

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2021



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"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

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

The verses above are Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples on the night of his betrayal when he and his disciples shared their last meal together in the Upper Room. We hear these verses every year during Holy Week on 'Maundy Thursday'. The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word 'Mandatum' which means 'mandate' or 'commandment'. During the night his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new mandate or commandment to love one another just as Jesus has first loved them.

The word 'mandate' has been used a lot lately during this pandemic by the government and other institutions including the church in dealing with Covid-19. For those of us who live in this free country, perhaps we find that word to be annoying or even troubling because usually a mandate comes from those in authority down. *continued on pg. 2*

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

We tend to resist doing what we are told to do. But the truth is that the word ‘mandate’ is both biblical and theological. Jesus himself used the very same word like in our gospel today. Jesus mandates his disciple to love.

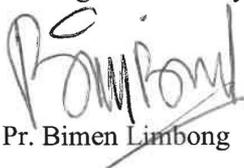
Another synonym word for ‘mandate’ is ‘require’ which is still another troubling word for people to hear in our time and place. Yet, again it is both biblical and theological. The prophet Micah sent this important message to God’s people saying, “*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD **require** of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*” The word ‘mandate’ or ‘requirement’ however, is not based upon an exercising of power from top to bottom; but it is based upon love and care of each other and community especially those who are weak and vulnerable from among God’s people.

That is what I want you to consider and ponder towards all the decisions that we make in our church in response to the escalation of this Covid-19 virus; especially the Delta variant. Rest assured that all the decisions we make; we carefully consider a variety of factors such as the wisdom from both our civic and spiritual leaders, science, our hospital capacities, etc.; all for the sake of our wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

Unfortunately however, it seems like that we are making an excursion in this pandemic wilderness pandemic journey. In our faithfulness to God’s mandate to love each other as God has first loved us, I implore you to take your part. Please get vaccinated if you haven’t done so or when you are eligible. Please encourage others to do so. By doing so, you will help in prevent the spread of this new variant and ultimately end this pandemic.

At the same time, I also would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your understanding and support for all the decisions we have made. I was humbled to see all of you were in compliance last Sunday with our recent decision. I thank God for that. We have a confidence in God that this too shall pass. Meanwhile, let’s love and care for one another for love is the fulfilment of all the Laws and by doing so we will fulfil the law of Christ.

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



**I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another as
I have loved you.**

John 13



Dear Ones at Christ Lutheran,

Please see my letter regarding the decision to postpone the August 29th installation service. I hope you find something in that letter which speaks to our life together, as church, in terms of sacred relationship.

As we move towards the Fall numerous Christian Education and children/youth activities begin. Here's a couple important things to know:

CONFIRMATION: confirmation packets are available in print and digital for students and families of those who reached the 7th-grade and above. A confirmation orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12th at 1:15pm** for parents/guardians and confirmation students. A Zoom option will be available. Students will receive a new Bible that day.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2022 (July 24-29): by the time this reaches you Tammy, Kathleen and I will have hosted our first information session. Please be on the lookout for follow-up information.

For the whole congregation and our friends, the ELCA Youth Gathering brings together upwards of 30,000 Lutheran youth from across the ELCA. The 2022 *Boundless* event is in Minneapolis. This gathering has a major faith-impact on our youth with worship, service-learning work, fellowship, and renowned presenters. Conference Youth will be meeting once per month in study, fellowship and prayer in the months leading up to the Gathering.

And it costs money to get there and back. We will have a number of fundraisers with our youth in the coming months. We will be pulling to get our youth all registered by November 7, 2021 to maximize early-bird registration discounts, saving \$100 per person.

My goal is to raise \$2,000.00 before November 7, 2021 to kickoff the early registration and fundraising. Will you chip in? If we have 40 families who can contribute \$50 before November 7 we will reach the goal. Checks and contributions can be made out to Christ Lutheran Church with the memo *Gathering* so it is accounted for. Call, text or email me with questions and suggestions.

Finally, may God's peace and grace rest on each of you and those you love.

