

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2022



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"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:19-23)

Peace be with you!

The first Easter apparently was not as joyful as our Easter celebration. In fact, it was a horrifying moment or even week for the disciples beginning on the night of his betrayal, his trials, crucifixion and death. It was just too much for them to process and make sense of. They were overwhelmed with fear; fear that they would face the same fate as their teacher and master had. That fear forced them to hide behind the locked doors of the house.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

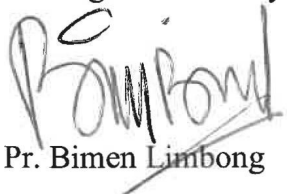
Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

In the middle of their fear and locked down however, Jesus appeared in their midst; penetrating through the locked doors and greeted them with the words, *“Peace be with you!”* He greeted them with the same greetings twice. When he greets them the first time, he shows them his hands and his side to prove them that indeed; he has risen from the death. The second time, his greetings is followed with a commission and authority; *“as the Father has sent me, so I send you... receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

Likewise, in spite of the fact that we celebrated a joyful Easter, but it seems like the ‘Good Friday’ is still lingering around us. We are still filled with fear of any kinds. I don’t know what kind of fear you are facing right now in your life; whether with illness, conflicts within the family and work place, economics uncertainty, war or political instability in our world or whatever fear that might be. Like the disciples, fear often times paralyzes our lives and forces us to shut down and hide ourselves in a locked room of our own confinement. But the good news of Easter for us is, in the midst of our fear and confinement; the risen Christ can come in with and without our invitation and greet us with peace. God grants us peace that passes all understanding, peace that the world cannot give. His peace sets us free from our fear, doubt and confinement. When fear is banished, joy fills our hearts.

Not only does God set us free from our fear and confinement, but also God breathes on us his Holy Spirit and makes us a new creation; just like God breathed on Adam the breath of life and made him a living being. With the power of the Holy Spirit He sends us forth into the world to proclaim the good news of his resurrection and grants us power even to forgive the sins of any as God has forgiven us. Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bimen Limbong', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom of the signature.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

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2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Confirmation Class will resume on Sunday, May 1 at 1:15pm in person and online. We hope to see all are confirmation students!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through March 2022

Expected \$105,319.00

Actual \$138,709.00

[Online](#)

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Thanks to all who have contributed during the first quarter. The surplus is due to several members who donated their annual pledge during the first quarter.



Thanks to April Counters: Marilyn & Raymond Peak and Pat Friedman.

SCAN ME

Memorials given in the month of April were given in memory of Velma Dust, Norma Porterfield, Walter Feldt, Walter Feldt's 8 siblings, Robert White, John Blake (Ginny Jones' cousin), Edward Monheimer (Ginny Jones' cousin), and Doris Henry.

HANNAH LIMBONG'S TRAJECTORY



Hannah Limbong, a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Jeffersontown, Kentucky, is musical, leads well, has a willing spirit, and an infectious smile. As a first-year student in high school, Hannah was feeling a bit lost and wasn't really sure about her purpose in life. She was searching.

Hannah became friends with Maddie Engelau through synod youth ministry events. Maddie attended the ELCA Youth Leadership Summit, and afterwards she shared with Hannah how transformative the experience was for her. Maddie shared that it strengthened her faith and got her more involved in the church.

When Pastor Dan Fugate invited Hannah as one of the two synod participants to the upcoming Summit, she was open to the experience and accepted the invitation because of what Maddie had shared with her. However, Hannah didn't have any expectations that she would have the same experience as Maddie.

"Although it sounds like a cliché," Hannah said, "attending the Summit really was life-changing. I felt the presence of God and how God is working through us and through our church. I've always been involved in our congregation, but never on this scale. I wasn't aware of all the ways the ELCA is actively responding to things that are happening in the world."

Hannah says seeing youth lead the Summit inspired her to know that she, too, could be a leader in the church. As a result of her experience at the Summit, Hannah applied to be part of the ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team, a group of high school leaders who plan each year's Summit. Hannah was chosen to be part of the team for two years. "Being part of the Core Leadership Team changed the trajectory of my high school career and of my life really," Hannah added, "Through this service, I learned a lot about myself. I learned what it means to be a servant leader."

Hannah, now a senior in high school, says she has grown as a person and has picked up skills that will benefit her throughout her entire life. Hannah was elected at the 2021 IK Synod Assembly as a voting member to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. "I can't form the words to express how grateful I am for the experiences I have had. I am amazed at God's miraculous work in small ways at the synod level, national level, and global level. I am grateful that in the ELCA youth are being listened to."

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Your gifts to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod make it possible for Hannah and other young people to participate in the ELCA Youth Leadership Summit as well as our Synod's Youth Leadership Summit and other synodical youth ministries. As Hannah said, investing in young people can change the trajectory of their lives. Thank you for your generosity in making it possible to make a difference in the lives of young people in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.

by Pastor Dan Fugate

To: Members of Christ Lutheran Church and Friends of Doris G. Henry



On behalf of the family of Doris G. Henry, Jane, Janet and Robert wish to thank the members of Christ Lutheran Church for your expressions of sympathy, friendship, support, and love during and following our mother's visitation and funeral.

Throughout her life our mother regarded the church members as an extension of her family, and in passing we felt the outpouring of love and support as well. We are grateful and thank all who knew and cared for our mother and appreciate your many expressions of sympathy for us, her family.

Sincerely, Jane Daly, Janet Jospe, Robert Henry and families.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please fill out the attendance cards that are handed out at each worship service. These cards capture important information that helps us keep our records up to date. Attendance is recorded every Sunday and this data is included in our Annual Report.



