

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2022



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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

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

There is no doubt that we are living in an anxious time. The pandemic has impacted our lives and the world so deeply in many and variety of ways. While the pandemic is still lingering around us other issues also follow suit, such as great inflation that makes it difficult for many of us to make ends meet because the price of everything has increased significantly. The future seems uncertain. It has impacted our church and all the churches for that matter.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

We thought by opening our church for in person worship without registering and wearing masks, our church will be filled with people. But we all know it is not the case even though our attendance slowly increasing. It is getting difficult to get people involved and volunteer to help us with our ministry. We lament with the fact that we have fewer children in our Sunday school. That too creates anxiety.

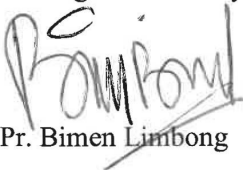
Unfortunately, it happens not just in our church, but also in many churches for that matter. Being a synod council member, it makes me aware even more how all the congregations in our synod are going through the same struggles we all are facing. Some congregations consider to merge with other congregation to survive or to close their doors altogether with holy closure.

But the Scriptures reminds us not to be anxious, but instead to present our requests to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Perhaps by presenting our requests to God in prayer, we might be able to discern what God has in mind for us to do here in this church and community in this particular time. That is what we are hoping to achieve through our upcoming visioning process. It might require us to change and to take risks in order to grow and thrive.

So instead of anxious, may we remember that this church is God's church. Jesus is the head of the church. He cares for his church more than we do. At the end of the day, God is in charge. God will do what God is going to do. We thank God for calling us to be his partners in his ministry.

So, I would like to close this letter with this prayer "*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*" (ELW, p. 317)

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pr. Bimen Limbong', written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through August 2022

Expected	\$277,166.00
Actual	\$281,075.00

[Online
Giving](#)



Thanks to everyone who has contributed. When advance contributions are taken into consideration it is estimated we are \$10,000 to \$12,000 behind at the end of August.

Thanks to September's counters. Mike & Kim Hajnik and Mike Kull.

SCAN ME

We received memorials in memory of Doris Henry and Vivian Wise in September.



Women of the ELCA(WELCA) have donated \$500 to Kentucky Flood Relief. In December we donated \$500 to Kentucky Tornado Relief. These monetary donations are possible because of profits from the Craft Fair. In previous years profits have stayed here at Christ Lutheran - tables chairs, landscaping, kitchen items, pulpit, gift cards for Pastors to give to those in need.

JAM Donations
October

This month JAM is accepting donations of...Body care-soap, body wash, deodorant, shower puffs, etc.

Please consider dropping off lunch box snacks at our church for families in the Jeffersontown area. You may also drop off at JAM directly, but please call first to make sure they are open. Their number is 267-1055.

FROM PASTOR GEORGE MERCER

Dear Ones in Christ,

Hidden away in Isaiah 43.19 is a curiously thought-catching verse. “*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*”

It is in the middle of the Prophet Isaiah’s God-given message of comfort and reassurance to the people of Israel, captive in Babylon for so many years.

I employ it today not in that sense, but to point to the ministry I have been doing at Christ Lutheran Church the past 7 months.

As we went from 2 full-time pastors to one in February of this year, I recognized the work-load at our church was too much for Pastor Bimen. I volunteered to what we are calling a Pastoral Assistant role, a kind of interim-Interim. As the only ordained clergy left at Christ it felt like the right move was to step forward and provide some assistance.

While the council approved this in March, it lately dawned on me that no full fledged announcement of this had really been given to the congregation. Maybe the word has already spread but just to be sure people know what is happening, I write this word to you.

I request no honorarium, but feel that as I have been so blessed by my call to ministry, it is right to do this serving. The church is not getting off totally free as we have agreed to send the Synod recommended monthly supply amount of \$ 500 for the I-K Synod Outdoor Ministry support.

While maybe not a “totally” ‘*new thing*’ in the words of scripture, my work ‘*springs forth*’ from my desire to help with ministry at the church with which I have been associated since 1950. This is not planned to become anything long-term, but only to help us move forward in our ministry of “Making Christ Known”.

