

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2023



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“But Mary treasured all the words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (Luke 2: 19-20)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

May the Christmas this year bring hope and joy to you and your family. I know some of you couldn't attend our Christmas Eve services due to bad weather. I hope you were able to join us online on either of our services. Christmas comes every year, but each year is different than the others because God is a living God. Our encounter with God is always unpredictable and full of surprises.

Therefore, may we like Mary, treasured God's words and his messages and ponder them in our hearts as we move on with our lives. Or like those shepherds who returned home glorifying and praising God after experiencing those godly moments; hearing the good news of Jesus' birth, witnessing the heavenly hosts praising God saying *'glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors'* and finding Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger just as the angel told them. We may too, after experiencing God's presence during our worship, return home glorifying and praising God. *con't pg. 2*

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Even as we are approaching the new year of 2023, indeed, Christmas is not over yet. In fact Christmas has just begun because Jesus Christ is the Emmanuel, God is with us. Therefore, each and everyday throughout the year, we unwrap God's gifts for us with great anticipations and surprises. As Howard Thurman expresses in his poem that I shared in my sermon during our Christmas Eve services that wish to share with you once again:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

Soli Deo Gloria!
Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Limbong will be out of the office from **December 27 to January 19**. He will be attending the Asian and Pacific Islanders of the ELCA (AAPI-ELCA) Assembly and the ELCA sponsored Asian Lutheran International Conference (ALIC) in Chang Rai, Thailand from January 9-17.

Before attending his meetings, he will be visiting his family in Indonesia and have some closures for his mother's passing; for this we are grateful.

Pr. George Mercer will be will be the Pastor on call and is available for any pastoral assistance while Pastor Limbong is out of the office. His number is (502) 507-5410.

FINANCE

OFFERING ENVELOPES UPDATE

We wanted to touch base with everyone about the status of our offering envelopes. At this time, due to supply chain and labor issues our boxed offering envelope supplier will not make delivery until sometime in January. We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause.

[Online Giving](#)

In the meantime, we ask you to use a pew envelope or one from home. Please write your name clearly on the envelope since you won't have a "number". You might use a return address sticker if you have some. Once again we are sorry this has happened. Questions? Call Mike Kull at 502-802-4485.



SCAN ME



WELCA CIRCLE

Women of the ELCA met at Shirley Williamson's home for a wonderful lunch and fellowship. It has been decided that with our money from our special offerings we will purchase diapers for JAM. We will also purchase gift cards for Pastor Limbong to use for those in need.

Our group will determine later where other funds from the craft fair will be used. Kathy Armstrong has mailed more quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Shirley Williamson has given her small quilts to several facilities and to church members.



Our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29th, following worship. **Please note there will only be ONE service on this Sunday at 10am.**

We hope all our members will plan on attending both our worship and meeting. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

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.

RecBar in December was fun, maybe a little grungy and loud, so we'll try somewhere a little brighter and more upscale in January.

Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!

Thursday, January 19, 6pm-ish at:

NOCHE
+ MEXICAN BBQ +

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

Noche Mexican BBQ

1838 Bardstown Rd, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40205
(Parking lot located in the alley behind the restaurant.)

Located in what was formerly Calvary Lutheran Church, Noche serves BBQ with an authentic Mexican Flare. Guests will experience an artistic and rustic, yet upscale vibe enjoying high quality meats, smoked to perfection, and Mexican inspired hand-crafted drinks.

Have questions or suggestions?

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



PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Big Thank You!!

Many thanks to the fifteen pairs of helping hands that showed up to clean the sanctuary on December 28th. The tasks involved removing all pew cushions, vacuuming them and removing spilled wax, wiping all the pews with orange oil, cleaning the floor under and around the pews and isles. This dedicated group also cleaned the solarium, dusted the balcony, wiped down the baseboards in most of the building, cleaned window sills, washed windows, and cleaned the nursery and all the toys, etc., in the nursery! Phew! What a busy yet gratifying day.



JAM Donations January

This month JAM is accepting donations of laundry supply items; detergent, fabric softener, stain remover, etc.

Please consider dropping off these items 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.

