can do except pray; to let go and let God, trusting in God’s providence.

I know there are so many people who are suffering in body, mind and spirit and long to find healing and wholeness. If you notice in our bulletin insert every Sunday, the list of folks who need our prayers is getting longer. I feel that we need to get connected with God and with one another through prayer collectively and really take a time, to create our ‘deserted place’ with God so that we can pray together. We can pray for folks on the list and our immediate needs that we see.

So, I am planning to start a prayer time that will be open to all members starting on Monday, August 2 at noon. We will send a zoom link that you can access from home or workplace. It will take 15-20 minutes of your time. If you wish to join in person, you may come to church.

Praying with you,
Pastor 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, but they are available in times of an emergency.



Dear Christ Lutheran,

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2 New King James Version).

I think a lot about the apostles' letters to the first generation of Christians. I ask, "how do their words then inform our lives now?" One theme throughout the apostles' letters is the unknown future. Sure, they had ministry plans, and sometimes they did not. Sometimes their best planning went a different direction because of dynamics around them. Nevertheless, faithfulness to God and one another became a way of life for them centered around the risen Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, the prophets and the apostles' teaching.

The world seems filled with uncertainties and unknowns. Nevertheless, the certainty of the gospel message and our engagement with the world as Jesus-people never changes. We show up in spaces without knowing, while knowing Him who holds all things. May Jesus the Christ remain each of our centers in the seasons ahead.

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or showed up at the meet and greet times. Unscripted time together felt good, and I hope you felt a healthy beginning of rapport.

Thank you to everyone who shared generously for VBS meals for VBS week. I am looking forward to our Rally Day on August 15 and my installation on Sunday, August 29th at 3PM. With Bishop Gafken's approval my dear friend and colleague, Pr. Barbara Berry-Bailey will preach at the installation. She currently serves as a full-time congregation pastor and special assistant to the Bishop in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Committees have been meeting, planning and brainstorming. We look forward to a new season of first communion classes beginning July 29 and confirmation beginning September 12. Keep on the lookout for information regarding those things.

Finally, by the time our newsletter releases students will be back in school. For many it will be the first time physically in school since early 2020. Let's keep them in our prayers and continue to pray for vaccination efforts and recovery from the pandemic.

It doesn't appear what we will be....but in all things we know we are God's.

Peace be with you, Pr. Rich

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

VBS was done a little differently this year. For the first time we collaborated as a conference and hired the Luther Road camp staff from LOMIK to come down and run the VBS program for our 1-6th graders. At the same time we ran a parallel Preschool program for our 3-5 year olds utilizing the Pastors and volunteers from Christ, St. John, St. Stephen, Ascension, and Faith Lutheran Churches.

The 1-6th graders enjoyed a full 'camp like' day filled with Bible study, crafts, games, and music while the Preschoolers experienced a half day program. All kids were served a hot lunch prepared by the volunteers from the participating churches. Over the course of the week many new friendships were formed and bonds were created among the kids and adults from the participating churches. It was definitely a SPIRIT filled week and one I hope we can repeat in the future!



FINANCE

Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through June 2021

Expected Receipts: \$209,301.00

[Online Give](#)

Actual Receipts: \$215,873.00

The surplus is because of IRA contributions for annual pledges. St. Gabriel's has started using the gym one night a week for practice. It is hoped this will expand in the fall.

Thanks to July counters Marilyn & Ray Peak and Pat Freidman. Thanks to August counters Rhonda & Mike Trautman and Nancy Walsh.



SCAN ME

Memorials received during May, June and July were in memory of Cheryl Steiner, Bud Spaulding, and Hotnida Lumbantobing (Pastor Bimen's mother). Many thanks to those who contributed.

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).

PASTOR RICH'S INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

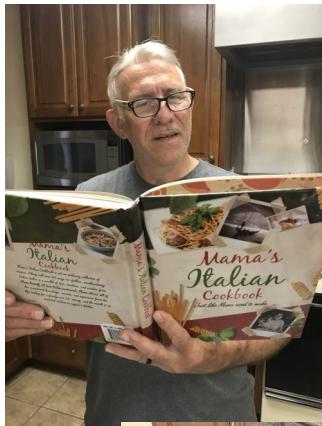
During the last couple of months, the Property committee and Wednesday Friends have been busy changing light bulbs, weeding and trimming the flower beds, weedeating the ditches and sidewalks, and washing the outside windows on the church and washing the siding on the garage. They are also painting, repairing, and updating the small bathroom in room 6. Thanks to the Property committee and Wednesday Friends for their continuous work. The carpets and kitchen floor should be cleaned the first week in August.