Peace,
Pr. Rich

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August 10, 2021

Dear Ones of Christ Lutheran Church,

Shortly after beginning as your Associate Pastor, Pr. Bimen and I began discussing an installation service. Installations ideally remind us, in the context of celebrating Holy Communion, of the shared ministry between congregations and pastors. Sometimes we call this “shared ministry” or “mutual ministry” connoting a sacred relationship between congregations and pastors. As Lutheran and Protestant Christians we believe deeply in the “priesthood of all believers” while acknowledging that some of us have unique roles on in the church to serve as pastors. We are called “pastor” because we share a unique and holy relationship with those we are called to serve.

Pastor Bimen and I scheduled the installation with our Bishop in the Spring. We hoped vaccination efforts and the summer would allow August 29 to become a safe date for installation. After private reflection, and conversations with friends who booked tickets to attend from Denver and New York, I asked Pr. Bimen if we could postpone the installation due to public health concerns. Pr. Bimen and I agree this seems the wisest choice for now.

Many of you likely share my disappointment about this decision. This decision and others are made out of love for the congregation and concerns about the ongoing public health crisis. We remain in uncharted territory. The most important words in the previous sentence are: “we” and “together.”

This decision does not make me happy. We hoped for a fun and safe celebration at installation. We will have one at a date to be determined.

“Little children, let us love, not in word or in speech, but in truth and action” (1 John 3:18).

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich'.

Pr. Rich Gianzero

c: Pr. Bimen Limbong

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August 18, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are aware, we are in the midst of an escalation of the Covid-19 virus, specifically, the Delta variant. In discussion about this escalation, the Council has considered a variety of factors: guidance from Bishop Gafjken, CDC guidance, public reporting of the numbers of people in hospitals, ICU, and on ventilator along with discernment together of our call to love our neighbors.

Taking all of this into account, the council has passed the following motion and call to action:

1. For our worship and all gatherings of more than five people in the church building, masks will be required.
2. Concurrently with this requirement, we will refrain from congregational singing while the mask mandate remains in place.
3. There are no limitations being placed on the number of people attending church, or a reinstatement of sign-ups for attending.
4. Distancing will be encouraged to work with our requirements to reduce the likelihood of viral spread should we have a member who becomes Covid-positive who comes to church.

We are fully aware that this decision may disappoint you. This is a decision that none of us wished to make, and not one that we would like to remain in place any longer than necessary. But we do this in showing our love and care for our neighbors, especially those who have not been vaccinated, those with underlying health problems and our children who cannot be vaccinated yet. We will continue to monitor and make adjustments to our policy at every council meeting, or, should the data and guidance improve more quickly than the council meeting, we will call a special meeting to relax the requirements.

Please note that this is not a way to prevent us from worshipping together in-person, but a way to continue our worship for those who feel comfortable meeting together, while doing our part to speed up the community recovery from the virus. We will continue to explore new (and old) opportunities to gather through the use of technology (Zoom and Streaming the Worship), additional worship and study opportunities (Monday Prayer Meeting, Bible Studies, Sunday School), or other ideas we develop together.

If you wish to talk to one of our pastors or our council president please do not hesitate to do so. We will be glad to talk with you.

Finally, we would like to conclude this letter by quoting the Apostle Paul's final exhortations to the Philippians: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things"* (Philippians 4:4-9)

Blessings,

Pr. Bimen Limbong, Senior Pastor
Pr. Rich Gianzero, Associate Pastor
Roger Kissing, Council President

A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP WILLIAM GAFKJEN



Indiana-Kentucky Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Bishop Bill Gafkjen
bishopbill@iksynod.org

To the People and Communities of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod August 5, 2021

The way through any wilderness is full of twists and turns, uncertainty about what might be around each bend, moments of hopeful expectation that the journey is nearing its end followed by deep disappointment at the realization that it may be far from over, and the uneasy feeling of *déjà vu* that inspires resistance to having to do any part of the difficult journey over again.

So it is with this enduring coronavirus wilderness. The most recent bend in the wilderness way, which feels more like a U-turn in too many ways, makes it very clear that we are not out of the wilderness yet. In fact, we may very well be turning toward another more challenging leg of the trek.

The rapidly accelerating spread of the Delta variant, which some medical experts tell us is as communicable as chicken pox, raises the specter of serious illness, hospitalization, and death for unvaccinated people. While being vaccinated greatly reduces the likelihood of contracting COVID and of being hospitalized or dying from the virus, research is also revealing that a vaccinated person can both contract and transmit COVID. The risk of this is greatest in areas where transmission rates are high and where appropriate safety and health protocols like mask-wearing and physical distancing are not practiced.