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

Due to Pastor Bimen's work & travel schedule our weekly prayer meeting is on hiatus for the month of January. Noon meetings will resume on Monday, January 30th. Please use the link below.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhhJd3dDNlRkdz09>

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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Fellowship Committee has hosted several receptions for new members so our CLC family could meet them. We also resumed Advent meals before the evening mid-week services. It was wonderful to see about 40 of our members enjoy soup and fellowship. Thanks to those who prepared the food for these meals.

New members have signed up for fellowship opportunities. The committee will plan to meet in the new year to make plans for 2023.

THE 12 SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

Finding Christ in Christmas

Thank you to all the youth, musicians and behind the scenes workers who participated in our Christmas program on December 18th. Everyone did a fabulous job, and the compliments were endless. The fellowship that followed at the reception was full of Christmas cheer and yummy cookies. We are so appreciative to the following individuals:

Readers: Molly Turpen, Petra Limbong, James Pryor & Samuel Limbong **Presenter:** Luke Dawson **Ushers:** Anna Mertz, Emily Richardson & Hannah Richardson **Musicians:** Hannah Limbong- Violinist & Mrs. Ann Colbert Wade- Organist **Live Streaming:** Dustin & Alex Casey

If you were unable to attend but would like to watch the program, there are links available on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 New Year's Day 11am Worship & Worship@Home—Lessons & Carols Pastor Bimen out of office	2 OFFICE CLOSED OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY	3 9:30am Tuesday Friends	4 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home Pastor Bimen out of office	9 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg	10 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle	11 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages –Speaker Series 11am Worship & Worship@Home Pastor Bimen out of office	16	17 9:30am Tuesday Friends 2pm Endowment Cmte Mtg 7pm Council Mtg	18 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
22 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Begins 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home	23	24 9:30am Tuesday Friends	25 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
29 10am Worship & Worship @Home 11:15pm Annual Meeting	30 12pm Prayer Mtg	31 9:30am Tuesday Friends	



NEW CHURCH OFFICE

HOURS

Monday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am—4:30pm

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Worship Rehearsal	5	6	7	
Wednesday Worship Rehearsal	12	13	14	
Wednesday Worship Rehearsal	19 6pm Thirsty Third	20	21	
	Thursday—Noche Mexican BBQ			
Wednesday Worship Rehearsal	26	27	28	

YOUTH CORNER



Progressive Dinner/Lock-In for GIFT Youth - A Success!!!

After a hiatus of several years, we were able to enjoy a favorite GIFT Youth event from Christmas' past—our Christmas Progressive Dinner and Lock-in! 5 parents, with 15 youth and young adults, shuttled around town on Friday, December 16, enjoying the hospitality of our council member hosts: appetizers and Jingle Juice at Ginny Hallum's house in St. Matthews, then out to Shelbyville for lasagna and salad at Karen and Leroy Koch's house, finally returning to church, where Dale and Kathleen Breitenstein and Steve and Rita Sarson served up s'mores around the firepit outside, and a sundae bar inside. It was an awesome night of fun, fellowship, and great food!

After the dinner ended, 9 of the youth, plus chaperones Tammy Kissling and Jay and Sarah Pryor, stayed for the lock-in, playing chess, indoor soccer, and packed snack bags for the homeless, in partnership with Social Ministry and Thrivent. After all the food and fun, everyone was pretty worn out and it was lights out by 1am. Our intrepid chaperones theorized the key to a decent night's sleep was to schedule all lock-ins on the Friday of finals week...

Back at our Fall planning meeting, this event was high on the youth's wish list but because of all the logistics it requires a LOT of adult involvement. The Youth Ministry Team, along with the kids and parents, are very grateful to everyone who shared their homes, their time, and hospitality, to make this return of a CLC traditional youth



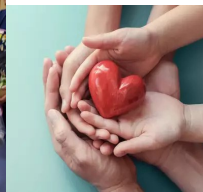
event a reality. Your support of helping our Middle and High School Youth **Grow In Faith Together** was the greatest gift. Merry Christmas and looking forward to more fun in 2023!

YOUTH CORNER



Coming up next for youth...

