

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2021



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*“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:1-5)*

Advent greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Isaiah chapter 40-55 is often called the second (*deutero*) Isaiah or sometimes is called ‘Babylonian Isaiah’ because it tells the story of God’s people in exile in Babylon. Their exile in Babylon was perceived as God’s punishments for their sins and for relying upon other nations for help instead of God. Here through the prophet Isaiah, God reminds his people that their penalty has been paid. God offers the words of comfort to his people and promises that God will send the Messiah to free them from their captivity and bring them back to Zion (Jerusalem). Interestingly to know that a voice that cries out is a voice to call people to prepare the way of the Lord not to prepare the way for his people. It

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signifies that it is the Lord Himself that will set his people free. God is the one who orchestrated the freedom of his people in an expected way. God kept his promise. God sent Cyrus, a Persian king, like a messiah, who defeated Babylon and let people return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Indeed God, who is just and yet He is merciful and his loving kindness endures forever. This pandemic in itself is like an exile for us; we have been distracted from our way of life and worship for the last two years and our socially distanced from each other. We are going through a great trauma just like God's people in Babylon away from their homeland and their people. However, in the midst of our exile, God comforts us and promises us that his help is on the way. That is what advent is all about. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word, 'adventus' which means 'coming' or arrival. God is coming and in fact He is already in our midst and will lead us into a new exodus. Indeed even as of now we can see good signs that we are approaching the beginning of the end of this long journey. But most of all, we are anxiously anticipating the celebration of the birth of Jesus and at the same time waiting for his coming again, the 'parousia'.

For that reason, we chose the theme for our midweek Advent series this year "Prepare the Royal Highway". Below is the synopsis of the theme that we will consider and the theme for each week:

*"Highways, pathways, gates, and journeys figure prominently in the imagery of Advent. We hear the voice shouting, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the path!" We witness the unexpected detours for Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. We make way in our hearts and lives for our God."*

**Week of Advent 1:** Highway under construction

*How exactly do you prepare a highway for God? A passage from 1 Thessalonians offers a construction blueprint: rejoice, pray, give thanks, hold fast to what is good. In this way, we make a straight path into our hearts for the coming of Christ.*

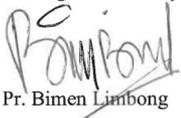
**Week of Advent 2:** G.P.S. (God's Positioning System)

*What are your expectations for the Messiah? Likely not a tiny child ushering in a new vision of peace. Through the coming of Christ, God repositions and reorients our lives. Are you ready to follow God's new direction?*

**Week of Advent 3:** Standing at the crossroads

*Decisions, decisions, decisions. Would Zechariah and Elizabeth doubt the angel's message, or prepare for a newborn in their advanced age? Would Joseph quietly dismiss his pregnant betrothed, or accept the responsibility of raising Jesus as his own? When standing at a crossroads, do you also choose the leap of faith.*

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

Have a blessed Advent and joyful expectation of Christmas!



*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious” (from Isaiah 9 and 11, KJV).*

A merry Christmas and happy new year to everyone. Yes, it’s that time already!

I love the readings which come in the weeks before Advent and throughout Advent. They culminate in the promise of deliverance and salvation for people. God is coming to set free the captive and heal the broken hearted.

We are called to remember the core tenet of Christianity during Advent: the human inability to reach toward God does not hinder God, God who comes to us in Jesus the Christ. This is the root of grace - that God meets us in Christ.

The excerpts from Isaiah remind us that God’s promise to the ancient people of Israel included the drawing of all people to the Christ - “for to it shall the Gentiles seek.” Perhaps my favorite theologian and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer described it best from behind the walls of a German prison:

“We cannot approach the manger of the Christ child in the same way we approach the cradle of another child. Rather, when we go to his manger, something happens, and we cannot leave it again unless we have been judged or redeemed. Here we must either collapse or know the mercy of God directed towards us...What does that mean? Isn’t it just pastoral exaggeration? Those who want to take it as a way of speaking will do so and continue to celebrate Advent and Christmas with pagan indifference...it is not just a way of speaking...it is God...who is so small here at the manger, hidden in the corner, who meets us in the helplessness and defenselessness of a child who wants to be with us. He does this not out of playfulness or sport...nut in order to show us where he is and who he is, and in order from this place to judge and devalue and dethrone all human ambition” (*God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*, p.66 Bonhoeffer).

