

THE MESSENGER

July Messenger 2021

He said to me, “Son of Man”, “stand on your feet and I will speak to you.” As He spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.

He said: “Son of Man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says. Ezekiel 2:1-4

Oh, this summer is in full bloom and the heat is on! We are slowly coming out of this COVID and hopefully soon we can listen to news that doesn't start off with the latest death toll.

We have so much to be thankful for here at Christ Lutheran Church. I am most grateful and thankful that the Lord is in my life and running it the way He sees fit. My hope is that we would all stand up and say to our Lord, Lord here I am, please use me!

We have been through a lot of changes during this past year and I know that it hasn't been easy for anyone. Between the virus, the computer going up and down and now using volunteers to help keep our church moving forward, and we are moving forward. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful congregation who are determined to do God's work. You know what I was just thinking, “the disciples didn't have computers or I pads and writing paper was papyrus. We really don't have it so bad and I know that we can do great things together. I want to especially thank our hard working council and Pat Ganster for spearheading trying to overcome our challenges as we move forward. May God guide each and every one of us during the second half of our year and when He speaks to us I pray that we will all stand on our feet and listen.

God's Peace, and Happy Summer. Pastor John

Dear Members of CLC and friends,

It is summer!!! Yeah!

It is exciting to see folks in church. Now that the restrictions are less and most are vaccinated, we are able to be with our church family again.

The Council has been meeting and coming up with some ideas to start having "socials" again. Look for more information. Some ideas that are being thought about are:

I-Hop and a breakfast, Game day at church with ice cream, and a box luncheon at a park. All these suggestions, will allow us to meet but meet all guidelines for social distancing. As much as we want to be together, we don't want to forget COVID and safety for all.

Yesterday, Pastor John, Sharon Gallagher and I met about the Emmaus Team. This team hasn't been in place for some time and we would like to get it started again. We will start having Lay people visit our shut-ins once a month. Pastor John will continue to make all of his visits. Again, this is very exciting.

Well, with summer comes rain, thunder and lightning. As we are all aware our steeple was struck by lightning a couple of weeks ago. It appeared that the only damage was the steeple. We are not so sure, at this point.

Last week we realized that the left projector was not working. Yesterday, TruTech came and told us that the projector needs to be replaced. There was a power surge and it damaged part of the projector. The right projector is still working so we can use it. We will be looking at what our options are for the replacement of the projector.

Don Roach has volunteered to start creating the slides necessary for a non-Communion Sunday. We are thrilled to have Don and his knowledge of PowerPoint get this started. Goal is to have a few of us trained in Power Point and be able to once again have slides on Sunday Morning.

We have been fortunate that a number of our members helped us purchase Hymnals. We are able to use them weekly for our service. We noticed there weren't enough hymnals on some Sundays, so the Church has purchased an additional 20 hymnals. There are now enough for all who attend on Sunday morning.

When we have the slides, once again, we will still be using the hymnals. They will be used for the reading of the Psalm and the songs. At times during the church calendar, additional pages in the hymnal will be used.

My last comment is - We have all worked hard to keep our church doors open. We are a small but very dedicated congregation. We adopted a very strict budget and we have been able to pay all our bills and still have money in our account on a regular basis. We also have a very dedicated Pastor, that is paid a very small amount for all he does. The combination of the faithful givers, a very strict budget, and the Holy Spirit being with us, makes this all possible. God has very richly blessed this congregation.

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Dear Members and Friends:...

In order to ensure the safety of all, Christ Lutheran Church is taking careful precautions to keep the building clean and safe and sanitized as we have opened again. We will send out further emails, as needed, to keep you informed.

In an emergency, please contact Pastor John at: 386-503-9933.

Be safe and well. God Bless each and every one of you.

Pastor John and Church Council

The Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church- What are they doing?

Craters, Quilters and Mary Martha Circle are all on their Summer break and will schedule their groups in September

Church Council Meeting

Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on July 13th, 2021.

Prayer Concerns

Al Spitz, Paul Julch and Judy Julch, Larry Phillips and Theora and George Bertish.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: George Hagel, Marjorie Matthews, Rosemarie Robinson, Theora and George Bertish.

Flowers In Honor Of or In Memory Of

If members wish to place flowers In Memory Of, or In Honor Of a loved one, the member may purchase and place a rose in a vase on the altar. Please let the office know, via e-mail if possible, at least one week in advance that you are doing this so it can be entered in the bulletin. If you do not have e-mail you may call the church office (437-4113).

During July we are praying for all who are traveling and enjoying once again being able to visit their family.

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2 Joan Irwin
8 Rick Spinelli
10 Anita Gustin
11 Judy Julch
18 George Hagel
20 Theora Bertish
20 Martha Taylor



VOLUNTEERS for July, 2021

2021	4th	11th	18th	25th
Altar Care	Sue Spinelli		Sue Spinelli	
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz	
Lector		Don Roach		Sue Spinelli
Ushers	Linda Dyer & Bill Streett	Pete & Carmen Siedel	Mike & Harriet Hinson	Don & Erika Roach
Sound Board	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Pete Ganster	Don Roach