

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2021



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"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." (Matthew 6:25-29).

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

One of my favorite things to do at home especially during summer time is to sit in my gazebo or on the swing in the lush jungle-like garden we have in our backyard; a place I call my little sanctuary because I spend a great amount of time there to be alone; to relax, pray and reflect. When my mother passed away, one of our church's families gave us a birdfeeder in her memory. At first I thought what does this birdfeeder have to do with my mother's death, until we got the message inside that described what it meant.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Associate Pastor - Rev. Richard Gianzero

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

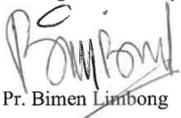
They gave it to remind us the very same words of Jesus from the gospel above that if God even cares for the birds of the air that neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet our heavenly Father feeds them; how much more does our heavenly Father care for us his beloved children. So I repurposed and erected a post in our backyard from my kids' old basketball post where I hung the birdfeeder and placed it in a spot where I can see it either from the gazebo or the swing as a constant reminder of God's care and providence every time I see the birds feeding and have their full and enjoy the all the flowers and plants in our garden.

But other thing that I noticed lately was the leaves starting to change from green to beautiful autumn colors, our plants are very much done producing crops and their leaves start fading as well. Those changes remind me of the inevitable change of season that is unfolding just as inevitable changes in our lives. Specifically how this pandemic has changed our lives forever. We all long to return to where we were before this pandemic, a time that we can hold onto but we never return to, but we can always return to God.

We learn from the Scriptures that Jesus many times went to the quiet place alone, into the wilderness and immersed himself into nature if you will, to connect with his Father. Jesus invites us too, to take our time to be alone, to watch nature, to watch the birds of the air whose lives depend on God's providence daily. Look into nature, the beauty of God's creations; the lilies of the fields, the trees, the changing of the autumn colors, to stop and smell the roses as Mac Davis said in his song and to breathe the air, the breath of life. We use our five senses to sense God's presence and discover God's hands in all his creations. Indeed, God is present everywhere and in everything. God is present in all seasons and in all the seasons of our lives.

Just as the summer turns into autumn and the trees will eventually become dormant when winter times comes, but we rest assured that the Spring will come when things will come to life again; that we may learn how to let go things that we hold so dearly that we may embrace the new things that God is preparing for us. Though we do not know what our future will hold, but we certainly know who holds our future who says to us, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



Dear Friends,

Below you see a picture of our co-sponsoring team welcoming a refugee family from the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo). We are grateful to embody the biblical command of welcoming neighbors. I

thank *Kentucky Refugee Ministries* (KYRM) for the opportunity to partner with us and the *Christ Lutheran* team who agreed to background checks and time commitments to serve. One of our commitments in co-sponsorship is to help with a single month of rent assistance (\$950.00) for this family as they move towards what KYRM calls “self-sufficiency.”



Christ Lutheran welcoming a family

Our 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering planning and monthly gatherings with Conference youth are under way. Consider sponsoring a Sunday by signing up in the Narthex to memorialize someone and support our fundraising efforts. We currently have more than 20 youth interested in the Gathering from *Christ Lutheran* alone! At \$600 per attendee covering all expenses we invite your gift of support towards our overall goal of \$10,000. Talk to me, Kathleen B., or Tammy K.

I am excited to teach confirmation classes, an adult forum class in the brick house at 9:45AM on Sundays and to launch a Tuesday evening Bible study at the end of October to prepare us for Advent. Please see the information about the Tuesday study in this edition of the *Messenger* and get in touch with me for the small book we will use in our study of the book of Revelation.

Thank you to those who spoke to me about the postponed installation service. We look forward to scheduling that in the future and celebrating shared ministry in our life together as church. I look forward to growing together and continuing to settle in at Christ Lutheran.

Peace,
Pr. Rich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

Last month Pr. Bimen wrote about the roles of acolytes in worship. For several more months, Pr. Bimen and I will alternate short articles about roles in worship and about our liturgy. Our pastoral hope and invitation is to encourage others to participate in aspects of our liturgy.

