

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2022



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“...So that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'” (Acts 17:27-28)

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

In our council meeting this month, Ginny Hallum chose the text for our devotion from the verses 27-28. The verses above are part of the Apostle Paul’s apologetics message and testimonies to the Athenians who worshipped idols made out of human hands and imaginations such as gold, silver, stone, artworks, ideas etc. The apostle Paul introduced them the true and only one God who created them all using the inscription found in one of their altars, *'to an unknown god'* as his teaching tool. This ‘an unknown god’ to them in fact the God that Paul serves who is not only the God who made heavens and earth and everything in it but also the God who gives to all mortals life and breath and all things and in Him we live and move and have our being.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

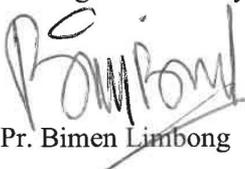
Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Paul said that *'He (God) is not far from each one of us. In him we live and move and have our being'*. I am struck with that statement realizing the nearness of God all around us and in fact we are existed in God, our very being. Though we do not see God through our plain eyes but we all can see God through the works of his hands all around us. So, in our council meeting I asked each of our members to identify God in their life or the life of others and to share that in our group. I was humbled to hear their faith stories and how God indeed is actively at work in our lives.

Indeed we can see and experience God in our ordinary or even mundane time. We can experience and encounter God in an unexpected or even least expected place and time. I really think that identifying God in our everyday life is a good spiritual practice. Since God created the heaven and the earth and everything that is in it, we can simply see the hands of God are all around us when see outside; the birds that chirp, the mountains and the fields, the smell of the flowers in our garden, the sun and the rains that nourish them, the sky and the sea, the moon and the stars in the galaxy for God created them all for us to enjoy and cherish. Most importantly we encounter our fellow human beings; family, friends and even strangers. We can see God in them for God created them according to his image.

In our St. Thomas Mass service on July 24, we invited several members of our church from different walks of life and demographic to share their Godly moments or faith stories; how they experienced God in their lives through joy and sadness, health and sickness, special and mundane time and everything in between that we too, may take our time intentionally to identify God and his works all around us that we my live a grateful life today and every day. As one of the VBS songs that the kids sang this week called *'Hippopotamus'* that very much sums it up: *"In the beginning God made the sea. And the forest filled with trees. He made the mountains up so high. And on the very top God placed the sky. God's fingerprints are everywhere. Just to show how much He cares. And in the end He had lots of fun. He made a hippo that weighed a ton. Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus. Hip-Hip-Hurray, God made all of us. Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus. Hip-Hip-Hurray, God made all of us."*

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pr. Bimen Limbong', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through June 2022

Expected	\$208,231.00
Actual	\$223,716.00

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Giving](#)



Thanks to everyone for their gifts. Based on advanced gifts we are estimated to be even at mid-year.

Thanks to July's counters: Trish Ferris and Amy & Ken Schneider.

SCAN ME

Thank You for your kindness!

MaryLou & Pete Peters would like to express their thanks to all the member of Christ Lutheran, especially Rich and Nina Hallum, for all the cards that have been sent to them. They are greatly appreciated.

Sharing God's Love



Samuel Limbong embodies what it means to share God's Love with others. He took time out of his busy teenage life to share some music with our seniors at the Metro Senior Nutrition program. What a blessing Samuel is!

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Dear brothers and sisters of Christ Lutheran

As your Council President, let me apologize for my tardiness updating the congregation on several matters. Our “Healthy Congregation” initiative supported through the synod and a few other church business matters took more time than expected. We have made progress in these areas, and I’d like to provide those needed updates here.

First, following Pastor Rich’s resignation, Bishop Bill Gafkjen suggested several organizations that support their “Healthy Congregation” process. The Lombard Peace Center and the Lutheran Diaconal Association. The contact with LDA began two weeks ago when I had a long and open conversation with their contact Valarie Webdell. She asked a lot of questions about Pastor Rich, Pastor Bimen and CLC in general. Getting an understanding of our circumstances and history will help her in this process. Ms. Webdell asked about why we could call an associate pastor during a pandemic. I shared that our logic was that at some point the pandemic would be over and when able, our congregation wanted to “hit the ground running.” She also shared that our associate pastor model for youth was very “dated”. Churches today fill that position with paid lay staff.

She also made a few observations. One was that there seemed to have been a “structural breakdown” of church leadership leading to the resignation of Pastor Rich. There was confusion as who was in charge, and this needed to be addressed in the future. She suggested looking at a division of duties which would allow Pastor Bimen to focus more on pastoral duties while someone else would handle administrative and personnel tasks.