May we come and adore him at the manger and follow his way of truth, justice, love and peace.

Sincerely, Pr. Rich

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO  
HAVE JOINED CHRIST LUTHERAN:**



Melissa Gibson  
Jayla Perry



Kim Jordan  
Timmy Jordan  
Marjorie Hill

## **AUDIO/VIDEO PROJECT UPDATE:**

It has been almost two years now our church trying to upgrade our audio/video for our livestreaming worship. A taskforce was formed to do the study to what we need and the money to fund the project. The taskforce also contacted and interviewed several vendors and reviewed their estimates for the project.

However, in the middle of this process, a member of the congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous, decided to fund the entirety project! We thank God for this gift. While we iron out the final details, we can expect our online/streaming presence to increase in quality and outreach. Let's take a moment to give God thanks for this generous gift and how it will impact our ability to do ministry in the months and years to come.

Peace be with you all.

Sincerely,

The Task Force:

Pastor Bimen Limbong, Senior Pastor  
Pr. Richard Gianzero, Associate Pastor  
Roger Kissling, Council President  
Karen Koch, Council-at-Large, Task Force  
Becky Miller, Worship Committee Chair

## 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 Liz G. & Max G.



Liz Gray is a senior at Southwestern High School in Indiana and is interested in political science and social justice. Before the pandemic she also participated on her school's color guard and academic teams. In her limited amount of free time, she enjoys reading a wide variety of books, watching movies, spending time with her friends, and playing with her siblings. When asked if she was the eighth dwarf in Snow White what would her name be, she said it would be Stressed.

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

*Rid the world of hatred and apathy. Or fly. One of the two.*

Would you rather have only two close friends or many acquaintances?

*I would rather have two close friends. It is easier to find your way through life when you have people who understand you and will stick by you even when you do not know what to do next.*

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 player on a winning team because that would mean that I have surrounded myself with people who are driven to be successful, and we have succeeded together.*

Would you rather forget who you are or not know who everyone else is?

*I would rather forget who I am. I am at the point in my life where I'm still creating who I am and who I will be, so it would be easier to remake who I am than it would be to rebuild the community that I have.*

Would you rather not be able to read or not be able to write?

*I would rather not be able to write. While being unable to write would make it difficult to convey my own thoughts, being unable to read would mean I would not be able to understand anyone else's which, in my mind, is worse.*



Max Gianzero is a freshman at North Oldham High School where his favorite classes are the ones with engaging teachers, regardless of the subject area. In his free time, he likes to hang out with his friends and go to the pool. When asked if he was the eighth dwarf in Snow White what would his name be, he said it would be Silly.

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

*Ask out a girl.*

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

*Hands instead of feet because you would be able to grab objects with your feet.*

Would you rather never eat your favorite food for the rest of your life or only be allowed to eat your favorite food for the rest of your life?

*Not be able to eat my favorite food for the rest of my life. I like a variety of foods and if I were to only eat my favorite food then it wouldn't be my favorite anymore.*

Would you rather have only two close friends or many acquaintances?

*Two friends, since it's better if you need people to talk to.*

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

*Say everything because it's better to be open about your feelings.*

2022 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING  
**boundless**  
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2021

On Reformation Sunday, October 31 at both worship services seven members of our CLC family affirmed their Baptism in front of their family, friends and church family. We congratulate Max Gianzero, Petra Limbong, Kyle Mertz, James Pryor, Grant Stephens, Keaton Walker and Noel Winskye. We will celebrate two more confirmands at a later date, Samantha Brace & Colin Selch.

We are very proud of these young adults. Their faith stories were beautiful witness of their faith and love of Jesus Christ. Again, congratulations in Christ!





## ADULT FORUM –SUNDAY SCHOOL Taught by Pastor Rich

**Readings:** December 2021

**Time/Location:** Brick House at 9:45AM

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

All are welcome to join us for ongoing discussion of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) reading from each week. We discuss the reading listed in the *Celebrate* insert together in the Brick House beginning at 9:45AM.

For the Season of Advent, you can find the Old Testament reading for the current week and the following week in the *Celebrate* insert.

Week 1 Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Week 2 Advent: Malachi 3:1-4

Week 3 Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Week 4 Advent: Micah 5:2-5

ProTip: Bring your Bible!



