

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2022



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“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Luke 24:1-5)

Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed Alleluia!

I am looking forward to reciting this Easter’s acclamation on Easter morning but we are not quite there yet. Before we celebrate the joy of Easter, we still need to dive deeper into the Holy week, into the story of Jesus’ suffering and death. By the time you read this message, we will be approaching the Holy week, the most solemn time in our Christian’s tradition starting on Palm Sunday, the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry to Jerusalem. During the Holy week, we will immerse into the story of Jesus’ suffering and death through the great three days leading to Easter (Easter Triduum) starting on the evening of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and to the evening of Easter Paschal (Easter Vigil) on Saturday and will culminate on Easter morning. I would like to invite you all to journey with me through that Holy week with all the services we provide.

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Unlike the women who came to the tomb on that first Easter who didn't expect Jesus' resurrection except to come and put the spices on Jesus' body until they discovered differently. They discovered that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb and when they went in, they didn't find Jesus' body. As fear overwhelmed them when the two men appeared before them and told them the good news of Jesus' resurrection saying, "*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*" But for us as the followers of Christ, we already know what happened to Jesus; for indeed 'He is risen! He is risen indeed alleluia!

Therefore for us, celebration of Easter is an invitation to the story of Jesus' sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. His resurrection gives proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure. The resurrection of Jesus brings a certain hope and comfort knowing that death is not the end of our life, but it is a new beginning. It brings comfort to us when death touches our lives.

Indeed the last two years have been difficult years for many of us because of the pandemic and other illnesses. We have lost so many lives. I myself have lost of my mother and several members of my family along with millions of others. We have lost several members of our church as well. But as the people of resurrection, we are certain that they are no longer in the tombs, they are with God their creators. We no longer look for the living among the dead. As Jesus said, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die...*" (John 11:25).

Because of that certain hope we can move on with our lives with confident in God's promise. His resurrection brings hope and new meaning into our lives. As Kristin Chenoweth wrote in the refrain of her hymn:

*"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth a living, just because He lives"*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

COUNCIL UPDATE

The Church Council had a retreat on March 12 at Karen and Leroy Koch's place in Shelby County. We started with a service of reflection before getting down to work which included working on a "Blue Sky" list of what we would like to see accomplished.

At this retreat, I shared my discussions with both Bishop Bill Gafjken and Jay Whitmeyer, the Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, regarding the resignation of Pastor Rich.

After a long conversation with Jay; giving him background on both the overall situation as well as our congregational meeting with the Bishop, he presented some steps that we could take to move forward as a congregation.

Jay ended our conversation with these words:

1. The "open venting" that occurred at the meeting with the Bishop can help get personal experiences out, but is not recommended to reach a peaceful resolution.
2. He encouraged our council leaders to listen to people without comment.
3. He wants our leaders to identify specific problems they are hearing.
4. We need to take steps to deal with these problems.

As our council moves forward doing the church's work, please pray for us so that we can be good stewards as God intends. Please see below for a list of our current Council members.

Sincerely,
Dale Breitenstein
CLC Council President

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Our Lenten mid-week services will begin on Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm. The theme for this year's Lenten season is *Making Change*.

Services will be each Wednesday at 7pm. The topics are as follows:

March 30 Change of Hearts
April 6 Change of Plans

Our Holy Week schedule is as follows:

Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday	8:30am & 11am
Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday	7pm
Friday, April 15	Good Friday	7pm
Saturday, April 16	Easter Vigil	7pm
Sunday, April 17	Easter	8:30am & 11am

We hope you will join us for our Lenten worship services. Please consider inviting a friend or two during this time. We look forward to seeing you in person and online.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us for an Easter Breakfast on Easter during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45am) in the gym. The council will serve and is free to everyone. If you would like to bring a 9 x 12 casserole to share, please contact Bonnie Kroening at 245-1020. We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the office (267-5082) to let us know how many will be there.

It will be a morning of thanks and celebration for our church.



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through January

Expected	\$ 71,735.00
Actual	\$108,037.00

[Online](#)
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Most of this difference is because some members complete their annual giving in the first two months of the year. This difference will be reduced over the next ten months.



Thanks to March Counters: Nancy Walsh, Becky & Roger Miller.

SCAN ME

Memorials given in the month of March were given in memory of Rev. Bob Anderson for Western KY Tornado Relief and for the Endowment Fund; and in memory of Carol White.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Property Committee has good news to share! Rod Hester has decided he can mow the lawn again this year! Thank you Rod!