† **So what is “liturgy” anyway?**

You may hear, as I have, criticism from other Christians about liturgical or traditional worship practices. Nothing is above criticism, but oftentimes such criticisms come from ignorance instead of awareness of how a style of worship helps us serve God. “Liturgy,” in the strictest sense, means literally “work of the people.” Our Lutheran liturgical traditions, and there are many, emerge from ancient Christian rituals, rites and ways of worship. Each role and person, symbol and gesture indicate something of service to God, the church and the neighbor. Since liturgy is “work of the people” I find it helpful to remind us that what we do helps us in our spirituality and discipleship. God does not need our methods. Rather, our practices, when rightly centered around Christ’s presence, help us. Oftentimes I hear people say “we do the same thing.” If this is the case, then we do well to remember that liturgy always has freedom of adjustment for the local expression of Christian worship. When you hear about “spirituality” I hope last month’s article and the following ones help you understand how liturgy itself is spirituality and spiritual practice. The conclusion of liturgical worship ends with the call to action outside of the spiritual practice because there is no genuine difference between spiritual practices of worship and service to others. So here’s some short information about crucifers...

† **Crucifer (not crucifier):**

When I was formally learning about crucifers I mispronounced the word as “crucifier.” The crucifer carries the processional cross/crucifix during procession and recession at worship. A crucifier is one who crucified Jesus! I’ve never been embarrassed to make a mistake, so I always remember this when “crucifers” come up in discussion.

Strictly speaking, a crucifer is also an acolyte. Acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos* meaning “follower.” In high-church liturgical procession and recession the thurifer (who carries incense) leads with the crucifer and torch-bearer. All of these are acolytes - followers. Think about that for a bit...The “followers” lead the procession followed by a chalice bearer, gospel book-bearer, deacon, associate or visiting clergy, bishop assistants (also called “canons” in some traditions), a verger (or altar guild server who sets the communion table), senior pastor (some traditions call this the priest-in-charge) and finally a bishop.

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With the “followers” leading we have a peek into the intention of ancient ritual. The “followers” demonstrate that the congregation assembles (remember the word “assembly” also means “congregation”) around the cross of Jesus, the light of God/Holy Spirit, and the Gospel and worships with the altar as the centerpiece and baptismal font in the middle. The demonstration intends to remind us, in our spiritual practice, that God gathers us at the water, the word and the table. These symbols are for us. They assure us in our doubt and in our faith that the light of Christ shines and evil cannot overcome it. This is spiritual practice.

At Christ Lutheran we have an adapted style, and hopefully an adaptive style, of liturgy which is both faithful and different from what I described above. Most ELCA churches have adapted faithful versions of high-church practices, and some (in the U.S. and throughout the world) practice high-church liturgies

The crucifer serves the unique role of bearing the cross. In bearing the cross, and holding it high, the crucifer reminds us of how God’s victory came through the suffering Christ. If you can imagine an electric chair being carried in a religious assembly to indicate the common method of executing a common criminal then you are close to embracing what the meaning of the processional cross, carried by a “follower,” meant in the ancient church.

The cross remains the torture and execution symbol of Jesus the Christ who came in peace, was executed by state violence, and rose in glory to show us a new way. The new way is to become “followers” ourselves of Jesus and the way of the cross.

The crucifer serves to remind us, through the action of walking and bearing a physical cross or crucifix, of our call to follow Jesus and as His body we are to walk and bear the cross in peace among all people. The crucifer processes (enters and leads) with the cross and recesses (leads to exit) to remind us of our gathering in Christ and departing as Christ’s body.

We hope you learn some new things from these articles. Perhaps you get a laugh at my pronunciation gaff - remember, they are crucifers not crucifiers! Our Lead Pastor and I invite you to consider ways you may serve in worship. If being an acolyte or crucifer isn’t for you, consider volunteering to help our “live-stream team” or help in other ways.

Remember, “liturgy” is work of the people and we are God’s people at Christ Lutheran.