## JAM CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Due to the continued concerns with 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. The deadline to turn in the cards is December 10. These will be delivered to the JAM after the deadline.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS



Pointsettias have been ordered to be displayed Christmas Eve during our worship services. Forty-five (45) plants have been ordered and the cost is \$7 each. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 9pm Christmas Eve service.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Please put your money in an envelope provided, write your name on it and place it in the offering plate or the box on the table next to the sign-up sheets. Thank you!

## FEED LOUISVILLE = SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please consider preparing a meal for Feeding Louisville. There are open dates in December and the Social Ministry committee would like to continue this important ministry into 2022.

Funds are available to purchase supplies needed and recommended recipes are provided. Please help with this important outreach to help feed hungry folks in Louisville. Contact Tammy Kissling for a date or use the sign up genius link as listed in the weekly Sunday bulletin or below.

Sign Up Link: [bit.ly/FeedLouCLC](https://bit.ly/FeedLouCLC)

## SPREADING KINDNESS WITH CARE PACKAGES

On Sunday, November 7, a group gathered in the gym to show some love to our young adults. We put together care packages customized with some of their favorite snacks, coffee, and candies, as well as some helpful things like socks, Tide pods, and office supplies. This was all possible thanks to Thrivent dollars and generous member donations of items to pack and money to offset shipping costs.

The packages were shipped to—Jake Murphy (UK), Walker Bell (WKU), David Gibson (UofL), Hannah Gibson (UofL), Molly Pryor (NKU), Nancy Walsh’s granddaughter Kyla Walsh (Murray State), and Ginny Jones’ great-grandson Damion Suter (serving in the Navy). This is the first time some have lived away from home and are soon facing final exams. Others have been away for a couple years. Either way, we want them to know even when they’re gone, they aren’t forgotten. We hope they feel the love and support of Christ when they open up care packages created just for them.



Another part of our day included painting rocks. Why? Well, painted rocks are part of a world-wide scavenger hunt promoting positivity and kindness. People paint rocks with inspirational messages and fun designs, then hide them all over, Easter egg style. When someone finds a rock they can keep it, put it back where they found it, or hide it in a new location. We wrote **#clcgodrocks** on the back of our rocks so anyone who finds one might post a photo of it to Facebook or Instagram using that hashtag and will make that connection to Christ Lutheran Church. We included 2

rocks in each of our care packages too—1 for them to keep, the other for them to hide in their neighborhoods. And we have plenty of extras to share with any members who’d like to hide them in our local community—spreading some kindness and making Christ connections!



# DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			<b>1</b> 9:30am W Friends 7pm Adve 8pm Choi
<b>5</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School ALL Ages <b>11am Worship &amp;            Worship@Home</b> 1:15pm Confirmation Cls	<b>6</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg	<b>7</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	<b>8</b> 9:30am W Friends 7pm Adve 8pm Choi
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<b>26</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp;            Worship@Home</b>	<b>27</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>28</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends	<b>29</b> 9:30am W

**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



	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Wednesday Event Worship or Rehearsal	2	3	4	
Wednesday Event Worship or Rehearsal	9	10 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study	11	
Wednesday Event Worship or Rehearsal	16	17	18 2-4pm Live Nativity Event 5-8pm Spirit Group Christmas Celebration 	
Wednesday or Rehearsal	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5pm Worship 9pm Worship  Invite a Friend!	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 	
Wednesday	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 		

## MUSIC NOTES

The Choir is back! It was wonderful to have them back in the choir loft singing praise to God on November 14. It has been twenty long months since we heard them and we are thankful to be together again.

The choir is sad to say goodbye to a long time member, Norma Porterfield, but we rejoice in her well-lived life focused on Christ and her entry into the company of the saints. Norma came to Christ Lutheran about the same time as I did and immediately became a loyal member of the second soprano section. She loved music, and after she moved several years ago up to very recently would send me newspaper items of interest, recital programs and church bulletins she had attended or in which she even had participated in the Dallas area.

I wish you a Happy New (liturgical) Year, a hope-filled Advent and a blessed Christmas. We have not firmed up plans for the two Christmas Eve services (this year to be held at 5:00 and 9:00) but there will probably be about a 15 minute prelude at each consisting of both choral and instrumental (including organ, of course) music. Stay tuned for further information.



