

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2023



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“For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!”
(ELW #422 stanza 1)

Lenten Greetings to you all,

We are now entering deeper into our Lent journey.

We began our Lent journey with our Ash Wednesday service last week marking by the imposition of ashes on our foreheads as a reminder that indeed ‘we are dust, and to dust we shall return’. During this Lent we focus on our spiritual renewal through prayer, dwelling in God’s Word, fasting and helping those in need.

Traditionally during the Lenten season or as in Advent, we will have midweek services with a midweek series. I chose the hymn above, not only because it is one of my favorite hymns but because for our Midweek Lenten series this year we will be considering the theme, *“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”*. In a way faith is an inheritance. It does not come to us out of nowhere. In fact, someone else passed that faith to another and it is passed on from one generation to another.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Those who passed along that faith or those who lived out that faith in spite of circumstance are called saints. We are blessed to be surrounded by saints both alive and those who have been in the church triumphant. In our Lutheran tradition we commemorate and celebrate those saints throughout the year - Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these saints who have gone before us, we find inspiration for our own Christian journey.

For our Midweek Lenten series this year, we will honor some of the saints who have been influential in our Christian faith and history and share some of the works that they did. At the same time we will remember the saints who have led us to Christ or those who have shown us good examples of Christian living. Below is the topic for each week:

- ✝ **Week 1: Inheritance of Faith** (George Herbert; John Wesley and Charles Wesley)
- ✝ **Week 2: Perseverance with Endurance** (Perpetua and Felicity; Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth)
- ✝ **Week 3: Faithful in Prayer** (Gregory the Great; Patrick)
- ✝ **Week 4: Striving for Justice** (Joseph; Oscar Romero).

Once again, let us journey together through this Lenten season. May we find renewal of our faith and recommit ourselves to Christ and his service.

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through January 2023

Expected Receipts \$37,794.00

Actual Receipts \$46,484.00

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Thanks to everyone for their gifts. The surplus is due to some pledges being paid in advance.



Thank you to our January offering counters; Kathy & Mike Kull. If you would like to volunteer to be a counter, please reach out to Mike Kull, mjk111048@aol.com,

SCAN ME

We have received memorials in memory of David Glasscock.

thank
you!

thank
you!

Thank you for all your prayers. They have worked wonders in my life.

May God bless each and everyone of you with Love, Laughter and Joy for all your good works and prayers.

-Fran Kilgore



Thank you for inviting us to your congregation and have the opportunity to share WaterStep's mission. We are grateful for your donation to further our efforts.
Best,
The WaterStep Team

Making Christ Known

VISIONING MEETING FOLLOW UP

Once again the main purpose of this visioning process is to revisit and refresh our mission of Making Christ Known and our vision of being connected to God, to One Another and the World; which is in alignment with the synod's transformational ministry initiative called 'E-Connect' by:

- † Lining up the congregation's purpose, identity, and mission with God's vision and plan.
- † Renewing our congregation by linking the gifts that God has given us with God's vision for the world.
- † Celebrating and using what we have, rather than lamenting about and focusing on what we don't have.
- † Finding energy, purpose and direction through God's work—prayer, conversation, and faith practices.
- † Navigating change calmly, confidently and effectively.

We hope through this visioning process, our congregational members will become energized about the Good News of Jesus Christ and passionate about sharing and living the Gospel; trusting that God has provided everything we need to carry out the ministry God called us.

Last Sunday, February 19, we had our first 'big' meeting with our members to begin our visioning process. Pr. Nany Nyland, the IK-Synod's Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) came and led the meeting and an exercise to discover our assets that included the people, building, our spiritual gifts and skills. We were pleased to see a great number of individuals in attendance and participating in the meeting. We have folks who compiled and organized the results systematically.

The next steps are:

- † To interview our community leaders.

Mike Kull, our council member has volunteered to lead this effort. He and his team will contact our community leaders in the next few weeks; our mayor, police department, fire department, schools, business leaders, organizations' leaders and etc., to learn more about our community, their needs and the gaps where we can be partnering with them with the gifts or assets that we already have.

† History Exercise

The purpose of this exercise is to learn our history and DNA by reflecting our past and present with all the ups and downs as we move forward to the future. You can expect to have another big meeting again for this exercise. Dale Breitenstein will lead this effort.