Peace be with you all, Pr. Rich

WHO IS ATTENDING THE 2022 YOUTH GATHERING

Each month we will feature 2 youth who are planning on attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. This month meet Dylan & Mike.



Dylan Kissling is a junior at duPont Manual High School where he is in the MST (math, science, technology) magnet program. He is a member of the Quick Recall academic team and participates in Latin Club. In his free time, he likes to practice card tricks and play Dungeons and Dragons with his friends. When asked if he was the eighth dwarf in Snow White what would his name be, he said it would be Nerdy.

If you knew you wouldn't fail, what thing would you do?
Skydiving.

Would you rather have only two close friends or many acquaintances?
I would rather have 2 close friends, since I would be able to really trust them.

Would you rather lose your ability to speak or have to say everything you are thinking?
I would rather have to say what I am thinking since I basically do anyways.

Would you rather be the best player on a losing team or the worst player on a winning team?
I would rather be the worst on a winning team since I would get to learn from the experience.

Would you rather not be able to read or not be able to write?
I would rather be unable to write, since I love reading a lot.



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Michael Gray is in 8th grade and is currently being homeschooled due to the pandemic. He likes working with tools, carpentry, and mechanics. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing video games, watching Marvel movies, and hanging out with his family and dog. When asked if he was the eighth dwarf in Snow White what would his name be, he said it would be Fixer.

If you knew you wouldn't fail, what thing would you do?

Build tiny homes for people without housing.

Would you rather have hands instead of feet or feet instead of hands?

I would rather have hands instead of feet because you can't work on cars or work with tools without hands.

Would you rather never eat your favorite food again or only eat your favorite food?

I would rather never eat my favorite food because I can still eat other foods I like,

Would you rather have 1 million dollars today or 10 million in 10 years?

I would rather have 10 million in 10 years because that's more money to put into my life goals.

Would you rather lose your ability to speak or have to say everything you are thinking?

I would rather lose the ability to speak because I can learn sign language and still keep my thoughts to myself.

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

PRE-ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
beginning Tuesday October 26



Location: Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Time/Location: Tuesday evenings at 7pm
 in-person and Zoom (hybrid)

Book of Revelation study: The book of Revelation continues to capture the imaginations of people today just as it did throughout history. Looking towards the promises of God, the author of our book, Dr. Gonzalez, helps Christians today consider how the Revelation helps us see how a “fragmented church is not much help to a fragmented world” and encourages us to live into the promise of Revelation.

Pr. Rich’s style seeks to facilitate discussion around the reading of scripture and accompanying material. This style invites us into conversation and sharing for individual and group reflection. All are welcome. Even if you miss a class or the first class, come and participate, we always review!

Required book: *For the Healing of the Nations: The Book of Revelation in In an Age of Cultural Conflict.* Justo L. Gonzalez.

How to get a book: ask Pr. Rich to order a used copy. Cost: \$10.00 made out to *Christ Lutheran Church* or download on Kindle or tablet. Anyone who cannot afford a book will have one provided confidentially, please speak to **Pr. Rich (502-665-2917)** if you cannot afford a book.

Session Schedule and Reading

Session	Topic	Read ahead
Tuesday Oct. 26	Revelation! What is it?	Revelation chapter 1
Tuesday Nov. 2	Garlic wars! Conflict 1st Century	Gonzalez chapters 1 & 2
Tuesday Nov. 9	Early church drama/ John of Patmos the author of Revelation	Gonzalez chapters 3 & 4
Tuesday Nov. 16	Living into the Future	Gonzalez chapters 5 & 6



ADULT FORUM –SUNDAY SCHOOL
Taught by Pastor Rich

Readings: October 3-31, 2021

Time/Location: Brick House at 9:45AM

*We will study and discuss the First Reading (Hebrew Bible) until Advent.