Ann Colbert Wade  
Director of Music

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The Property Committee and Wednesday Friends wish to thank **Rod Hester** for mowing and trimming the grass at Christ Lutheran Church for the last twelve years. Rod started mowing in 2010. He lives in Spencer County which is 22 miles from church. Driving his truck, pulling his trailer with the mower, he has made about 33 trips each year for 12 years. That means he has traveled about 17,424 miles just to mow the grass! What a great steward Rod has been for the church.

Since Rod's mowing service is over, if you might be interested in helping to mow, please contact Dale Breitenstein, Property Chair, or the church office at 267-5082.



## 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	What	When, Where, Who
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	
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



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

Our preparations for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering are underway! We have 13 youth from Christ who are attending along with one from First, and three from Faith in Jeffersonville for a Conference group of 18 youth. We are working on group cohesion and learning about the daily themes of the Gathering with our Gathering Prep sessions. On Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> session, led by Pastor Claire Ackleow from Faith Lutheran, about God's love for us and how that allows us to love ourselves and love others more fully. The next session will be Sunday December 12 at St. Stephen from 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Gathering fund or Sponsored a Sunday! Your generosity makes it possible for the youth to attend this life impacting event.

It's not too late if you would like to join us for the Gathering. The Gathering is open to all students currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and is going to be held in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022.

Please contact Tammy Kissling or Pastor Rich with any questions.

## 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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074



## FINANCE

### **Current Expense and Benevolence Update Through September 2021**

**Expected Receipts:** \$350,942.00

**Actual Receipts:** \$339,345.00

Activity Room Rental is \$9,700 below expectation but has resumed and should continue in 2022. Church Envelopes are \$1500 below expectation.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions during the first ten months of the year.

Thanks to November Counters Ed Schuette and Rita Sarson & Steve Sarson.

Memorials given in the month of October were given in memory of Pastor Thomas BeMiller, Michael Fish and Michael Phillips.

**The last deposit of 2021 will be made on Friday, December 31st.**

Contributions which want crediting to 2021 should be received at the church office by 2 PM that day.

**Online Giv-**



**SCAN ME**



## Fundraising Opportunity

We are excited to share a sports and trading card show on Saturday, December 4, from 9am-2pm at Christ Lutheran Church. It's like a craft fair with trading cards!

### WANT TO HELP?

Here's how you can:

- ✦ Volunteer to help set up table and chairs in the gym
- ✦ Volunteer to help sell concessions during the event (all monies go to our youth)
- ✦ Bake cookies, brownies, or other treats to be sold at concessions.
- ✦ Volunteer to help break down table after the event on Saturday at 2pm.

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Pastor Rich for more information.



## Kentucky

### 2021/22 Show Dates

**FREE Admission! Kids are always welcome!**  
Show Hours: Saturday 9am – 2pm

#### SPORTSCARDS SHOWS

##### Louisville, Ky

*Our Mother of Sorrows Lyons Hall  
774 Eastern Pkwy  
Louisville, KY 40217*

##### 2021 Dates

November 27, 2021  
December 11, 2021

##### 2022 Dates

January 29, 2022  
February 26, 2022  
March 26, 2022  
April 23, 2022  
May 21, 2022  
June 11, 2022  
July 23, 2022  
August 13, 2022  
September 24, 2022  
October 22, 2022  
November 19, 2022  
December 10, 2022

##### Jeffersontown, Ky

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##### 2021 Dates

December 4, 2021

##### 2022 Dates

January 15, 2022  
February 5, 2022  
March 5, 2022  
April 2, 2022  
May 7, 2022  
June 4, 2022  
July 2, 2022  
August 6, 2022  
September 3, 2022  
October 1, 2022  
November 5, 2022  
December 3, 2022

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## **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.

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

Note: **Week 4** of each month Middle and Highschool combine with Pr. Rich

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.

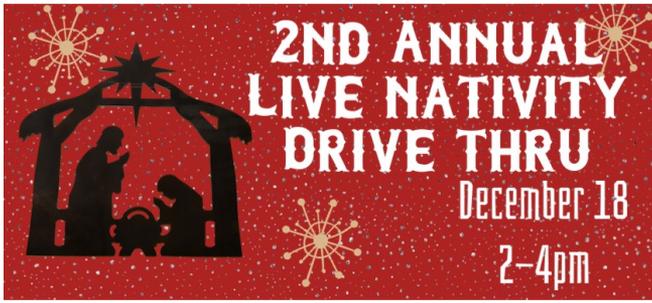
in Room 8. Adult Forum still meets in the Brick House on week 4.

