

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



MARCH 2022

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“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:10-12)

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

Believe it or not, the Lent season is right around the corner. To think about Lent also helps us to think about spring time. The root of the word ‘lent’ is a shortened form of the English word ‘lencten’ which means ‘spring season’ or it also refers to the lengthening of the day light. After living in Alaska for several years, I knew back then that this time of the year you would gain more light as the earth is getting closer to the sun. You will hear that on weather report on TV the length of day light gained each day.

But in our Christian tradition, Lent season sometimes is called ‘quadragesima’ in Latin which means ‘fortieth’ refers to the period of 40 days excluding Sundays before Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday

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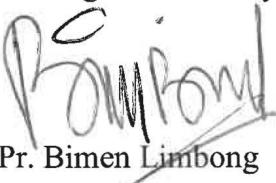
with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our mortality that indeed we are from dust and to dust we will return. Forty days has theological significant for us; remembering the forty days of journey for God's people from the slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:34) and also the forty days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).

During the season in Lent we focus on repentance; confessing our sinfulness before God and ask God to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness and show us how to live anew. I chose the text above from Psalm that is often called a '*penitential*' Psalm for the same reason; where King David offered this prayer confessing grievous sins and ask for God's forgiveness. We use this Psalm often in our worship as our own penitential words too. Traditionally the church also uses this season as a season of preparation for baptism (baptismal instructions) that will take place on Easter (Paschal) Vigil. During this time some also people refrain from eating certain drink or eating certain foods hoping by doing so people can spend more time for praying and digesting God's Word. I would invite you not to just refraining from certain diets but from negative thoughts, hatred and division but instead to feeding our hearts and minds with positive thoughts, love, forgiveness and healing.

As in our church during Lent we have Midweek Lent service with a series. With all the changes we are facing in our world and in our church, we chose the theme '*Making Change*'; *Change of Season, Change of Habit, Change of Circumstances, Change of Hearts and Change of Plans*'. I invite you all to participate in our midweek Lenten service and consider those topics.

Finally I invite you to journey with me in this holy season of Lent and find this season as a season of healing and renewal and looking forward to a joyful Easter morn.

Serving Christ with you,


Pr. Bimen Limbong



COUNCIL UPDATE

Just a few updates from the February Council meeting as we have completed our first meeting after the Annual Meeting. We welcome the new members of the council, Roger Miller, Steven Sarson, and Nancy Walsh, and are grateful for those continuing with us: Barry Barmore, Dale Breitenstein, Bud Goss, Steven Gray, Ginny Hallum, Karen Koch, Pr. Bimen Limbong, and Sarah Pryor. With every new council year, the election of church officers is held. The following people have been elected through an ecclesiastical voting process to serve in these roles for 2022:

- † President: Dale Breitenstein
- † Vice President: Sarah Pryor
- † Secretary: Karen Koch
- † Treasurer: Tony White
- † Financial Secretary: Karen Schutte

Please join all of us on the council in thanking them for their service and praying for God's guidance and wisdom in their leadership of CLC.

Other items of note from the meeting:

- † The Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafjken will be joining us a CLC on Feb. 27th to preach the 8:30 and 11:00 services. He will also be available for discussion in the gym with the congregation between the services. After the 11:00 service he will have lunch and spend some time with the council. Please look for more information about this in your email or call the church office.
- † There is progress being made on the installation on equipment to provide a better streaming product for those watching at home, or if you wish to go back and watch or listen to parts of the service. The cameras have been installed and can be seen if you visit. There is hope that the streaming "studio" will move to its permanent location in the church officer soon. There are still some items waiting for delivery due to high demand and parts shortages. We are in need of additional people to assist with the streaming or streaming preparation for any who are interested. You can contact the church office or let any of the members of the council know.
- † As Covid numbers continue to decline, the council voted to remove the mask mandate starting March 1st. At that time, we will still strongly recommend the use of masks.

Thank you to all who work and support the mission of CLC in "Making Christ Known," and encourage you to continue reaching out with ideas or preparation to support or lead the work of the church.

Peace and blessings,
Roger Kissling

BUSY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **& SOCIAL MINISTRY** **MISSION PROJECT**

Have you watched the Netflix series “*Maid*”? The series highlights the extreme difficulties one mom makes when choosing to leave an unsafe/abusive situation and running towards safety and independence. While it may be hard to know how to help abused individuals become domestic violence survivors, we can show our love and support by providing basic necessities for their arrival at a safe haven, such as The Center for Women and Families. The Center for Women and Families provides trauma-informed advocacy and support for individuals, families and communities affected by intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Dawn Gee, TV personality and local hometown hero, shared her story of becoming a domestic violence survivor and you can read more about her story here:

<https://www.thecenteronline.org/2017/10/23/no-longer-whisper/>

During the month of March, The Busy Women Bible Study, in conjunction with the Social Ministry Team, would like to collect health and personal hygiene items to donate to The Center. Examples of health and personal hygiene items include cough and cold medicines, antacids, first aid supplies, allergy medication, shampoo/conditioner (for all hair types), deodorant, body lotion, combs/hairbrushes, tampons/sanitary pads, razors, shaving cream, dental floss, etc. To make donating even easier, The Center has a QR code that will allow you to order from their Amazon wish list and have the items sent directly to The Center. Due to Covid and an abundance of certain items, The Center is no longer accepting clothing, linens, shoes, purses, or household items – these are all given to Goodwill.