Thanks for all your support and feel free to let me know if there is any specific way I can be of ministry to you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor George Mercer

WELCA CRAFT FAIR

The 29th Annual Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 9am-2pm. We hope everyone will come shop and eat with us. The Women of the ELCA of Christ Lutheran is accepting donations of baked goods and are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help during the bazaar in the kitchen preparing and serving food and at the WELCA baked goods table and craft table to help with sales. We also need volunteers to come help with set up on Thursday,

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29th Annual Arts & Crafts

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Christ Evangelical
Lutheran Church
9212 Taylorsville Road
Jeffersontown, KY 40299**

**October 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Handmade crafts
Great gift ideas!
Baked goods
Breakfast & lunch available**



**For more information
Call 245-1020**



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>

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.

Toilet Paper NEEDED!

Jeffersontown Area Ministry (JAM) needs toilet paper. The Social Ministry Committee is again asking for your donations.

Please bring toilet paper to church October 9th through the 16th. The toilet paper will be delivered to JAM the week of October 16th. Thank you for your generosity!



YOUTH CORNER

We Made a Real Splash!

Our Annual Back to School Splash took place on Sunday, August 28 after our Rally Day festivities and worship service. After enjoying lunch together, the Spirit Group kids headed outside and enjoyed several trips down the giant inflatable waterslide. Meanwhile, others enjoyed playing a few rounds of corn hole and spike ball. After the younger kids were finished splashing around, a few of the older youth were spotted taking a trip down the slide themselves!

We continued collecting school supplies for JAM throughout the day and our table overflowed with all kinds of school supplies, which are sure to bless a lot of kids. Thanks for your generosity and to Roger Miller for delivering the supplies to JAM.

We hope everyone had a great time! Thanks to Tracy Richardson and Sarah Mertz for serving as our hosts for the day and to everyone who pitched in to help make this day of fun possible!



OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
Oct 30 8:30am Worship – Confirmation 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home— Confirmation	Oct 31 12pm Prayer Mtg 		
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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 Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	13 7pm Christian Ed Cmte Mtg Craft Fair Set Up	14 Craft Fair Set Up	15 9am WELCA Arts & Craft Holiday Bazaar
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29

2022-23 CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes meet on the dates listed below from 1:15pm– 2:45pm. Classes meet in Room 1 & 2, but a virtual option is ALWAYS available for those interested. [Click here](#) to go to the Confirmation page on our website for the link. We will confirm our 8th graders on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

Month/Day	Theme	Theme verse/s
September		
11	Orientation	
18	Old Testament Overview	Psalm 25:4-7
25	Church Picnic – No Class	
October		
2	Creation	Psalm 8:1-6
16	Stewardship of Time	Mark 12:28-30
30	Affirmation of Baptism	
November		
6	Stewardship of Talents	Matthew 5:3-10, 13a, 14, 16
13	Retreat?	
20	Stewardship of Treasure	Malachi 3:10
December		
04	God and Science	Job 11:7-12
9-10	Progressive Dinner/Lock-in/Live Nativity?	
11	SS Christmas Program – No class	
January		
6-8	Youth Quake - Cincinnati	
22	The Fall	Genesis 3:1b, 3b, 4-5
February		
05	People of the Promise	Genesis 12:3
19	The Promise Continues	Genesis 32:24, 25a, 26-28
March		
05	Moses and the Wanderings	Exodus 3:11, 12-14b, 4:1, 10b, 12-13
19	Of Tents and Kings	Joshua 1:9
April		
9	Spring Break – No Class	
23	The Psalms	Psalm 103:1-5
May		
01	Wisdom Literature	Proverbs 15:16, 16:3
21	Voice of the Prophets	Amos 3:7-8, 4:13
June		
4	Last Day - Picnic	
11	Affirmation of Baptism?	

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS UPDATE

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



We had several events going on to celebrate the Synod's God's Work, Our Hands initiative.



Sept. 11
2022

Our Duffel Bag & Suitcase Drive collected 16 suitcases and 26 duffel bags and smaller bags for the Forster Care System Program. The donated items were delivered to the collection site on Tuesday, September 20. We thank everyone who donated to this cause.