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 you to Ken & Amy Schneider for their time on July 10 and to members of our Youth group for their time on July 17.



WORSHIP UPDATE

Beginning August 8th, we will resume continuous communion. Worshippers will approach the rail from the **side aisles**. The Pastors will be stationed at the outside corners of the communion rail and will drop one wafer into your hands; then you will take a cup of wine or grape juice from the tray held by an assistant. You may pause at the rail to consume.

As an alternative, worshippers who are uncomfortable with the above may still choose to use a communion kit which will be available in a basket near the Pastors. A basket for cup/kit disposal will be on a table near the Baptismal Font. Worshippers will return to their seat via center aisle. We encourage worshippers not to line up down the aisle but to wait to approach the Pastor when the line consists of 4 or 5 worshippers. The Worship Committee recommended this change to the church Council which approved.

WELCA UPDATE

Tuesday Circle will resume on Tuesday, September 14 at noon in Rooms 1&2 for lunch, Bible study, and fellowship. All women of Christ are invited.

Tuesday Friends have continued to meet throughout the summer. Kathie Armstrong and Shirley Williamson have made quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Other women have knitted sweaters, baby blankets, cross-stitched and simply enjoyed the fellowship. Please come join us in Rooms 9 & 10 at 9:30am every Tuesday.

One of the baby blankets made by Tuesday Friends was presented to Reese Elmore at her baptism on July 4. Reece's mother, Amanda, is the daughter of member Carrie Schaaf and sister of Craig Miller.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Annual WELCA Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 from 9am-2pm in the gym. All members of our congregation are invited to help with crafts, baked goods table, kitchen duty, set up and break down. Of course we hope everyone will come and shop! For more information please contact Bonnie Kroening at 245-1020 or email her at bonandwill1020@att.net.

Our church picnic is being planned and will be held in late September. Stay tuned for more details.

AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School 9:45am Youth Cmte Mtg 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:15pm Social Ministry Snack Packs Event	2 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg	3 9:30am Tuesday Friends	4 9:30am W Friends 7pm Choir
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15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School & Rally Day / Parent Planning Meeting 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:15pm Back to School Splash	16 12pm Prayer Mtg	17 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Mtg	18 9:30am W Friends 7pm Choir
22 First Communion 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home	23 12pm Prayer Mtg	24 9:30am Tuesday Friends	25 9:30am W Friends 7pm Choir
29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 3pm Pastor Rich's Installation Service	30 12pm Prayer Mtg	31 9:30am Tuesday Friends	

TEMPORARY 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
ednesday Rehearsal	5 6pm First Communion Class	6	7
ednesday Rehearsal	12 6pm First Communion Class	13 7:00pm Busy Women's Bible Study	14
ednesday Rehearsal	19	20	21
ednesday Rehearsal	26	27	28



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

We are excited to announce Rally Day is August 15th! That day will begin with the blessing of backpacks, Sunday school teacher installation and Bible presentations to Confirmation students at both worship services. At 9:45 am, the Rally Day Reception, with refreshments, will be in the gym. Don't miss the opportunity to meet your Sunday School teacher, find your classroom and meet your classmates! The first day of Sunday school lessons will be August 22.

Sunday School hour is 9:45 am until 10:45 am in your classroom. Pre-class music in the choir room has been discontinued. Please meet your child no later than 10:50 am for pickup to allow teachers to go the 11 am worship service.

Following is information for Sunday School and Confirmation classes:

Class	Teacher	Room	Subject
Adult 1	Mike Kull	1-2	Various
Adult 2	Becky Miller	11-12	Various
Adult 3	Pastor Bimen	Brick House	Various
Grades Pre-K / K	TBA	6	Frolic Preschool Bible
Grades 1-2	Liz Dawson	7	Whirl Lectionary
Grades 3-5	Matt Hoehner	5	Whirl Lectionary
Middle School	Roger Kissling	9-10	Faith Lens
High School	Kathleen Breitenstein	8	Various + CREW



It's time to start planning for the ELCA Youth Gathering!!

WHO: All students entering grades 8 – 12 are eligible to attend

WHEN: July 24-28, 2022

WHERE: Minneapolis, MN

Early Bird registration begins on September 22.