<p>Proper 22 (27) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021</p>	<p><u>Genesis 2:18-24</u> <u>Psalm 8</u></p>	<p><u>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 10:2-16</u></p>
<p>Proper 23 (28) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021</p>	<p><u>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</u> <u>Psalm 90:12-17</u></p>	<p><u>Hebrews 4:12-16</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 10:17-31</u></p>
<p>Proper 24 (29) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021</p>	<p><u>Isaiah 53:4-12</u> <u>Psalm 91:9-16</u></p>	<p><u>Hebrews 5:1-10</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 10:35-45</u></p>
<p>Proper 25 (30) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021</p>	<p><u>Jeremiah 31:7-9</u> <u>Psalm 126</u></p>	<p><u>Hebrews 7:23-28</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 10:46-52</u></p>
<p>Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2021 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i></p>	<p><u>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</u> <u>Psalm 119:1-8</u></p>	<p><u>Hebrews 9:11-14</u></p>	<p><u>Mark 12:28-34</u></p>

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE



A Ginkgo tree has been planted in the front of our church to replace the Silver Bell tree that died.

A new sink has been installed in the kitchen to replace the one that had been leaking.

Bids to reseal our parking lot are being collected by the committee. It has been 5 years since we last sealed the lots.

The renovation of Room 8 is now complete!

Furniture has been delivered, paint has dried, flooring has been laid and now the space is ready to be used as the High School youth room as well as a meeting room for others when not in use by the youth. Stop by and check out how amazing it looks.



WHO LOVES GETTING SUPRISES IN THE MAIL?



Spirit and GIFT Youth will be assembling care packages for our young adult members who are away from home, attending college, or serving in the military.

If you know of a young adult that we should surprise with a box of goodies, please contact Sarah Pryor at spryor@bellsouth.net or 502-758-5108 by the end of October. We'll gather their favorite things and assemble packages in November, shipping them in time to arrive in early December, providing some love and support (and candy!) for Finals Week.

UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As we enter the Fall season, we wanted to thank everyone for their continued financial support. Your generous weekly giving is the financial foundation that enables Christ Lutheran Church and it's many ministries.

In early October you will receive a letter and/or email that will kick off our Generosity Campaign. Sunday, October 24 will start a series of three Temple Talks that highlight just a few of our ministries: Welcoming a new Associate Pastor, Feeding the Hungry, Youth events like VBS and The National Youth Gathering, along with Community Outreach.

On Sunday, November 7, Consecration Sunday, we'll ask you to pledge your 2022 financial support. Thank you for your financial generosity.

WELCA UPDATE

The **28th Annual Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 9am - 2pm. Handmade crafts and baked goods will be on sale, and hot breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Please consider donating baked goods to the WELCA Baked Goods table. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables, serve in the kitchen, provide baked goods, and to break down the room after the fair. Table set up will be Thursday, October 14. Breakdown of tables will begin after 2:30pm on Saturday .



Come and a get an early start on your holiday shopping! It's a great opportunity to support local crafters and see friends.

WELCA TUESDAY

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet Tuesday, October 12 at noon in Rooms 1 & 2. Lunch will be provided for all women. Pastor Rich will lead Bible study focusing on *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*. All women of CLC are invited to attend.

TUESDAY FRIENDS

Tuesday Friends meet every Tuesday in Rooms 9 & 10 at 9:30m. The women of this group are knitting and crocheting, all are welcome. Not a knitter or crocheter?...come and simply socialize!

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>Oct 31 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home</p>			
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<p>17 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 1:15pm Confirmation Cls</p>	<p>18 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>19 9:30am Tuesday Friends</p>	<p>20 9:30am W Friends</p>
<p>24 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 1:15pm Confirmation Cls</p>	<p>25 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>26 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Pre-Advent Bible Study Begins</p>	<p>27 9:30am W Friends</p>



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
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Wednesday	7	8 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study	9
Wednesday	14	15	16 9am-2pm WELCA Craft Fair 
Wednesday	21	22	23 6pm Trunk or Treat - All Youth Invited 
Wednesday	28	29	30

CLC CHURCH PICNIC

After so many months apart, it was a beautifully joyous day for a church picnic. Food, fellowship and photos were abounding. Thanks to all who planned and organized, and thanks to all who attended! Here is just a small sample of the fun!