Consequently, with the support of the Synod Executive Committee, I offer the following counsel to the people, leaders, and communities of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.

If you have not been vaccinated and are able to be vaccinated, please get those shots in the arm as soon as possible. If you have friends or family members who have not been vaccinated, please encourage them to do so and do whatever you can to help them do it. Despite what some are trying to make of it, vaccination is not a political issue. It is a matter of human health and the common good. If you are concerned that getting vaccinated is somehow a violation of your personal rights or freedom, consider the counsel of scripture:

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For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [Galatians 5:1, 13-14]

We strongly recommend that current CDC guidelines be followed in all in-person gatherings of the body of Christ, including worship. Faith communities should continue or reimplement the wearing of face-coverings and physical distancing for all present for indoor gatherings and to limit high risk activities like corporate singing and speaking and some communion practices.

These protocols may be loosened a bit for outdoor gatherings, but care should still be taken to minimize the risk of spreading the virus. For example, face coverings for unvaccinated people and physical distancing may still be best outdoors. These practices are especially important in areas of high levels of spread of the virus as suggested by data like rising positivity rates. The CDC website and both the Kentucky and Indiana state COVID sites present this information county by county. Links to these sites are included at the end of this message.

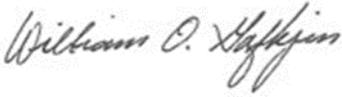
"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind." [1 Peter 3:8] The world desperately needs the witness of communities of Christ that can walk together with humility and grace through this wilderness, rather than turning on each other, each insisting on their own way, and flinging vitriol at each other across chasms created by competing claims. The cross etched on our foreheads and the Spirit that seals us in Christ beckon and empower us to be a different kind of community. Please offer gracious, care-filled attention to the deacons, pastors, and other leaders who have borne particular burdens throughout this long sojourn. Offer them some time away. Respect them as servants of Christ. As the congregation pledges on behalf of the whole church at every ordination, "pray for them, help and honor them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ."

Beloved of God, together and in the power of the Holy Spirit we will find our way through the twists and turns, ups and downs, forward movements and disappointing roundabouts of this coronavirus wilderness.

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Even at this late leg of the journey, God still promises nourishing and sustaining water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. This sustenance comes to us most oftentrough one another and our neighbors. “Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.” [1 Corinthians 4:1]

Peace be with you,



Bishop Bill Gafkjen

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Indiana: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>

Kentucky: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

Empower, equip, and encourage the people of God to make Christ known

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

Did you know that it requires approximately 15 volunteers in addition to our 2 pastors at EACH service to provide our weekly worship? Beginning in this month’s issue, we will share information about a different worship assistant and why they are important to our worship. We hope that by sharing this information, more people will choose to volunteer to help with our worship services.

This month we will highlight Acolytes. At CLC confirmation students are required to serve as acolytes during their education. We hope you enjoy this new monthly series.

ACOLYTE

The word acolyte is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, attendant, or helper, who waits continually upon another: a follower. The Acolyte ministry has its roots in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

A part of the four lower orders of clergy in the early church, acolytes were young men who were preparing for the priesthood. The first written record of acolytes was in a letter from Pope Cornelius to the bishop of Antioch in 251 C.E., which listed 42 acolytes in Rome. *con't on pg.9*

These acolytes performed many duties including lighting and extinguishing candles, carrying candles in procession, taking charge of the alms basin, helping the priest prepare for the Eucharist, and general fetching and carrying. Acolytes began to be a part of processions between the fifth and ninth centuries, carrying candles to provide light for the reader, a precursor to the Gospel procession. By the ninth century, the obligation to prepare for the priesthood was no longer a requirement, and acolytes were understood to be assistants to the priest. Today, acolytes continue to assist the pastor through their service in lighting candles, being a part of the Gospel procession, collecting the individual cups during communion, and other duties as necessary. They are important participants in worship and perform vital tasks.

Why do we have candles and acolytes?

The lighting of the altar candles in the worship service is a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community. Just as the Israelites were led through the desert by a pillar of fire, we are led by Christ, the light of the world.

