

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022



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“O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.”

Advent Greetings to you all,

Believe it or not the Advent season is here! On Sunday November 20 we celebrated the Christ the King Sunday marked as the end of the church’s calendar year. We begin our church new calendar year with Advent. The word ‘Advent is translated from the Latin word ‘*adventus*’ which means ‘coming into’; a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. We understand advent also as a period of waiting or anticipating of something good to happen. During the season of Advent, we focus on waiting and anticipating the coming of Jesus the hope of the world. At the same time to celebrate the Emmanuel, God is with us now and always through his present in bread and wine as we look forward for his second coming in glory.

The paragraph above as we all may know is the first verse and refrain of one of the most famous Advent hymns of all time that basically tells what advent is all about and the King we are waiting for. This particular song basically sets the tone and mode for this season. *con’t page 2*

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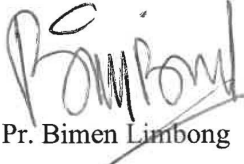
Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Talking about Advent as a time of expectation or anticipation. There are several things that you may expect or anticipate to happen in our church through this season:

- † The changing of our church's paraments to blue that symbolizes our anticipation and hope for the coming of Jesus, King of kings.
- † An Advent wreath with four blue candles that signify four weeks before Christmas. We will light each candle every Sunday leading up to Christmas
- † We will gather for midweek services both at noon and evening at 7:00pm, beginning November 30, that will help heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Jesus, the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. We chose the theme for our Midweek services this year 'Make Ready for Holy Disruption' as we contemplate upon three topics throughout the three Wednesdays of Advent "*Releasing, Receiving and Rejoicing*".
- † 12 Symbols of Christmas intergenerational program that will take place on Sunday December 18 in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m.
- † Blue Christmas. We intensify our Christmas preparation this year by having the 'Blue Christmas' the first time in our church on the darkest time of the year, the winter solstice on Wednesday December 21 at 6:00PM as we anticipate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world where darkness cannot overcome it.
- † The joyous Christmas Eve celebrations at 5:00PM and 9:00PM on December 24. Once again, we expect or anticipate more of our children/youth participation in our early service. We will invite again our Japanese Christian church friends to join our worship. And on Christmas day we will have our Christmas tradition of Lessons and Carols at the 11:00AM.

Finally, Advent is also a time to expect the unexpected or anticipate the unanticipated. Indeed, often times God reveals himself to us in unexpected or unanticipated ways; full of surprises and joys! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you!

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through October 2022

Expected	\$345,301.00
Actual	\$333,284.00

[Online
Giving](#)



Thanks to everyone for their gifts. When advanced giving is considered we are approximately \$20,000 behind in giving at the end of October.

Thanks to November counters: Ed Schuette and Kathy & Curt Sigdestad.

SCAN ME

MUSIC NOTES

Even though we're all probably thinking more about gratitude to God and turkey and dressing than about new year's resolutions right now, it might be a good idea to combine our gratitude with a resolution for the liturgical new year which began on Nov. 27 with the first Sunday in Advent. One suggestion I have is - **if you are able** - to attend church in person more often this year. If you haven't been coming at all maybe start with once a month or once every two months. Our live stream is a wonderful way to worship and to stay in touch for all who are unable to get out or who are far away, but there is just no substitute for being physically with our fellow human beings and singing, praying and communing together! I'll never forget how wonderful and exciting it was for me as your organist the first Sunday we had a congregation downstairs (even though small in number at that time) singing together. I can about guarantee your worship and your life will be enriched!

Our Christmas Eve services this year will again be at 5:00 and 9:00. The earlier will feature participation by the youth and the Japanese congregation and the Senior Choir will only be singing the later service. Both services will, of course, have candlelight and communion.

I wish for you a hope-filled Advent, a joyous Christmas, and I'll see you in Church.



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

NEW FELLOWSHIP EVENT

THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

Thirsty for theology? Thirsty for connection and fellowship? ...or just thirsty?

Whatever you thirst for, join us for our new small group **every 3rd Thursday of the month, starting around 6pm** (or whatever time you can make it). No sign up, just show up—the aim is to have an easy, fun way to connect with each other—men & women, young & old, married & single. While this is an adult fellowship group, we'll check out venues around town that are kid-friendly so you don't have to get a babysitter. Stop in for a quick visit or stay for dinner. Pay on your own.

Over a dozen folks gathered in November for our 1st Thirsty Third Thursday at 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens. It was a fun evening with some good food and even better conversation. 3rd Turn Oldham has a fantastic outdoor space, so we'll plan a return visit in the Spring.



Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!
Thursday, December 15, 6pm-ish at:

<https://www.recbarlouisville.com/>

**RECBAR
502**

10301 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown, KY 40299
(All ages welcome until 10pm. 16 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.)

Serving inspired pub grub with unique twists, RecBar 502 also has over 60 arcade games, 70+ pinball machines and various other games. Come for dinner, stay for fun and games!