FINANCE

Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through August 2021

Expected Receipts: \$280,022.00

Actual Receipts: \$287,410.00

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 September counters Doris Jetton and Kathy & Mike Kull.

[Online Giv-](#)

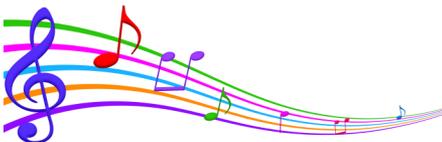


SCAN ME

MUSIC NOTES

The heavenly choir is better and definitely louder since our beloved Pastor of Christ Lutheran for thirty-two years, Thomas Merle BeMiller, joined it on September 5! He was a man with a strong personality as well as a strong voice who served his God and the congregations to which he was called as pastor (and later interim during his retirement) faithfully for many decades. Pastor BeMiller was a strong influence on the formation of my own faith, and for that I am extremely grateful. I thank God for the twenty years I was privileged to serve with him at Christ Lutheran, some of those just the two of us, some when he helped student interns learn how to serve a church as pastor when they were with us for year each, and a few where we also had an assistant pastor. Rest in peace Pastor Be, and I rejoice that you and Lou are together in eternity.

On a totally different subject, another reason for rejoicing is that our own Hannah Gibson auditioned for and was accepted into the Cardinal Singers at U of L. This is not only the premier choral group at U of L (led by Kent Hatteberg) but is highly respected around the world, having won many prestigious competitions. Way to go Hannah!!



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

TRUNK or Treat

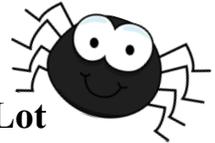
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!!

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Please join Pastor Bimen **every Monday** at noon for a recurring prayer meeting and short Bible study. Individuals are welcome to come in person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom; link provided below. It is a great way to connect with God, our community and each other.

Zoom Link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?
pwd=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNlRkdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNlRkdz09)

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074



JAM CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Due to the continued concerns of Covid 19, Jeffersontown Area Ministries will again this year ask for \$50 gift cards to Meijer, Walmart or Target. This is in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for the children of families in need as was done in the past years.



Please put your donated cards in a sealed envelope addressed JAM. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or mail/deliver to the church office. These will be delivered to the JAM office timely in December.

WHAT IS THE BEFRIENDER MINISTRY



Everyone experiences difficulties in life from time to time. The BeFriender Ministry is a listening ministry, extending care and concern for all of God's people. Often there is no fix or cure to our hurts, but a BeFriender can be a nonjudgmental, caring companion to support the journey. A BeFriender relationship offers peace through the compassionate presence of God. Whether serving or being served, all are blessed through a strengthened, caring relationship in the faith community.

If you would like to know more about this Ministry, to receive support or to become a Befriender yourself, reach out to one of CLC's current BeFrienders—Pastor Bimen, Pam Ballinger, Martha Classon, Karen Koch, and Shirley Williamson.

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.

**2021-22 Adult and Children's
Sunday School/Education Schedule
9:45-10:45AM Each Sunday**

AGE	ROOM	TEACHER
Pre-K	6	
Grades 1 & 2	7	Liz D.
Grades 3-5	5	Matt H.
Grades 6-8	9	Roger K.
Highschool	8	Kathleen B.
Adult Forum	Brick House	Pastor Rich
Adult II	1 & 2	Mike K.
Adult III	11 & 12	Becky M.

Note: **Week 4** of each month Middle and Highschool combine with Pr. Rich in Room 8. Adult Forum still meets in the Brick House on week 4.

Floating Substitute: Rachael G.

*Interested in serving as a substitute or helper with Sunday School? Contact Pr. Rich. We welcome your help! We may combine middle and high school on occasion.