If you'd prefer to donate cash, we have excellent shopping volunteers who will gladly do your shopping on your behalf. Simply mark on your check or envelope the money is designated to “The Center Project – BWBS/SM”.

Goal: To collect 250 donated items for The Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Nixon or Roger Miller, via the church office, 502-267-5082.

**DONATING TO THE CENTER
FOR WOMEN & FAMILIES**



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through January

Expected	\$39,566.00
Actual	\$36,129.00

Online
Giving

Shortfalls:

Church Envelopes	\$2100.00
Activity Room	\$1650.00

Thanks to January Counters: Jean Eisen, Jane & Tom Farrar.



SCAN ME

Memorials given in the month of February were given in memory of Rev. Bob Anderson for Western KY Tornado Relief, Clifton Petry, Charles Petry and Pattie Petry Vaught for the ELCA Nation Youth Gathering, Marie McClure and Carol Russell.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The property committee has installed three more fire extinguishers in the building; we previously had one. The locations for fire extinguishers are:

- † 2 in the kitchen area...one at each end of the kitchen
- † 1 inside room 9 near the door
- † 1 in the office

Also new toilets have been installed in both the women's restrooms. These toilets are taller and more efficient than the old ones. Thanks to Mike and Jean Barney and Dale Breitenstein and Mark Davis for that work.

Wednesday Friends have been busy trimming bushes and getting ready for spring.

The property committee usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. If you find it in your heart to join us, we would love more company.

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 9	Change of Season
March 16	Change of Habit
March 23	Change of Circumstances
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.

Lent



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for
**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
& EGG HATCH**



Easter Eggstravaganza

A fun afternoon celebrating the Easter season with crafts and an Easter version of "Trunk or Treat"

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 12:15pm
(after the 11am church service)

We NEED YOUR HELP!
Teens to organize craft stations
2 adults to help man food station
Many, many decorated cars and hand out eggs
(filled with candy or other small trinkets)



Please contact Heather Rush at 502-599-3337 or heather1281@gmail.com if you have interest in helping.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 9:30am Tuesday Friends	2 Ash W 9:30am W Friends 7pm Ash Worship 7:45pm C
6 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School ALL Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home	7 12pm Prayer Mtg	8 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Mtg	9 9:30am W Friends 7pm Wor 7:45pm C
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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 + Wednesday choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
Wednesday ship choir Rehearsal	10	11 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study	12
Wednesday ship choir Rehearsal	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 7:00pm Council Mtg	18	19
Wednesday ship choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
Wednesday ship choir Rehearsal	31		

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.

ZOOM STREAMING DISCONTINUED

Beginning Sunday, February 20 we will no longer utilize Zoom.us as a live streaming platform for our worship services. People attending worship online will still be able to connect with us via our church Facebook page and our YouTube channel. While the Facebook page does require you have a FB account, the YouTube channel does not.

We look forward to seeing our friend and family virtually!

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=emVSUdLeXVPNVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emVSUdLeXVPNVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09)

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074



MUSIC NOTES

Lent is knocking at the door, so this month we'll shine a spotlight on arguably the best-known of many Lenten hymns. *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (ELW 351 and 352) is also known as the *Passion Chorale*. The text is by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) based on Arnulf of Louvain (d. 1250); the tune (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*) is a German melody c. 1500 which was adapted by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612). From all these dates you can see we're talking about a **very old** text and tune. The two settings in our hymnal (351 and 352) are the same tune/melody – they differ only in their rhythmic treatment. The first is a straight-forward hymn-like setting harmonized by J.S. Bach and is also used for ELW 606 – *Our Father, We Have Wandered* and ELW 703 – *O God, Why Are You Silent*; the second is the original (or very close to it) Renaissance rhythm.

Because *Herzlich tut...* is so well-known, is such a wonderful melody, and has been around for a long time it has been the basis for many, many chorale preludes by composers over the centuries. I personally have more than a dozen, and have decided to use some of them during Lent this year. Thus, I will be playing one of them for the prelude (or occasionally the postlude) each Sunday. I hope you enjoy hearing the different treatments of this great tune.



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

WELCA UPDATE

February meeting was very well attended with 13 women in person and 3 via zoom. Shirley Williamson led the Bible Study on the Kingdom of God. Jean Eisen provided the Zoom link and will continue to if interest continues. If you would like to attend via zoom e-mail Jean at skinut2357@yahoo.com.



We will meet in person at noon on Tuesday, March 8 for lunch (women in attendance will provide their own lunch). Bible study will begin between 12:30 & 12:45. We hope to see you there.

BUSY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calling all Busy Women...you are invited!