One positive note was that though our Sunday in-personal attendance is down, our revenue numbers have been mostly steady. **She stated that attendance is a churchwide issue. Most churches are struggling post COVID, both in membership and givings.**

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My meeting with Ms. Webdell was a first step; the next is to have our council meet and speak with her and I am on securing a date that the council can meet with Ms. Webdell via Zoom.

Other matters of congregation interest include the approval and pending installation of a church security system. The security system was one of the final parts of the Get Connected Campaign. Magnetically locking doors, key fobs and remote capabilities will enable us to have a more secure church space.

Lastly, Roger Kissling and Steven Gray have resigned from our church council and church. We thank them for their service to Christ Lutheran.

Yours in Christ,
Dale Breitenstein
President CLC Council

Sunday August 28th 2022



Mark your calendar for our annual Rally Day event! Please join us for a fun filled morning as we Rally together and get pumped up for learning and growing with Jesus this year. Sunday school classes will resume Sunday September 11th. We are asking for everyone to bring a school supply donation for JAM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Both Worship Services will include:



Blessing of the backpacks for all students!



Presentation of Bibles to our new Confirmation students!



Installation of our Sunday School teachers!

Between Services:

The Christian Education committee invites you to the gym to register for Sunday school class, confirmation class, complete photo release forms, chaperone/volunteer forms, teacher meet & greets, curriculum information and our grand revealing of a new Sunday School Event Series.

BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH!

Sunday, August 28th

After our Rally Day excitement, the fun continues with our Back to School Splash!

Please RSVP here:



Please RSVP for lunch immediately following the 11am service, then suit up and head outside to the giant inflatable waterslide. Let's have some summer fun in the sun and start the new school year off with a splash!

Collection of school supplies for JAM will continue throughout the day's activities.

Questions? Contact Sarah Pryor, 758-5108 or spryor@bellsouth.net.



BOUNDLESS VACATION BIBLE **SCHOOL**



What a GREAT week we had at Boundless Vacation Bible School! Once again the halls of Christ Lutheran were filled with the sounds of laughter and joy as 40 children learned about God's Love for them.

Days were filled with arts & crafts, games, songs, laughter, food and of course the Word of God.

We are so grateful to all our volunteers, who along side the LOMIK staff, worked hard to give these children an amazing experience. VBS takes many hands and feet of Jesus, and we certainly have some of the best. Thank you to everyone who touched the lives of all our campers and who worked to make Boundless a huge success!!!



AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	1	2 9:30am Tuesday Friends	3 9:30am W Friends
7 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult Classes Only 11am Worship & Worship@Home	8 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte. Mtg	9 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	10 9:30am W Friends JCPS & C School
14 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult Classes Only 11am Worship & Worship@Home	15	16 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Mtg	17 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
21 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult Classes Only 11am Worship & Worship@Home	22	23 9:30am Tuesday Friends	24 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
28 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult Classes Only & Rally Day 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:30p Back to School Splash	29	30 9:30am Tuesday Friends	31 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho



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	4	5	6
Wednesday OCPS Return to	11	12	13
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	18	19	20
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	25	26	27
Wednesday Air Rehearsal			

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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074



ONGOING SOCIAL MINISTRY WORK



Please remember to place your gently used shoes in the WaterStep bin in the Narthex. This is an ongoing project to help Third World countries obtain water filtering equipment. To date, we have collected over 14 bags of shoes! Thank you for your donations that made this happen.

WELCA CRAFT BIZARRE

The 29th Annual Holiday Craft Bizarre has been scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022 and planning is well underway.

Vendors are needed and are welcome to submit their applications to event coordinator Bonnie Kroening. The cost per vendor for an 8'x10' booth is \$50 with a table & chair provided or \$45 if vendor provides own table. See the flyer below for all details. The application can be printed out from our [website](#) and mailed to Bonnie Kroening. Deadline for applications is September 1.

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29th Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar

October 15, 2022 --- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handmade arts and crafts only. No baked goods or other food items.

Church women will have bake sale.

Booth space approximately 8' x 10'. Includes one 8' table and two chairs.

Cost - \$50.00, if you have your own table, **Cost \$45.00** by **September 1st**.

Set up time Friday, October 14th 6:00 pm –8:00 pm or Saturday, October 15 7:30 am. Booth **MUST** be kept open until 2:00 pm.

Please complete and return lower portion to Bonnie Kroening, 10543 Dove Chase Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40299. Telephone 502/245-1020.

Make checks payable to WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Flyers are enclosed for you to copy and give out to family, friends and co-workers. We also advertise in Facebook. Signs at the church.

Breakfast and lunch available. Breakfast may be purchased at 8:30 am by vendors.

Church is not responsible for any loss or damage.