The Women of ELCA group will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 12pm. The group will enjoy lunch together, individuals should bring their own lunch. There will also be a Bible study. The group will meet in person and online in Rooms 1 & 2. Please reach out to Jean Eisen if you would like to have the Zoom link sent to you, skinut2357@yahoo.com.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

On Sunday, March 27 Christ Lutheran celebrate our annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Egg Hatch. A huge thanks to Heather Rush and Alita White for coordinating this fabulous event.

Guests were treated to a yummy lunch of Chic-fil-A nuggets, fruit, chips and cake! Members of our GIFT youth helped the younger kids with Easter crafts. After lunch and crafts, the kids hit the parking lot to visit decorated cars for Easter eggs and treats.

Thank you to everyone who decorated their cars and handed out candy. There was even an Easter egg hunt in the playground. It was a wonderful celebration, especially after the past two years.





MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 1:15pm Confirmation	2 12pm Prayer Mtg	3 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	4 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
8 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School ALL Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 	9 12pm Prayer Mtg	10 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Mtg	11 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
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29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home	30 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 	31 9:30am Tuesday Friends	



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
5 Wednesday Air Rehearsal	6 OAKS DAY 	7 KENTUCKY DERBY 	
12 Wednesday Air Rehearsal 7:00pm Christian Ed	13 7pm Busy Women's Bible Study	14	
19 Wednesday Air Rehearsal	20	21	
26 Wednesday Air Rehearsal	27	28	



Thank you to all who contributed money or hygiene items for the Center for Women and Families. Your generosity will go a long way in helping women and families as they move out of abusive situations.

Monetary gifts totaled \$779.00, and a check was written and delivered to the Center. A total of 285 hygiene items were collected including 1 bottle/package each of antacids, antibiotic ointment, laxatives, hand sanitizer, Q-tips, baby wipes, facial wipes, and wet wipes; 2 packages each of gauze bandage pads, mouth wash, pain reliver, and vitamins; 3 bottles/packages each of body powder, dental floss sticks, hair styling gel, and hair ties; 4 each of baby lotion, pill organizers, liquid hand soap, and sunscreen; 5 each of baby shampoo, panty liners, kids paint soap, and tampons, 6 bottles hair conditioner and shaving gel, 7 hair brushes, 8 packages of band-aids, 9 bottles of lotion, 11 bottles of hair shampoo, 13 tubes of lip balm, 18 deodorants, 19 razors, 23 bars of soap, 28 bottles of body wash, 32 toothpaste, and 41 toothbrushes.

This project was jointly sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee and the Busy Women's Bible Study group.

BLANKET MAKING PARTY...MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"My Very Own Blanket" is an organization that encourages individuals and groups to make blankets (knit, crochet, quilt, or no-sew fleece) to give to kids in the foster care system. The blankets get a tag with the child's name. Oftentimes, these children have very little that they can call their own. Having a blanket with their name means the child can always take the blanket with them.

The social ministry committee, WELCA, and the Busy Women's Bible Study group will be sponsoring a blanket-making event on Sunday, June 6, after church. We have been approved for a Thrivent grant to help with purchasing materials. We will be making no-sew fleece blankets that get fringed (with knots) on two ends. Please mark you calendar and then watch the bulletins and the June Messenger for more information. Please sign up thru the church office or with Jean Eisen so we have enough workstations set up. For other questions, contact Jean at 502-558-0344 or skinut2357@yahoo.com



Dedicated to comforting children in foster care!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Property Committee has been busy continually improving our facility. The most recent improvement made to our church property were the concrete pads that were poured by the dumpster and the garage. Thank you to everyone involved.



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 Karen Koch, 502-552-9766, karen.koch@cpa.com

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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhhJd3dDNIRkdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhhJd3dDNIRkdz09)

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.



GIFT YOUTH GOT ACTIVE IN MARCH

On Sunday, March 20, the GIFT youth gathered for lunch after the 2nd worship service, then headed over to nearby Activate—an indoor “active gaming experience.”

The kids formed teams of 3-5 players and went from room to room, playing a series of short games that included problem-solving, agility, trivia, replicating light patterns, navigating through a laser maze, and even shooting basketballs (we are in Kentucky after all). It’s a venue that’s a bit challenging to capture in writing, so just ask one of the 15 kids that attended what it was like.

They were worn out by the end of our session, but judging by the sweaty and smiling faces, they had a lot of fun! A special shout out to Spirit Group members Jamie Richardson and Abby Ribble for inviting a couple of friends to come along and show those older GIFT kids how to earn the big points.



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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MAY CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
5/1	Carol Breitenstein	5/8	Marti & Bill Gibson
5/3	Hannah Limbong	5/9	Becky & Roger Miller
5/4	Emelyn Merchant	5/11	Kathleen & Dale Breitenstein Kristen & Matt Hoehner
5/5	Barbara Rowland	5/15	Deborah & William Scott
5/7	Walker Bell	5/18	Jean & Mike Barney
5/8	Mark Davis	5/22	Wendy & Larry Glenn
5/11	Indiana Dawson Pastor Bimen Limbong Cathy Skelton	5/29	Jessica & Matt Bruederle
5/12	Lisa Huber	5/31	Tammy & Roger Kissling
5/13	Rhonda Trautman		
5/15	Beth Allgeier		
5/16	Dale Breitenstein		
5/17	Summer Carroll		
5/19	Alex Paul Emily Paul		
5/20	Sherri Hesler Liz Walker		
5/24	Hayley Glenn		
5/25	Steven Gray Betty Payne Mary Peters		
5/27	Florence Bright		

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.