To acolyte at worship is to bring celebration, reverence and anticipation. In short, you set the visual table for worship. It is not a merely cute errand you are doing; you are performing important tasks in the service.*

Acolyte Guidelines at Christ Lutheran ChurchArrival

- ✦ Please arrive 15 minutes before the worship begins
- ✦ Get a bulletin from the narthex and lay it on the chair you'll be sitting in next to Pastor.
- ✦ Check with one of the pastors if there are any special assignments for the day

Wardrobe/Dress

- ✦ Find your alb in the closet close to Pr. Rich's office. All albs in the closet are numbered. Choose the right size for you according to your height. Look at the chart posted on the sliding door to compare. Select the robe that is the same color as the paraments on the altar. There is also a church year calendar posted on the closet sliding door with the colors of the seasons.
- ✦ Plan ahead to not wear warm/bulky sweaters or sweatshirts, the alb will keep you warm and toasty
- ✦ No sandals or flip flops should be worn. Shoes need to be tied and clean.

Lighting of candles

- ✦ Enter the sanctuary from the church office's door.
- ✦ Go to sacristy to see if the lighter has plenty of wick; if not, ask one of the pastor's to install a new one. *continued on pg.10*

- ✠ The altar candles should be lit when the prelude music starts unless otherwise instructed by the pastors. Begin with the left candle – then right (as if to open a book)
- ✠ Bow before and after lighting the candles
- ✠ Return lighter to sacristy

During Worship

Regular worship

- ✠ Participate fully in worship
- ✠ Be an example. Find the right pages in bulletin and hymnal and follow along in the worship. People new to our church may be watching you to see what to do.
- ✠ After the prayers give offering plates to ushers and then return to your seat
- ✠ During offertory get the large plate to receive offering trays from the ushers and give them to the communion assistant.
- ✠ Join the pastors and communion assistants at the altar to receive Holy Communion.
- ✠ During distribution make sure the communion assistants have full trays and the pastors are supplied with bread.
- ✠ At the end of distribution go back to your seat.
- ✠ With two stanzas remaining in the last hymn light your lighter from one of the candles, snuff out the candles, starting from the right candle, and then the left (as if to close a book)

Special Celebration Sunday

- ✠ If there is a procession, you will be asked to carry the Bible in and place it on the lectern. You will light the candles and then use the hallway to go to the narthex.
- ✠ Follow the crucifer into the sanctuary and place the Bible on the lectern.
- ✠ If there is a Gospel procession you will carry the Bible from the lectern to the middle of the congregation where the Pastor will read the Gospel reading.
- ✠ Return the Bible to the lectern afterwards.
- ✠ If there is a Baptism, you will light the altar candles and Christ candle, then go to the narthex by way of the hallway. You will be asked to carry the pitcher of water.
- ✠ During the baptism the pastor will need you to hold the book for the prayers.
- ✠ Occasionally you will be asked to help with the children's sermon.
- ✠ Typically we have the same closing in every worship service.
- ✠ Be attentive to everything that is going on in the worship and be flexible

After Worship

- ✠ Return your alb to the closet.
- ✠ Please carefully hang your alb on the correct hanger.
- ✠ If it is soiled and in need of cleaning, please put the alb in the basket provided in the closet.

South Central Conference Pool Party

Sunday September 19

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Home of Carol Taylor
Youth Director at Faith Lutheran Church
3611 Constantine Drive
Prospect, KY 40059

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided.
Each Church group is asked to bring a side dish to share

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 15

Carol Taylor - (502) 228-1329 or jbtaylor238@bellsouth.net

Tammy Kissling - (502) 552-1104 or
sccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

For youth in grades 6–12

ALL YOUTH OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Pryor's will host an outdoor movie night on Saturday, September 25 at 7pm. Mark your calendars for a night of cinema fun, s'mores, campfire activities, and fellowship. Bring your chairs, blankets and pillows and get cozy under the stars. More information will be sent out in the near future.