The plumber came and did a backflow test, which is required each year. That was fine, but they found a crack in the main water line in the basement that needed replacing. The cost for this repair is \$3,576.32. The furnace in the Brick House had a bad circuit board that also needed replacing. The cost to replace the furnace was \$626.

The committee is getting bids for a concrete pad at the overhead garage door entrance due to the buckling asphalt and for a concrete pad at the dumpster. The heavy trucks that unload the dumpster weekly are making ever deepening ruts in the asphalt.

We are still considering what to do with the deteriorating asphalt in the parking lot. More and more cracks are appearing and getting larger. A seal coat will only appear to look better for a short time, and new asphalt will cost a lot, but will last a lot longer.

The tulips are poking up and the daffodils were blossoming (before the snow) and the weeds are growing. So if you would like to help, please do. Wednesday Friends usually meet from 9:30 to around 11 or 11:30, weather permitting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	
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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
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Wednesday Worship Choir Rehearsal	7	8 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study	9
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	14 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship	15 7pm Good Friday Worship	16 7pm Easter Vigil Worship
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	21 7:00pm Council Mtg	22	23
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30

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.

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

DRIVERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers to deliver meals to homebound individuals in the J'town, Middletown and Westport Road areas of Louisville. If you are interested please reach out to Teresa Baker at 502-797-5767.



Women ^{of the} ELCA

All women of Christ Lutheran Church are members of the Women of the ELCA. We hope you will join our activities! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Rooms 1 & 2 for a Bible study from Gather magazine. Lunch is enjoyed before our study, individual bring their own lunch.

If you are unable to attend in person, there is always a Zoom link provided by Jean Eisen. Simply email Jean at skinut2357@yahoo.com. Jean will send a link and invite you the day before.

Tuesday Friends is another opportunity to be involved. They meet at 9:30am every Tuesday in Rooms 9 & 10. The women make quilts, knit, cross stitch or just sit and chat with the other ladies. This is a good time for fellowship. New ideas for projects are welcome. Perhaps one could donate items or money. The WELCA craft fair proceeds have given us the opportunity to help provide for the church and the world.

2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be no Confirmation classes March 6 through April 24 due to Lent and Holy Week. Classes will resume in person and virtually on May 1.



BUSY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries & hygiene products for the Center of Women & Families in the month of March. Our table is overflowing! These items will be donated in the beginning of April. Thank you again for such a wonderful way of Making Christ Known!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



8th – 12th Graders and Adult Mentors



SUNDAY, JUNE 26 – SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Join us for a week of meaningful community service alongside strong local ministries and non-profit organizations in the Louisville area. Our time will be packed with practical acts of love and service as we engage people with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will give us the opportunity to sample the culture and diversity of Kentucky's largest city, including a community cookout with bluegrass band.

Christ Lutheran Church in Jeffersontown will be our home base for the week. We will travel overnight to Western Kentucky to assist with tornado recovery efforts, if possible. We will spend Friday at Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park and Hurricane Bay Water Park.

The cost is \$175 per person which is all inclusive (except for travel to and from Louisville). For more information, contact Pastor Dan Fugate, Assistant to the Bishop for Discipleship, at youth@iksynod.org or 317.253.3522. Deadline to register is May 15, 2022.



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APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
4/3	Josh DeWar	4/1	Jennifer & Robert Kemnitz
4/5	Dylan Kissling	4/3	Susan & Stephen Yankey
4/6	Bruce Alder	4/13	Marilyn & Raymond Peak
4/7	Mary C. Metzner Nancy Walsh	4/14	MaryLou & Peate Peters
4/9	Leroy Koch	4/16	Sherry & Mark Davis
4/11	Jackson Phillips Alice Spaulding	4/28	Taren & Scot Winskye
4/12	Sarah Pryor		
4/14	Wilma Brown		
4/17	Melissa Turpen		
4/19	Barry Barmore		
4/20	Anne Hernandez Andrew Puckett Karen Westbrooks		
4/23	Luke Dawson Larry Dison		
4/24	Hannah Gibson		
4/27	Kinsley Hoehner		
4/28	Lucas Selch		

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



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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am

Sunday School
preK—Adult 9:45am

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Worship Times: Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am.

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

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