Have questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor

758-5108 or spryor@bellsouth.net



PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sanctuary Cleaning Workday

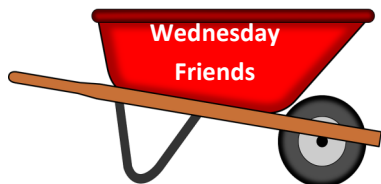
Our sanctuary always needs to be cleaned after Christmas Eve, removing wax from places it does not belong! So the property committee chose **Wednesday, December 28** starting about 9 AM and finishing by noon, to clean the floor and pews in the sanctuary. Coffee and donuts will be provided! Please come and help when you can.

If we have enough helpers we could use help doing a cleaning in the solarium, and classrooms and choir loft, as well. If you have favorite cleaning rags/supplies, etc., please bring them, otherwise we will have supplies for you.

IN OTHER PROPERTY NEWS....

Venus Dogwood Tree

A Venus Dogwood tree was planted in the back corner (the corner that Doris Henry started clearing years ago) of our church parking lot in memory of Doris Henry. Her children, Robert Henry, Jane Daly, and Janet Jospe' donated the tree. We thank them for the generous gift and look forward to seeing white blossoms in the spring.



Don't forget, Wednesday Friends meet on Wednesday morning **weather permitting** to keep our church property looking clean and nice. There are times they meet indoors to clean as well. You can always check with the church office to confirm if the group is meeting.

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.

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

November 30-December 14

Please join Pastor Bimen on **Wednesday through Advent** at noon for our mid-week noon Advent worship service. 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. Prayer meeting will resume on Mondays in January.



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.



JAM CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Jeffersontown Area Ministries will again this year ask for \$50 gift cards to Meijer, Walmart or Target. This is in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for the children of families in need as was done in the past years.



Please put your donated cards in a sealed envelope addressed **JAM**. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or mail/deliver to the church office. **The deadline to turn in the cards is December 11.** These will be given to Marlin Cummings December 11 when he speaks at the Inter-generational Speaker Series.



WELCA CIRCLE

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet Tuesday December 13 at noon at Shirley Williamson’s home for lunch and meeting. Call Shirley 245-3151 or Bonnie 2451020 to confirm that you will attend.

At our November meeting we had Tracy Murray founder of Recyclocraftz from Zambia. Her organization helps people become educated to become business owners, and to become educated about better nutrition, healthcare and sanitation, etc.

Tracy brought some of the crafts the people make from magazine ads, beads, etc. Many of our women bought jewelry, and aprons. The group has a booth at Mellwood Arts Center here in Louisville . Call to make a time to shop. Tracy will be back in the United States next November and possibly speak to the entire congregation Bonnie Kroening information if anyone would like to support her group.

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.

Month / Day	Theme	Theme verse/s
December		
04	God & Science	Job 11:7-12
16-17	Progressive Dinner / Lock In	
18	SS Christmas Program - No Class	
January		
6-8	Youth Quake - Cincinnati - No Class	
22	The Fall	Genesis 3:1b, 3b, 4-5

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home</p>	<p>5 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>6 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>7 9:30am We Friends 12pm Adv 7pm Adve 8pm Choir</p>
<p>11 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School - Speaker Series All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle</p>	<p>14 9:30am We Friends 12pm Adv 7pm Adve 8pm Choir</p>
<p>18 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Christmas Program 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12pm Symbols of Christmas & Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>21 9:30am We Friends 12pm Adv 6pm Blue C 7pm Choir</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS 11am Worship & Worship @Home - Lessons & Carols</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30am Tuesday Friends</p>	<p>28 9:30am We Friends 12pm Sanc Up</p>

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
	1	2	3
Wednesday Worship Worship Rehearsal	8 7pm Christian Ed. Cmte Mtg	9	10
Wednesday Worship Worship Rehearsal	15 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday—RecBar 502	16 GIFT Youth Progressive Dinner & Lock In	17
Wednesday Worship Christmas Rehearsal	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm Worship 9pm Worship
Wednesday Sanctuary Clean	29	30	31

YOUTH CORNER

Thankful for Fall Fun & Games

On Saturday, November 5th, the youth hosted a fun and games night for all ages. We gathered in the gym to break bread (or saltines) over some tasty bowls of soup and chili, and of course also satisfied our sweet teeth with plenty of brownies, cookies, and cobbler.

Then it was game time! We tested our coordination with rounds of Jenga, competed in some fall-themed Minute-to-Win-It games (who knew candy corn could be so entertaining?!?), and introduced some family favorites to each other—ask us about Suspend and Codenames. There may have been some exercises in grace and forgiveness too when certain players “accidentally” bumped the table during a fierce round of Candy Corn Stacking. Uh huh, suuuurrrre...we’ll get you next time, Gavin! 😊

Rotating from one game to another, guys and gals, young and old, all had fun and didn’t want the laughter and conversations to end. But before we departed, we took a moment to think about the many ways God has blessed us and added notes of things we are thankful for to a “Counting our Blessings” banner. You may have noticed the banner since it was placed in the Narthex for everyone to contribute to for the rest of November. We hope by the end of the month the banner will be blanketed in praises of thanksgiving to God, as we are indeed abundantly blessed!