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

We are so thrilled to share all the happenings going on at CLC! Our first conference wide VBS camp was a huge success. Many participants loved getting to know the camp counselors from Lutheran Hills, learning fun songs, playing games (especially train wreck), sharing delicious meals, and making new friends. A few families reported that tears were shed on Friday when all good things came to a close. We give special thanks and much appreciation to all the volunteers and those involved who helped make VBS an awesome experience. Your time and service allowed our youth to grow with God and one another.

Rally Day kickoff we learned from Pastor Bimen that Jesus is present ‘with’, ‘in’ and ‘under’ the body of Christ-which is the church. Our day started with installation of the Sunday School teachers, educator recognition, and backpack blessings. Our Sunday School teachers are looking forward to seeing everyone in their classes. As a reminder, it is never too late to join your class. We also have water bottles with CLC carabiners and a bookmark for the youth, please see your teacher to get yours.

Congratulations to Luke Dawson, Isaac Gianzero, Abby Gray, Gabe Gray, CJ Miller, and Elijah Ortiz on making their first communion on August 22. All members of the class lead by Pastor Rich are happy to report that, “There’s a place for me, a place for you, and a place for everyone” at the Lord’s table.



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, **Pam Ballinger!**



CLC Member Since: the early 1960s. Invited by her aunt and uncle (Patsy and Bill Wright), Pam's family soon became involved in youth events, felt connected and welcome. At one time there were 5 generations at CLC - grandmother Bertie Troutman, mother Edna Werder with Pam and brother Charlie, Pam's daughter Shari Bessette and grandson Ryan. Charlie, Shari and Ryan were all confirmed at CLC, and Shari and Ryan were also baptized here and attended CLC preschool!

Work: Retired from KY Division of Mental Retardation, where she was a Program Consultant, providing training and technical assistance for service providers.

Play: *I'd rather work in my yard than clean my house and that is obvious! But over the years, taking care of 2 acres has become very much a difficult chore.* Pam enjoys jigsaw puzzles and spending time with her canine family—Cocoa Delilah (15 yr old Pomeranian), MayBell (11 yr old Aussie mix), and 4 yr old Yuki, an American Eskimo Dog. *All are rescues that were sent to rescue me!*

Favorite Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul" *It's written on my bedroom wall; this always comes to me in hard times.*

What's a memory at CLC that is particularly special to you? *The Rite of Confirmation (especially Ryan's) and youth-led worship always brings tears to my eyes and heart. It is so good to watch the youth grow in their faith journey as they grow into strong and talented leaders.*

Time & Talents Shared at Christ: Pam has often been involved in youth activities, including being a confirmation small group leader for 5-6 years. She also served two terms on church council. Currently, Pam's heart is calling her to serve on Mutual Ministries and BeFrienders. *I am very interested in reviving BeFrienders after the pandemic, as well as seeing it resurface despite the pandemic. Once we are back on our feet we will recruit and train others.*

Why do you go to church? *To worship and commune with my brothers and sisters in Christ; the liturgy; the sermons often challenge me to look at things through a different perspective; to start my week off and to give order to my week. To get my hugs! It gives me a feeling of Peace.*

OCTOBER MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays		October Anniversaries	
10/3	Liz Dawson	10/10	Sherri & Randolph Hesler
10/7	Mallory Cord	10/13	Cathy & Ron Skelton Liz & Scott Walker
10/11	Morgan Bowman	10/19	Robinn & Barry Barmore
10/14	Nora Turpen	10/20	Terri & Keith Kenitzer
10/17	Kate Selch Bob Strohman	10/27	Peggy & Gary Stephens
10/18	Tony Gray Dave Pfalzgraf		
10/19	Tony White		
10/21	Jane Farrar		
10/22	Germaine Overstreet		
10/24	Emory Bell Sinclair Bell		
10/25	Mary Glasscock Danna Hesse		
10/28	Pamela Ballinger		
10/29	Mike Trautman		
10/30	Caleb Gianzero Emily Richardson Hannah Richardson		
10/31	Ginny Hallum		

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

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