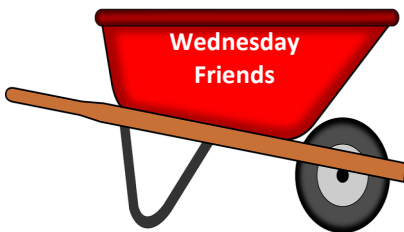
After all these steps, Pr. Nancy will lead a workshop of how to process all the data and information that we have as we develop our new mission strategies.

Hopefully the council will be able to give us a time line for this process soon. We will keep our congregation updated on the process moving forward.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Wednesday Friends

Wednesday Friends are back to work trimming roses and bushes to get ready for spring. They also attempt to keep the gumballs off the parking lot. Blowing the leaves off the sidewalks is an every week job also. The daffodils are blossoming as are the hellebores between the gym and the brick house!



You are welcome to join the Wednesday Friends each week. We start about 9:30 and end about 11:30 or when we get tired! Come anytime and stay as long as you wish. The weeds are growing also, so help is appreciated!!!

JAM DONATIONS **MARCH**

This month JAM is accepting donations of personal hygiene products: soap, body wash, deodorant, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, Depends (male or female), razors, shaving cream, 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

Our weekly prayer meetings will continue on Mondays at noon in Rooms 1&2. Individuals are invited to attend in person or online. Pastor Bimen leads this weekly worship opportunity. All are welcome.

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 located across from the solarium, next to the water fountain. This is an ongoing project to help Third World countries obtain water filtering equipment. To date, we have collected over 17 bins of shoes! Thank you for your donations that made this happen.

SOCIAL MINISTRY THANKS

TACKLE HUNGER UPDATE



The Social Ministry Committee thanks all who donated soup (104 cans!) and for your monetary donations for JAM as part of the NFL Alumni Caring for Kids campaign.

MONTHLY 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. Stop in for a quick visit or stay for dinner. Pay on your own.



At our February 3rd Thursday, almost 30 came for bowling at Kingpin! It was a lot of fun for all ages!



Join us for our next
THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!

Thursday, March 16, 6pm-ish at:

Impellizzeri's Pizza

[805 Blankenbaker Pkwy suite 105, Louisville, KY 40243](#)

Conveniently located 1/2 mile off I-64, Impellizzeri's is a local pizzeria chain serving pies, pasta & subs, offering 36 beer taps & wine, with lots of tvs for the sports nuts and an arcade for the kids. Impellizzeri's hosts Trivia Night every Thursday from 7-9pm, so we can join in the game (or not).

Have questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor, 758-5108 or

spryor@bellsouth.net



MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			1 9:30am W Friends 7pm Len 7:45pm C
5 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages 11am Worship & Worship@Home 1:15pm Confirmation Class	6 12pm Prayer Mtg	7 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	8 9:30am W Friends 7pm Len 7:45pm C
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NEW CHURCH OFFICE

HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00am- 4:30 pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday ten Worship Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
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Wednesday ten Worship Choir Rehearsal	16 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday— Impellizzeri's Pizzeria	17 	18
Wednesday ten Worship Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 Japanese Church Yard Sale
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ITALIAN NIGHT MOLTO BENE!!!

Our Italian Night was a huge success! It was so wonderful to bring this event back with such enthusiasm; the evening was enjoyed by 21 members! The Italian feast began with wine and appetizers, followed by different pasta dishes and salad. The finale to the delicious meal was the wonderful desserts. The most exciting part of the evening - some of the attendees are new members to CLC, so it was a perfect opportunity for everyone to get acquainted with these individuals and welcome them to CLC!



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
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?	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The Christian Education committee was honored to host retired Air Force First Sargent Don Barbica, co-founder of the Roll Call Foundation the last Sunday in February. Don shared with our group his personal experiences during his 7 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. As you can imagine he now suffers from PTSD, depression, and anxiety. To help cope he co-founded the Roll Call Foundation with other retired veterans. He explained that one of his responsibilities while in the military was to take Roll Call every morning to make sure all were present and accounted for.



The Roll Call Foundation is carrying out that mission still, whether it is taking phone calls from suffering active or retired military members, visiting senior veterans and widows of veterans at Morning Point, or planning events to help fundraise for children with special needs. What makes this organization different from other veteran groups and resources? None of the members or volunteers are employees or have salaries. One hundred percent of funds raised go to the foundation to help with various projects including helping to build a handicap accessible playground, 5K runs/walks, equine therapy with retired military horses, or taking meals to our first responders and healthcare workers, just to name a few. The main goal is to help one person every day, a promise made to Jesse (one of the many youths Don has helped) who died of brain cancer at 17 years old.