YOUTH CORNER



Progressive Dinner/Lock-In for GIFT Youth Fri, Dec 16 – Sat, Dec 17

Our traditional Middle & High School December youth event is back by popular demand! Council members will serve as our holiday hosts for this moving feast, providing lots of fun and good cheer! We'll meet at church on Fri evening at 6:00pm, departing by 6:30pm to caravan to members' homes around town for appetizers and the main course. Then we'll head back to church for dessert. After dessert, the lock-in for middle and high school youth begins!

Stay through to Saturday morning for all the festivities, join us mid-dinner when your schedule allows, or head home after dessert if you can't stay overnight. Just come join the fun!

Please RSVP by Fri, Dec 9th so we plan for menus & chaperones.

Scan the QR code to **RSVP NOW:**

Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FADAB23AA8-christmas>

Sign up link will also be available on the Youth Ministry page on the CLC website,

<http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com/>

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



GIFT YOUTH & SOCIAL MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

On December 16, the youth are planning a progressive dinner and lock-in. As an activity during the lock-in they will pack 200 snack packs for "Street Reach" a local group who distributes them to homeless in Louisville.



If you would like to make a cash donation to purchase items to pack you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope marked "**Snack Packs**" and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

GROWING YOUNG WORKSHOP

It is an undeniable reality that the young people are less interested in the church. It happened before the pandemic and has been made even worse after the pandemic. But a recent study conducted by Fuller Youth Institute that interviewed many young people showed some hope.

They discovered six essential strategies to help young people discover and love their church once again. They have proven those strategies to be working in several churches in the country. This workshop was offered in our I-K synod Professional rostered leaders' conference in October.

Pr. Karleen and I arranged to have this workshop to done here at our church. On Sunday, November 13 our church hosted the **Growing Young Workshop** presented by Pr. Dan Fugate, Assistant to the Bishop of the Indiana Kentucky Synod. Some of our members and members of other churches in our conference and clergies attended the workshop.

Below are the six essential strategies or core commitments for Growing Young church:

- † Unlock Keychain leadership: Instead of centralizing authority, empower others – especially young people.
- † Empathizing with today's young people: Instead of judging or criticizing, step into the shoes of this generation.
- † Take Jesus' message seriously: Instead of asserting formulaic gospel claims, welcome young people into a Jesus-centered way of life.
- † Fuel a warm community: Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.
- † Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere: Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource, and involved them in all aspects of your congregation.
- † Be the best neighbors: Instead of condemning the world outside your walls, enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally.

We are hoping to incorporate this into our upcoming visioning process. If you have any question please feel free to contact me.

Pr. Bimen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Season's Greetings,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. During this fall season we have been enjoying our speaker series. During November we heard from Michael Ray, founder of Smile Project Louisville. His powerful testimony of how one smile saved his life has now become his mission. Michael strives to make at least one person smile each day through random acts of kindness.

We were happy to collect a free will offering of \$106 to help further his mission. We are looking forward to helping him with future projects and making smiles contagious to help inspire random acts of kindness. If you know someone who could benefit from this ministry that Mr. Ray has started, you can contact him at: smileprojectlouisville@gmail.com .



This month we look forward to hosting Marlon Cummins with Jeffersontown Area Ministries (JAM). Please join us during Sunday school hour in the gym on December 11th for our third intergenerational speaker series event of the year.

Speaking of Christmas, our sanctuary will soon be a sight to behold. Have you ever stopped to wonder what it all means? All are invited to our 12 Symbols of Christmas intergenerational program. This event will take place on **Sunday December 18** in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. with reception to follow in the gym. Join us to be filled with the holiday spirit and reflect on the beauty that surrounds us during worship.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays		December Anniversaries	
12/1	Renate Fish	12/18	Debbie & Larry Dison
12/5	Jim Bell	12/19	Hannah & Casey Veatch
12/7	Ed Schuette	12/30	Rhonda & Mike Trautman
12/8	Heather Rush Becky Zibart		
12/9	Berliana Limbong		
12/11	Kyle Mertz		
12/12	Tyler Murphy		
12/13	Larry Glenn		
12/14	Donna Heinicke		
12/15	Jean Barney		
12/19	Stephen Yankey		
12/20	Jaclyn Werder		
12/23	Beverly Gilmore		
12/25	Yvonne Gallahue Jenny Nixon		
12/28	John Schmitt		

**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	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
November 6	50	41	19	110
November 13	32	57	14	103
November 20	21	62	11	94
November 27	30	54	12	96

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



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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.