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.

**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](mailto: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.



It's back!! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Live Nativity Drive Thru Event will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm AND **volunteers are needed**!! Would you like to help spread some Christmas Joy? The Christian Education Committee is partnering with our youth and we are excited to present this event to our congregation and community.

We are asking to have family units at the stations due to Covid-19 but still encourage anyone to volunteer, as we have many other important roles to fill (greeters, signage help, carolers). Costumes and props will be provided. There will be no speaking parts to learn. Please let us know if you or your family would like to participate. If you are unable to participate you can still help by spreading the word to "Come & See" our Live Nativity event. Please sign up by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you there.

Please contact Liz Dawson: 502-541-2223, or by email: [fabuliz10@yahoo.com](mailto:fabuliz10@yahoo.com), or the church office @ (502) 267-5082 to sign up.

You may also sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FADAB2BA02-live>

The Spirit Group, GIFT Group and all who wish to celebrate are invited to a ...

# Christmas Celebration!

December 18, 2021

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Church gym

Pizza dinner! Bring your favorite holiday dessert to share. The planned movies are *Charlie Brown's Christmas Tales* and *Scooby Doo Christmas*. Board games in the Youth Room! Holiday craft in the gym. Wear your favorite Christmas themed clothing!

In honor of the spirit of giving, we will be making snack bags for Fern Creek United Methodist Church to distribute to those without food.

Don't have time to whip up your favorite dessert or find your Christmas shirt? Come anyway! **We want to celebrate Jesus birth with friendship, community and service. Come for the Live Nativity and Stay for the Christmas celebration!**

Service hour available for students willing to help with set up, serving and clean up.

**Making Christ Known through fun, fellowship & faith!**

## **NEW CLC PHOTO DIRECTORY IS COMING!**

It's about time to put together a new photo directory to make it easier for everyone to put names with faces. This time, we're taking a new approach, with the goal to have a directory that is low cost, easy to update and share, and requires no studio appointments or photo package purchases. We will load member profile photos that you send us into the church records database, which we can then distribute in paper or electronic form to all our members.

### **What do we need from you?**

- † Please provide us with a portrait of your choice to represent your household. It can be formal, casual, or even silly—think of it like a social media profile picture. We just ask that all members of your household are represented in your photo if possible. If you don't have a photo that you like, someone from the Communications Team will be available to take pictures at church after services for the next couple of weeks. After that, just contact us to arrange a time when we can meet and take your picture. **Please email your photo to the church office at [church\\_office@christlutheranlouisville.com](mailto:church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com) by Wed, Dec. 1.**
- † Confirm your information with the church office. **Reply to the email that was sent recently if any corrections or updates are needed to your household's contact information.** A printout of this information will also be available in the Narthex for the next few weeks if you prefer to review and update it that way.

Our goal is to have photos and contact information collected by the beginning of December so that we can start assembling the new directory and have it ready to share with our members at the next Annual Congregational Meeting.

### **A few tips:**

- † One image per household. Preferred file types are jpg or png.
- † The final image will be square in shape (we will re-size and crop photos as needed)
- † Please send best quality image you can (nothing too blurry or small). Close ups are preferred so we can clearly see your lovely faces.

**Questions?** Contact any member of the Communications Team (Pastor Bimen, Liz Walker, Sarah Pryor, Joe Pfalzgraf)

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays		December Anniversaries	
12/1	Renate Fish	12/18	Debbie & Larry Dison
12/5	Jim Bell	12/21	Katy & Steven Gray
12/7	Ed Schuette	12/27	Rebecca & Glenn Zibart
12/8	Heather Rush Rebecca Zibart	12/30	Rhonda & Mike Trautman
12/9	Berliana Limbong		
12/11	Kyle Mertz		
12/12	Tyler Murphy		
12/13	Larry Glenn		
12/15	Jean Barney		
12/19	Stephen Yankey		
12/20	Jaclyn Werder		
12/23	Glenn Zibart		
12/25	Yvonne Gallahue		
12/28	Yvonne Gallahue		
12/29	Michael Delain		

*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.