The Busy Women Bible Study (BWBS) group will be preparing for Easter by gathering every Sunday during Lent during the Sunday School hour in Rooms 11 & 12. The primary focus of this time together will be to reconnect with each other. All women who are busy are invited. Please know we'd love to have you join when time permits – there is no need to commit to all Sundays. We also plan to have a virtual/hybrid option. We encourage you to bring your favorite morning beverage (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc). If you have any questions, please reach out to Jean Eisen, Ginny Hallum, or Tracy Richardson.

The BWBS are planning to use Nadia Bolz-Weber's book *Accidental Saints* for their conversations together in the upcoming year. Our current thinking is we will read a chapter a month and discuss. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the book and joining the conversation, please reach out to Ginny Hallum, Sarah Mertz, or Jenny Nixon.

Also, the BWBS will have 2 service projects during Lent. The first is the March donation drive for The Center for Women and Families (see additional article in the Messenger) and an Easter Project for Brooklawn (details to come).

We are excited to reconnect with each other and serve our community.

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.



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. The class schedule for May is as follows:

DATE	What	Where, Where, Who
May 1	Resurrection & Promise	
May 8	No Class	
May 15	Claiming Our Gifts	ELCA Presentation
May 22	Last class for year, meal and celebration	

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BROUGHT IN TOILET PAPER!

We reached our goal! We received 504 rolls of toilet paper!

ARCHIVED MESSENGERS

Did you know we have the messengers printed in book format in the library dated back to 1961? If you are ever interested in some history of our church, take some time to come to the library and go back in time.

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.

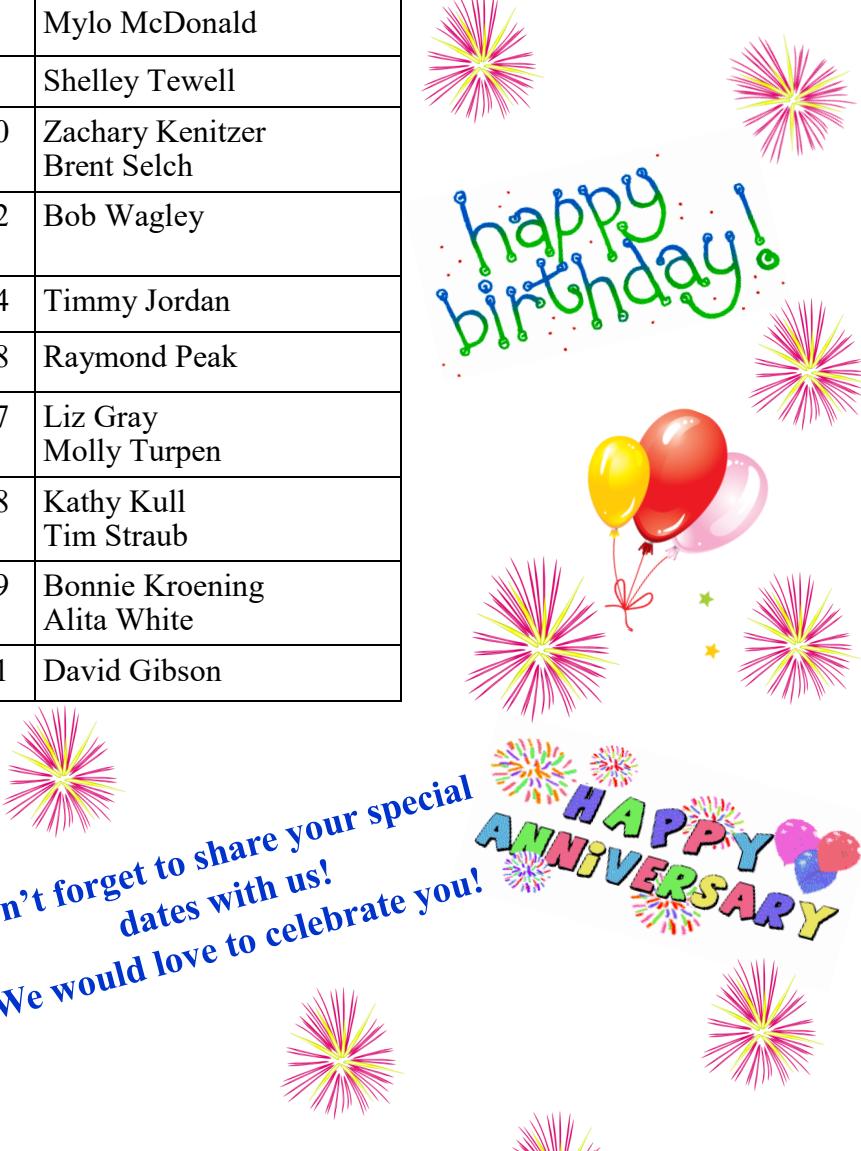


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MARCH CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
3/6	Samuel Colbert	3/20	Germaine & Kenneth Overstreet
3/7	Mylo McDonald		
3/8	Shelley Tewell		
3/10	Zachary Kenitzer Brent Selch		
3/12	Bob Wagley		
3/14	Timmy Jordan		
3/18	Raymond Peak		
3/27	Liz Gray Molly Turpen		
3/28	Kathy Kull Tim Straub		
3/29	Bonnie Kroening Alita White		
3/31	David Gibson		

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.