You can RSVP by calling the church office, 267-5082 or emailing Sarah Pryor,
spryor@bellsouth.net.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	
			1 9:30am W Friends
5 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School ALL Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home	6 Church Office CLOSED 	7 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	8 9:30am W Friends
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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
Wednesday	2 7pm Finance Mtg	3		4
Wednesday	9	10 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study		11
Wednesday	16	17		18
Wednesday	23	24		25 7pm Outdoor Movie Night at The Pryors
Wednesday	30			

CLC CHURCH PICNIC

CLC Church Picnic will beheld on Sunday, September 26 at 12:15pm. Bring your blankets, chairs and a dish to share! Hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts and drinks will be provided. There will be a giant bounce house for children of all ages to enjoy! All food will be served inside, but individuals are welcome to dine and visit outside! RSVP by calling our church office at 502-267-5082.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 26
12:15pm

Bring your blankets and chairs for an afternoon of food and fellowship! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts & Drinks provided. Bring a dish to share!



FINANCE

Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through June 2021

Expected Receipts: \$241,312.00

Actual Receipts: \$259,597.00

This surplus is due to some members contributing annually and early in the year. Thanks to all members for their contributions to the church during this unusual time.

We pray you will be able to continue to help us “Make Christ Known.”

Thanks to August counters Rhonda & Mike Trautman and Nancy Walsh.

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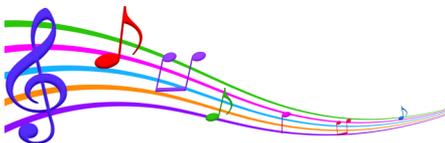
MUSIC NOTES

After six weeks of choir rehearsals and fellowship, we have suspended rehearsals and singing on Sundays once again. There is just not enough space in the choir room or the balcony for the choir to “socially distance” and be safe as the Covid numbers spike again. We WILL be back - I hope in the not too distant future!

Since we have heard a lot about bread in our Sunday morning scriptures recently I thought I might highlight a communion hymn which we've used frequently in our Celebration services. Both the text and the tune of *One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496) are by the Jesuit priest John Foley (b. July 14, 1939). In addition to his theological degrees, Foley studied composition privately with several well-known composers.

The hymn first appeared in *Wood Hath Hope* (1978) and is based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, and Stanza 1 comes from Galatians 3:28. With its many rests and tied notes, the tune (also titled *One Bread, One Body*) depends on the accompaniment to keep the motion going.

The above information comes in part from *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* by Paul Westermeyer and published by Augsburg Fortress.



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

TRUNK or Treat

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!!**

**YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS
IT!!!**

Mark your calendars for our annual Trunk or Treat event Saturday, October 23! Kids of ages are invited to come in creepy & cute costumes ready to party!! We will have pizza, crafts & games for our Pre-K through 5th graders.



Party Time: 6 P.M.



Location: CLC Gym & Parking Lot

We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out goodies. We are asking that they be individual bags. Please plan to park near the gym entrance and decorate your trunk starting at 6 p.m. Once the sun goes down the ghosts & goblins will come out.

RSVP to the church office by calling the church office by October 16. Please let us know if you will provide a decorated car.

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.

WELCA UPDATE

Women of the ELCA will meet on Tuesday, September 14 at noon in Rooms 1 & 2. All women of Christ are welcome to join us for lunch, fellowship & Bible study.

Tuesday Friends is in need of supplies! If anyone would like to donate they are in need of cotton fabrics - preferably prints - , cotton batting and bed sheets (for quilt backing). These supplies will be used to craft 60"x80" quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee would like to hear from members about what activities they would enjoy. Activities we have held in the past include October Fest, chili cook-off, ball games, Halloween party, Italian Night, and gold outings to name a few. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us. You may contact Bonnie Kroening at bonandwill1020@att.net.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!!

Pam Ballinger is looking for individuals who might be interested in crocheting / knitting scarves and hats for individuals in need. With enough interest, Pam will apply for a Thrivent grant to purchase yarn. If anyone knows where we can get a deal on yarn, please let Pam know.

Now is the time to get started on this project so we will have them ready for the cold weather. Donations of gently used or new hats and scarves will also be accepted. Individuals interested in this heartwarming ministry can contact the church office, 267-5082 or Pam Ballinger, pr1ballinger@gmail.com.





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

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 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 tkissling@gmail.com. More information to follow but feel free to contact Pastor Rich or Tammy Kissling with questions.