Snack Packs for Forgotten Louisville were packed on Sunday, September 11. We had a great group of folks come and we were able to pack 200 packs. These packs will be handed out to the homeless population throughout Louisville.


A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in God's Work, Our Hands. We continue to work at *Making Christ* throughout our community and around the word.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sunday School Information

Class	Meeting Area	Teacher
PreK & K	Room 6	Teacher needed
Grades 1 & 2	Room 7	Teacher needed
Grades 3-5	Room 5	Liz Dawson
Grades 6-8	Room 11/12	Tracy Richardson
Grades 9-12	Room 8	Alex Casey
Adult 1	Room 1/ 2	Mike Kull
Adult 2	Room 9/10	Becky Miller

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays		October Anniversaries	
10/3	Liz Dawson	10/10	Sherrri & Randolph Hesler
10/7	Mallory Cord	10/13	Cathy & Ron Skelton Liz & Scott Walker
10/14	Nora Turpen	10/19	Robinn & Barry Barmore
10/17	Kate Selch Bob Strohman	10/20	Terri & Keith Kenitzer
10/18	Dave Pfalzgraf	10/27	Peggy & Gary Stephen
10/19	Tony White		
10/21	Jane Farrar		
10/22	Germaine Overstreet		
10/24	Emory Bell Sinclair Bell		
10/25	Mary Glasscock Danna Hesse		
10/28	Pam Ballinger		
10/29	Mike Trautman		
10/30	Emily Richardson Hannah Richardson		
10/31	Ginny Hallum		


**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
September 4	23	59	24	106
September 11	25	58	27	110
September 18	32	45	17	94
September 25	No Service	62	10	72

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.

Making Christ Known

UPCOMING JAM FUNDRAISER



Jeffersontown Area Ministries
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"
10617 Taylorsville Rd.
Jeffersontown, KY 40299



Dear Neighbor,

June, 2022

We're back and we're planning a party!!

Friday, October 21, 2022, Jeffersontown Area Ministries is having our Annual Fundraiser featuring the Monarchs! In partnership with the City of Jeffersontown, Louisville Metro Government and 12 partnership congregations, we strive to secure resources for all those in crisis. But, we need your help! Please consider being a sponsor.

We are so excited to be able to host this event and see all of our friends and neighbors again. Since our last fundraiser in October of 2019, our community has seen a significant rise in numbers of those in crisis. In order to meet those needs, JAM does what we do best by offering programs to ensure food security, financial assistance with bills and much more!

Please see the enclosed sponsor information page to see how you can help us continue to serve your neighbors.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (502) 267-1055.

JAM is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and all proceeds from this event support our emergency assistance efforts.

****Masks are optional****

With Sincere Thanks, -

Linda Willett

Chairperson

Only together can we make our vision of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" a reality!

Sponsoring a table is a wonderful way to donate funds for this event and advertise your business as well! We have several levels of support listed below to fit your budget. An acknowledgement of your donation including your business name will be on a table at the event and the advertisement in our program would be very beneficial to your business.

\$250 Sponsor Level: You will have a Quarter* page ad with your company logo in the program

\$500 Sponsor Level: You will have a Half* page ad with your company logo in the program.

\$1000 - \$5000 Sponsor Level: You will have a Whole* page ad with your company logo in the program plus you will receive **8 tickets**, (a full table), to the event!

Tickets to the event are **\$35 each** and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, BYOB. The tickets can be purchased ahead of time in our office, over the phone or at the door.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please cut off and return the bottom portion with your check.

Please select the corresponding box for the sponsorship level you prefer.

- \$250 \$2,000
 \$500 \$3,000
 \$1,000 \$5,000
 Other Amount _____

Company/Organization/Name

Contact Person

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Today's Date _____

*In order to properly display your business information in our program, please email your logo to:

jamtown20@gmail.com. Mail checks to: **Jeffersontown Area Ministries**

P.O. Box 99545

Jeffersontown, KY 40269

**We hope to see you
Friday, October 21!**



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9212 Taylorsville Road
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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am

Sunday School
preK—Adult 9:45am

Find us on  @

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@CLCLouisville

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.