

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022



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“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (Psalm 118:1)

Grace and peace to you my siblings in Christ,

Thanksgiving is about remembrance. The people of God give thanks to God remembering God’s goodness and love that endures forever. They give thanks to God remembering God’s deliverance from

slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea and the wilderness into the Promised Land. They give thanks to God for providing their needs throughout the journey. The people of God who entered the Promised Land give thanks to God of the first harvest of the land so they don’t need to depend on the manna any longer. Throughout the history of God’s people has shown God’s love and faithfulness, to which God’s people ought to give thanks.

Here in America we are about to enter Thanksgiving season in remembrance of the pilgrims who came to this country enjoyed the harvest from the land after a yearlong illness and shortage of food in this new land. They gave thanks to God for all the bounties God had

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Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

provided as they settled in this new world; the world that is full of milk and honey. This season also a season of remembrance of the generosity and hospitality of the indigenous people, the Indians, who welcomed and helped the pilgrims.

We do celebrate Thanksgiving once a year, but giving thanks is not an annual thing. Giving thanks should be our way of living each and every day. We give thanks to God for what God has given us. Therefore, we need to take time to remember what God has done for us and to count God's blessings that we already have instead of focusing on what we don't have. As Oprah Winfrey once said, *"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."* It is ironic sometimes that the day after we give thanks to God for what we have, we would storm the stores on black Friday to want some more. Giving thanks is good for our souls; it leads us into grateful and joyful life.

We have been going through challenging times during the past two years, even in this past year, whether as individuals or as a church collectively. But if we look back and reflect, without any doubts that we have so many things that we are thankful for. Indeed God has provided everything that we need this far. On Monday night Pr. Nancy Nyland, the Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) in our synod met with our council to help us with our visioning process in our church. One of the things that she said that struck me was, *"God has prepared what we need to do what God is calling us to do."* We tend to focus on what we don't have or our scarcity rather than what we already have and what we already have should be sufficient to what we need to do what God is calling us to do. So, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever!

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through September 2022

Expected	\$307,521.00
Actual	304,253.00

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SCAN ME

Thanks to everyone for your gifts. When advance gifts are considered it is estimated the giving is \$15,000 to \$20,000 behind plan. When your 3rd quarter giving summaries please review it.

Thanks to October counters. Jean Eisen and Rita & Steve Sarson

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

JAM Donations November

This month JAM is accepting donations of oral health items; toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, 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.



The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 30 at both the 8:30 and 11 worship services.

Our youth who will affirm their faith on this day are Henry Nixon, Nate Ribble, Timmy Jordan, Chloe Winskye, Kyli Timmel & Ian Walker.

A reception will take place in the gym between services to celebrate the youth on this special day.

COUNCIL UPDATE

We also spent time discussing the Church Administrator position. This person will handle the day-to-day administrative jobs required to run the church, on-going and special projects, support our church committees and be a support for Pastor Bimen.

Please pray for our Council as we move forward with these important initiatives designed to support and grow out congregation as we Make Christ Known.

We also had discussions about our ongoing Healthy Church process. Looking at our congregation's strengths, goals, and dreams are part of this process. Council will be meeting (Zoom) with Valerie Webdell, the Synod appointed and recommended consultant to continue this process.

*The South Central Conference of the IN-KY Synod
presents*



Sunday, November 13th, 1-4p

@Christ Lutheran, J-Town

Join Assistant to the Bishop Dan Fugate in learning about six essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church.

Open to all leaders and members of congregations in the SCC.

Come and join the conversation about the future of God's church!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the property committee meeting in October, we discussed getting back to using the blue vouchers on the wall by the office for property issues that might need some attention. Anyone that sees something that is broken, or light bulbs burned out, or something amiss, please fill out a blue voucher and put it in the property mailbox. If something needs immediate attention, please let the office know immediately, so the proper person(s) can be notified.

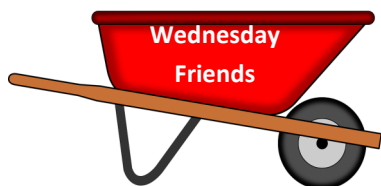
Also, the committee approved to have the parking lot resealed as soon as possible by PSI Paving. Cost is \$12,475.

The mailboxes were knocked down one evening, so the church's mailbox was moved closer to the office.

The security fob locks on the exterior office door and on one gym door have been installed. Do not use a door key to enter those two doors, only a fob. Pastor Bimen has an app to let people in remotely using the fob. A key remains workable on the other church doors. Security cameras have also been installed around the exterior of the church building.

A defibrillator has been ordered, according to Pastor Bimen. The property committee recommends that it be installed in the hallway by rooms 1 & 2, closer to the Narthex. That way it will be close to the sanctuary and the gym, if it is needed.

Wednesday Friends continue to invite you to join us on Wednesday mornings around 9:30 -11:30 to help clean up the outside property.



Trimming, weeding, raking, and picking up trash are the usual jobs! And the property committee would like to have more members. We usually meet the first Wednesday of the month, so come if you would like to be a part of this committee!

Greetings to all,

As I move on to the next chapter of my life, I wanted to thank everyone who wished me well for my retirement. Christ Lutheran has been part of my life, pretty much my whole life. I thank you for letting me serve you for all these years. I pray for Christ Lutheran to continue making Christ known. It is now time for me to "smell the roses."

Peace, Beth Allgeier



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.

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 Intergenerational Speaker Series.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

29th Annual Craft Fair

Our 29th Annual craft fair was great! We hosted 23 vendors this year. Several of the vendors were new to our fair, while others have participated for several years. All the vendors, regardless of whether they were new or veterans, were so impressed with the kindness of our members and the overall atmosphere of our wonderful church.