RALLY DAY & BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

Rally Day & Back to School Splash was a success. Backpacks were blessed, spirits were fed, hamburger & hot dogs were eaten, and our youth splashed into the 2021-22 school year. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped plan and make the day super fun!



2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	What	When, Where, Who
9/12 1:15pm	Family and student orientation: q & a sharing goals	Gym, both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
9/19 1:15pm	What is the Bible? Who is the Word of God?	
9/26 1:15pm	How to read the Bible/Opening the Book of Faith	
10/3 1:15pm	Student-led Bible study using 4 methods	
10/10 1:15pm	What is a Christian and who are the early Christians?	
10/17 1:15pm	Pre-reformers of European Christianity (Wycliffe and Hus)	
10/24 1:15pm	Who are the Lutherans?	Both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
10/31 1:15pm	NO CLASS HALLOWEEN	NO CLASS
11/7 1:15pm	Why we worship the way we do (liturgy and practice)	
11/14 1:15pm	The Creeds	
11/21 1:15pm	The church universal (catholic, apostolic and orthodox)	Both Sr. and Assoc. Pastors
11/28 1:15pm	NO CLASS THANKSGIVING (Advent 1)	NO CLASS (Advent 1)
12/5 1:15pm	Advent and Little Lent in Christian practice/tradition (Liturgical calendar and movement) (Advent 2)	
12/12 1:15pm	Christmas story: texts and contexts (Advent 3)	
12/19 1:15pm	Christmas gift exchange/party (Advent 4)	
12/26 1:15pm	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
1/2 1:15pm	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
1/9 1:15pm	NO CLASS	NO CLASS

MAKING CHRIST CONNECTIONS: Connected to One Another
Meet Christ Lutheran member, **Ginny Hallum!**



Family Connections: Ginny attends with 8 ½ year old son Ashby, and her parents, Nina and Richard Hallum.

CLC Member Since: Ginny was looking for an area church. After meeting Pastor Bimen and his magic guitar at a Synod picnic, she visited CLC, joining in 2019 because she encountered a sense of fellowship that made it feel the most like home.

Works: in Human Resources at Humana

Plays: reading, cooking (Derby pie anyone??), and has been crocheting a blanket for Ashby that she hopes will be done in time for him to take to college!

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 6:34 “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” *I try to live by that. I find as you get older, that gets both easier and harder with gained perspective.*

What’s a memory at CLC that is particularly special to you? *Ashby's 1st communion was really special, happening right after joining helped solidify our feeling of community with the church.*

Time & Talents Shared at Christ: Ginny currently serves on council and volunteered to be the council liaison for the Fellowship Committee and WELCA because she really values building community and those groups seemed like good places to do that. She looks forward to getting to know other women in the church through WELCA, and is focused on *helping our church figure out what it can be or wants to be in the future, when it can't necessarily be what it was 2 years ago. It's going to be very important work to do, though difficult.*

Why do you go to church? *I feel a sense of church community that's very important to me. I had a conversation with Ashby where he had great questions about things that weren't specifically covered during the worship service. I wanted to give him the opportunity to ask questions and get answers in a Christian educational environment, such as Sunday School.*

SEPTEMBER MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays		September Anniversaries	
9/01	Carolyn Phillips	9/03	Yuki & Greg Moeck
9/07	Scott Walker	9/05	Sue & Ron Fulmore
9/08	Taren Winskye	9/10	Kathy & Curt Sigdestad
9/09	LaineyPfalzgraf David Saleh	9/12	Beverly & Tom Gilmore
9/12	Matt Hoehner Doug Kull	9/14	Shirely & Dave Williamson
9/13	Alex Casey Kennedy Hoehner	9/23	Barbara & Rod Hester
9/19	Walter Feldt	9/24	Beverly & Kirby Rhines
9/20	Rev. Bob Anderson		
9/22	Kristen Hoehner		
9/23	Robinn Barmore Jean Eisen Ginny Jones		
9/24	Betty Graff Nina Hallum Gavin Kissling Petra Limbong Chloe Winskye		
9/28	Nate Ribble		
9/29	Mary Lou Vaughn		
9/30	Buck Murphy Shirley Williamson		

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



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Sunday School: Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday.

Nursery : Infant to 6 years old in Room 3 during 8:30am & 11am services.