Name _____

Address and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Type of craft _____

Set up Friday night YES _____ NO _____

Please enclose payment.

JAM Donations August

This month JAM is accepting donations of laundry supplies. We all know how expensive these supplies can be.



Please consider dropping off laundry supplies at our church for families in the Jeffersontown area. Items of need include: laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, chlorine bleach, color safe bleach, stain remover, laundry bags, etc.

URGENT NEED - VOLUNTEERS

Christ Lutheran is a vibrant, active church. One of the main reasons for this is our dedicated volunteers. We are so blessed to have so many individuals who freely give of their time and talents day after day.

Thank you to all our volunteers who help with worship; ushers, lectors, communion assistants, crucifers and those who set up & clean the altar and paraments; to those who run our live streaming operation so we can share our worship with those still at home, to those who help keep our property and facility beautiful, to our upcoming VBS volunteers, to our die hard lawn mowers at 9212 Taylorsville Road and our cemetery in J'town, to our small ministry volunteers participating in events to help people in our community, and so many more.

But we are in urgent need of more help. Our volunteers are our life line, we need you so we can continue to *Make Christ Known* within our church walls and outside in our community. **Our critical needs are worship assistants and live streaming volunteers.** All positions are simple and come with training and support, and no experience is required.



Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Do you have questions, you can reach out to Liz Walker, Volunteer Coordinator at 502-693-7576 or clcvolunteers9@gmail.com or Karen Koch at karen.koch@cpa.com. We will be happy to answer them.

THE HISTORY OF QUILTING AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

by Kathie Armstrong

Before I joined the church in 1962, I have no records of any quilting being done in our church. Perhaps early in our history the ladies made some quilts.

In August of this year, it will mark 26 years since the BeMillers left because of Pastor BeMiller's retirement. A few years before this, Lou BeMiller started a quilt project with the Wednesday Circle. Some of the ladies would meet once a month before the meeting to make a 60"x80" quilt for Lutheran World Relief. It would consist of a piece of double knit fabric on the bottom, a piece of batting in the middle, and another piece of double knit fabric on the top. Dorothy Priest would take them home and sew the border. When she was no longer able, Lou would serge the borders.

When Lou moved away, she asked if I would take over this mission. I did this for many years. I do remember that Barb Morgan serged the first batch of quilts for me. Then I decided to turn over the edges and sew them like Dorothy did.

Lou taught me how to pack them tightly in boxes and take them to UPS to be mailed. I try to pack four in a box. We made 12 quilts a year, but don't know how many years we were active.

Several years ago, Barb Morgan got us started with a new group for quilting, knitting, crocheting, sewing or whatever. It became known as the Tuesday Morning Friends. By this time there was no double knit fabric available, so we began using more traditional quilting fabrics. We have relied on donations except for batting, which I have purchased.

Recently Pam Ballinger used Thrivent Financial so I could purchase fabric and batting. Then after Doris Henry died, her children gave me some much needed fabric and thread. Shirley Williamson and I have carried on this tradition all of these years. Almost every Monday I lay out a quilt, and we tie it together on Tuesday.

Shirley puts together many beautiful lap quilts which we also tie together on Tuesdays. These quilts are donated to our shut ins and to various nursing homes. Pictures of these are on the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway. We have made over 310 quilts for Lutheran World Relief in our Tuesday Friends group.

If anyone has any fabric, thread, old sheets or batting, we can always use it and it would be appreciated. Today, Lutheran World Relief distributes about 300,000 Mission Quilts a year to people who have endured war, natural disaster, economic strife, drought and other crises. Some of those crises make headlines; many more never do. But everyone who receives a quilt gets a jolt of love and encouragement.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
8/2	Annette Bishoff Carole Davis	8/3	Cynthia & Bruce Alder
8/3	Mike Barney	8/7	Emily & Brent Selch
8/5	Ethan Selch	8/8	Belinda & Allen Porter
8/7	Braylon Garr	8/18	Barb & Ron Morgan
8/8	Kathy Sigdestad	8/26	Carol & Earl Breitenstein
8/9	Grant Stephens Scot Winskye		
8/10	Abby Ribble		
8/11	Anna Mertz		
8/12	Kolbie Garr		
8/16	Henry Nixon		
8/18	Ian Walker		
8/19	Keith Kenitzer		
8/21	Pr. George Mercer		
8/24	Doris Jetton		
8/27	Ava Koch		
8/29	Angela Adams Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		


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


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MONTHLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
July 3	24	72	Not Recorded	96
July 10	33	57	19	109
July 17	22	52	20	94
July 24	No Service	72	16	88
July 31	Services had not occurred at time of publication.			

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.

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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am

Sunday School
preK—Adult 9:45am

Find us on  @

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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.