Spirit and GIFT Youth plan to put together Valentine care packages for those who may be far from the church physically but remain close in our hearts and prayers. If you have a college student or homebound member that you would like us to include, please contact Sarah Pryor (call/text 502-758-5108 or email spryor@bellsouth.net). We'll be shopping in January and packaging everything for shipment in late January or early February. Boxing everything up won't take long, so on packing day we'll also have some fun at either a Breakout Room or Activate (depending on our group size and ages). Exact date and more details to be announced soon, so please keep an eye out for email updates!



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
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	Psalms 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?	

SOCIAL MINISTRY THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated gift cards for JAM to help families in need celebrate Christmas. On December 11th, gift cards totaling approximately \$1,500 were given to Marlon Cummings from JAM, the December speaker at the Intergenerational Speaker Series sponsored by the Christian Ed Committee.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

It is **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection time! To celebrate the ‘Super Bowl’ on February 12, 2023 we will once again collect soup for JAM. Collection dates will be January 22 thru February 12. Please bring your soup to church during this time and leave in the Narthex in the boxes provided.

If you prefer to make monetary donations, please mark your envelope for **“SouperBowl”** and place in the offering plate. All donations will be taken to JAM the week of February 12th. We appreciate your donations to help those less fortunate in our community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. As you know sometimes the best gifts are those that keep on giving. In December we enjoyed listening and learning from speaker, Marlon Cummins, from Jeffersontown Area Ministries (JAM). Speaking of warmth, we learned from Marlon that you can contribute to the **Community Winterhelp** program (of which he is the President). This is a program in partnership with LG&E. Starting in January for every dollar you donate to the Winterhelp program, LG&E will match two dollars. This is a great way to help those in need of heat during the winter months. Marlon assured us that LG&E does **not** dictate who gets the funding. The funds are divided amongst the different area ministry groups as to the need in that area. You may sign up through LG&E's website: lge-ku.com/winterhelp

Additionally, if you are looking for other ways to give, some less thought of items that JAM is need of are size 4, 5 & 6 diapers, feminine hygiene products, depends, and chucks. As always, they continue to collect canned goods, and toiletries. You are always welcome to drop donations to the JAM office located behind the Jeffersonian at 10617 Taylorsville Road (located near Veteran's Memorial Park). Their office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You may also reach them by phone at: 502-267-1055. If you are unable to drop off donations, you are always welcome to leave them here at church with a note that they are for JAM.

THANK YOU to all who donated gift cards to JAM to help those in need during Christmas. We were happy to send Marlon with \$1500 in gift card donations that were collected by the social ministry committee. We look forward to continuing our partnership with JAM and sharing our love & support with the JAM community.

Please join us on Sunday, January 15, for our next speaker from WaterStep.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
1/1	Kathy Armstrong	1/3	Charlise & Mark Fulmore
1/4	Logan Rush	1/4	Berliana & Pr. Bimen Limbong
1/5	Terri Kenitzer	1/8	Malissia & Jim Bell
1/6	Becky Miller	1/7	Kathy & Mike Kull
1/7	Phil Hernandez	1/22	Amy & Ken Schneider
1/8	Ron Morgan	1/23	Janet & Doug Kull
1/10	Mary Lou Miller Sara Ridgway	 <p style="text-align: center;">Don't forget to share your special dates with us! We would love to celebrate you!</p>	
1/11	Ed Greaves		
1/12	Roger Miller		
1/13	Hannah Colbert		
1/14	Susan Yankey		
1/18	Marilyn Peak		
1/19	Aurora Midaela Martinez		
1/20	Kathleen Breitenstein Barbara Hester		
1/22	Jennifer Kemnitz		
1/23	Ashby Hallum		
1/26	Rose Straub		
1/27	Holly Ellenberger		
1/28	Earl Breitenstein		

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MONTHLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
12/4	28	75	15	118
12/7 MidWeek	4	20	9	33
12/11	30	52	12	94
12/14 MidWeek	5	17	2	24
12/18	39	47	18	104
12/24	109	56	46	211
12/25	n/a	13	12	25

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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9212 Taylorsville Road
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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.