If you would like to be a part of the committee to plan this exciting journey for our youth please contact Tammy Kissling at tlkissling@gmail.com. More information to follow but feel free to contact Pastor Rich or Tammy Kissling with questions.

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

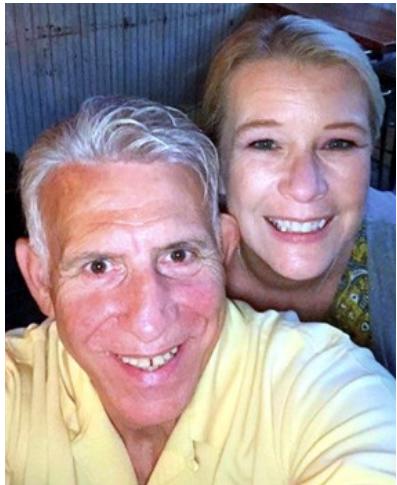


2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	What	When, Where, Who
9/12	Family and student orientation: q & a sharing goals	Gym, both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
9/19	What is the Bible? Who is the Word of God?	
9/26	How to read the Bible/Opening the Book of Faith	
10/3	Student-led Bible study using 4 methods	
10/10	What is a Christian and who are the early Christians?	
10/17	Pre-reformers of European Christianity (Wycliffe and Hus)	
10/24	Who are the Lutherans?	Both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
10/31	NO CLASS HALLOWEEN	NO CLASS
11/7	Why we worship the way we do (liturgy and practice)	
11/14	The Creeds	
11/21	The church universal (catholic, apostolic and orthodox)	Both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
11/28	NO CLASS THANKSGIVING (Advent 1)	NO CLASS (Advent 1)
12/5	Advent and Little Lent in Christian practice/tradition (Liturgical calendar and movement) (Advent 2)	
12/12	Christmas story: texts and contexts (Advent 3)	
12/19	Christmas gift exchange/party (Advent 4)	
12/26	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
1/2	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
1/9	NO CLASS	NO CLASS

MAKING CHRIST CONNECTIONS: Connected to One Another

Meet Christ Lutheran member, **Ken Schneider!**



Work: for the government

Play: Writing, golfing, cooking, service work, hiking, yard work, remodeling, road trips, talking, singing!

Family Connections: married to Amy (Kruse) Schneider.

CLC Member Since:
December 18, 2018

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 6:26
“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feed them. Are you not of more value than they?” - *God has my back!*

What's a memory at CLC that is particularly special to you?

Pastor Bimen's installation as lead pastor.

Time & Talents Shared at Christ: Ken serves on the Social Ministry Team, anything helping in the kitchen, Feed Louisville, Forgotten Louisville, and as an offering counter. Currently, he's especially focused on helping to get Forgotten Louisville started up again after COVID19.

We could use more Feed Louisville meal prep folks. It's easier than you think. Come see some Saturday! Feed Louisville meal prep takes just 2 hours each Saturday morning, from late morning until shortly before Noon. Contact Tammy Kissling, 552-1104 if you have questions.

If you're interested in joining any groups at CLC, Ken also reminds us about the request sheets you can fill out with your interests. These are usually collected once a year, around the time of our annual meeting in January, and shared with team leaders whose groups may align with your interests. But you don't have to fill out a form or wait for our annual meeting. You're welcome to get involved anytime you want, just reach out to group leaders or the pastors to Get Connected!

Why do you go to church? *I find peace of soul, renewed hope, and inspiration, as well as a sense of fellowship and inclusion.*

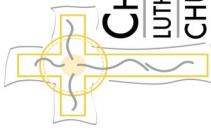
AUGUST MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
8/02	Carole Davis	8/03	Cynthia & Bruce Alder
8/03	Mike Barney	8/07	Emily & Brent Selch
8/05	Ethan Selch	8/08	Belinda & Allen Porter
8/07	Braylon Garr	8/18	Barbara & Ron Morgan
8/08	Kathy Sigdestad	8/26	Carol & Earl Breitenstein
8/09	Velma Dust Sheryl Glasscock Grant Stephens Scot Winskye		
8/10	Abby Ribble		
8/11	Max Gianzero Anna Mertz		
8/12	Kolbie Garr		
8/16	Henry Nixon		
8/18	Ian Walker		
8/19	Keith Kenitzer		
8/21	Pr. George Mercer		
8/24	Doris Jetton		
8/25	Gabe Gray		
8/27	Ava Koch		
8/29	Angela Adams Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		



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.