Thanks to all who helped in any way, it was greatly appreciated. We sold Mary Glasscock's famous chili, and as usual it sold out. We also sold out of most other foods and drinks as well. Thank you to everyone who donated baked good to our baked goods table. The goodies were gone in no time.

In historical fashion our Scrubbies were great sellers; with a total of 85 plus sold. WELCA also sold some of their small quilts as well as some of their other crafts. We are already looking forward to year 30!



WELCA CIRCLE

Women of the ELCA will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 12pm in rooms 1 & 2. We will have Tracy Murray from Recyclocraftz.org as a speaker. Her organization makes crafts from plastic, etc and helps women to be self sufficient. She is also doing work in Zambia.

Lunch will be provided. Please let Bonnie Kroening know if you are planning to attend. You can contact her at 502-245-1020. We hope you will join us!

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 9:30am Tuesday Friends	2 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
6 All Saints Day 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 1:15pm Confirmation Cls	7 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg	8 Election Day 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	9 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
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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
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 6pm Fall Fellowship Event 	
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	10 7pm Christian Ed. Cmte Mtg	11 7pm TrailBlazers Youth Retreat, Laconia, IN	12	
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19	
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	24 OFFICE CLOSED 	25 OFFICE CLOSED For Thanksgiving Holiday	26	
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal Finance Meeting				



Middle & High School

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Sunday, October 30

Registration Fee: \$25

- Who:** Grades 6 - 12
- What:** We will explore our spiritual gifts and have other activities like Clue, Egg Drop, campfires, outside games, hiking and more.
- Where:** Girl Scout Camp Stem,
Laconia, IN (50 minute drive from CLC)
- When:** Arrival Friday, 11/11 evening at 7pm
having eaten dinner
Departure: Sunday, 11/13 before 12pm
- Details:** Participants are asked to bring yummy snacks to share. Meals will be provided by Christ Lutheran. Once we have a list of participants, a packing list will be provided to students.

DRIVERS & CHAPERONES NEEDED!!

EVENT COORDINATOR & CONTACT

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YOUTH CORNER



Sat, Nov 5, from 6-8pm – All Ages Fall Fellowship

Please RSVP by: Wed, Nov 2

Fall is in the air, and we want to celebrate our church community with some food, fun, and fellowship! Come join us in the gym on **Sat, Nov 5th from 6-8pm** for a warm meal and some games and time to connect with one another. The youth group will be hosting a chili & soup dinner and “thanks – giving” (writing notes of what we are thankful for). Minute-To-Win-It and board games will be available to play if you want, or just sit back and visit. **All ages are welcome and bring a guest if you would like—the more the merrier!**

Keeping in the spirit of providing warm meals and connecting with each other and the community, we’ll also be collecting cans of soup or chili to donate to JAM.

Please RSVP by Wed, Nov 2, so we can make sure to have enough chili and soup.

RSVP Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fadab22a64-fall>



GIFT YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Fri, Dec 16 – Sat, Dec 17

The youth at our planning meeting spoke, and we listened. We’re bringing back our traditional Christmas Progressive Dinner and Lock-In! This moving feast offers lots of fun and fellowship, without requiring anyone to shoulder all the responsibility or prep work. More details to come, but **we must have adult support to make this events happen!**

We’ll need a host(s) for each dinner course (appetizer, main course, and dessert), drivers to transport youth to each location, and chaperones for the lock-in. Dinner hosts can host in their homes or at church, and you will be reimbursed for the cost of the food you provide.

For questions, to volunteer for this event, or to RSVP, contact Sarah Pryor, spryor@bellsouth.net or call/text 502-758-5108.

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?	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Happy Fall greetings to you all,

Our Sunday school speaker series kicked off with a wonderful start. Kim Holsclaw from Blessings in a Backpack joined us on October 16, during the Sunday school hour to educate us about this amazing organization. Blessings in a backpack is headquartered here in Louisville. Their main goal locally (and nationally) is to help school aged children fight hunger over the weekend. There are many ways to help, and they are always looking for volunteers. If



you would like to lend a hand, or donate please reach out to Kim via email: kimholsclaw@blessingsinabackpack.org

We were thrilled to collect a free will offering of \$280.00 that will help feed two children every weekend of the school year. In addition to the offering, we also wrote several notes of encouragement that will be included in the backpacks for the recipients. Many thanks to all who participated in this event and to those who helped with set up and tear down.

Next month brings focus to random acts of kindness. We are looking forward to hearing from Michael Ray and his organization, Smile Project Louisville. Please mark your calendars and join us for this all-ages Sunday school event on November 13, in the gym.

Congratulations to all our confirmands. We were happy to celebrate the affirmation of your baptism with you. We wish the best for you all as you continue your spiritual journeys.

Sunday School Class 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

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays		November Anniversaries	
11/2	Sarah Brace Zeke Kenitzer	11/25	Rita & Steve Sarson
11/5	Melissa Cole Norma Kuerzi	 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">happy birthday!</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; color: multi; text-align: center;">HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</p>	
11/7	Carol Korman		
11/10	Joyce Anderson Mike Kull		
11/11	Grazia Johnson		
11/13	Colin Selch		
11/14	Alexandra Kenitzer Kenneth Overstreet		
11/15	Stella Paul		
11/16	Tom Farrar Jacob Murphy		
11/18	Patricia Friedman		
11/21	Bennett Bruederle Barbara Morgan Molly Pryor		
11/26	Jamie Richardson		
11/30	Fran Kilgore		

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
October 2	40	42	18	100
October 9	20	56	20	96
October 16	26	55	15	41
October 23	27	48	23	98
October 30				

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

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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.