If you or someone you know, veteran, active military, first responders, or ER workers needs support please do not hesitate to contact The Roll Call Foundation, or 988-crisis line. If you would like to help and volunteer, please reach out to The Roll Call Foundation at the following:

www.therollcallfoundation.org

(502) 523-8042

Don's email: amcflyboy@yahoo.com

Additionally, another way Jesse's death has been honored is to send flags to Zoneton Fire department where they will be retired properly. Jesse collected flags. The next upcoming event for The Roll Call Foundation is a 5k run/walk at Broad Run Park at the Parklands, April 15. For more information check out the flier posted on the bulletin board or on their website and Facebook page.



This month we are looking forward to hosting Pastor Flynn with LOMIK (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky) to find out about church camp!! We have also posted information about camp on the bulletin board. Please bring your youth to find out all about Lutheran Hills on Sunday, March 19 during the Sunday school hour.

YOUTH CORNER

Making Christ Known with Some Valentine Love

On the first Sunday of February, young and old alike gathered in the gym after the late service to put together Valentine-themed care packages for young and old alike! Our goal was to remind those who couldn't be with us in person that though they may be miles away, they remain close in our hearts and prayers—loved by God and by us.

We shipped 8 boxes to our young adults, personalized with some of their favorite salty and sweet treats, as well as some fun items specific to their hobbies and interests. We also put together 15 gift bags for our homebound members, containing hand lotion, Chapstick, and socks to keep them comfy and cozy, as well as some sweets, puzzle books, and inspirational mementos to remind them that they are loved.

Once assembled, we prayed that God would bless the contents of our care packages, the recipients, and those who helped to put it all together. We are very grateful to the parents and grandparents for giving us some helpful hints for their students, for those who donated funds for our project and helped with the packing, and for those who hand-delivered the giftbags to our homebound members. Making Christ known, as 1 John 4:19 conveys, “We love because he first loved us.”



CREW VISITS MEMBERS

CREW's most recent visit was with Mary Lou Miller. What a great time we had bringing our brand of spirit and song. Mary Lou shared with us that, as a trauma nurse, she was there at the beginning to help develop critical and emergency care. What an exciting time that must have been and how wonderful that she was there to help make it happen.

Our CREW included (L to R)
Hannah Richardson, Tammy Kissling, Emily Richardson, Dylan Kissling, Gavin Kissling, Jay Pryor, Berliana Limbong, Kathleen Breitenstein, James Pryor, Samuel Limbong, Mary Lou Miller and our selfie taker, Petra Limbong.



CREW is our group of High Schoolers that visit our homebound taking a bible lesson, song and energy! Thanks to Mary Lou for hosting us, feeding us and to the adults that drove. Know someone that could use a visit, want more info, want to come along?

Blessings, Kathleen Breitenstein
(502) 494-1468

kathleen2422@gmail.com

GIFT Youth Breakout Event - Sunday, March 12th

Breakout Games – Louisville,
[1805 Cargo Ct, Louisville, KY 40299](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1805+Cargo+Ct,+Louisville,+KY+40299)

The votes have been counted and Breakout won for our March event. After the 11am service on Sun, March 12, grab some lunch and join us for some fun problem-solving at Breakout Louisville. We will need some drivers to help transport our kids from church to the venue. Cost is \$20/person, pick up from Breakout by 3pm.

RSVP by Sun, March 5th at:

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

The vote for this was really close, so not to worry—
we'll plan a trip back to Activate soon!



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

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
3/6	Samuel Colbert	3/20	Germaine & Kenneth Overstreet
3/7	Mylo McDonald	 <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>	
3/8	Shelley Straub		
3/10	Zachary Kenitzer Brent Selch		
3/12	Bob Wagley		
3/14	Timmy Jordan		
3/18	Raymond Peak		
3/27	Molly Turpen		
3/28	Kathy Kull Tim Straub		
3/29	Bonnie Kroening Alita White		
3/31	David Gibson		

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
2/5/23			17	
2/12/23			22	
2/19/23	No Service		19	
2/26/23				

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

Find us on  @

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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.