

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2023



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*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:10-12)*

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Even though Christmas seems like yesterday, now the Lent is quickly approaching just in couple weeks; February 22<sup>nd</sup> to be exact. As I am sitting at my desk and looking outside at this dark, cold and cloudy day, I long to have warm weather and longer day light. Probably I was spoiled by spending couple weeks in warm places in Asia. For sure we all are anxious to have our daylight to be lengthened.

We will begin our forty days of Lent with Ash Wednesday marked by the imposition of ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our own mortality; that indeed we are dust and to dust we shall return.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Originally the forty days of Lent were observed as preparation for baptismal candidates to receive their baptisms at the Easter Vigil. Later, these forty days were associated with Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to his temptation (Matthew 4:1-11) and with the forty years the Israelites spent in the wilderness (Number 14:3). Sometimes forty refers to the forty days of rains that flooded the earth during the time of Noah (Genesis 7:17).

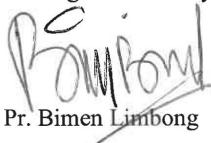
Some people during Lent refrain from eating certain foods or from drinking certain drinks as part of their spiritual disciplines. All is right and proper. But if we refrain from eating or drinking, let us be mindful of those who are hungry in our community and share our bounty. May we also refrain from doing things that harm others and God's creations. But most of all, I would like to invite you to join with me during the forty days of Lent to fast and spend more time in prayers, reading the Scriptures and serve others that God may renew our hearts and minds.

As I think of the true fasting, I think of what Pope Francis' words of what he defines as the best fasting for us to contemplate:

- Fast on offensive words and transmit only sweet and tender words.
- Fast on dissatisfaction and fill yourself with gratitude.
- Fast on anger and fill yourself with meekness and patience.
- Fast on pessimism and be filled with optimism.
- Fast on worries and be filled with confidence in God.
- Fast on laments and take pleasure in the simple things of life.
- Fast on stress and fill yourself with prayer.
- Fast on sadness and bitterness, and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast on selfishness, and be filled with compassion for others.
- Fast on unforgiveness and vendetta, and be filled with acts of reconciliation and forgiveness.
- Fast on words and fill yourself with silence and readiness to listen to others

Have blessed journey of Lent.

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

**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**

Thank you to our January offering counters; Jean & Mike Barney and John Schmitt. If you would like to volunteer to be a counter, please reach out to Mike Kull, [mjk111048@aol.com](mailto:mjk111048@aol.com),

In the month of January memorials were received in memory of Mary Lou Peters.



**WELCA CIRCLE**

Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> for Bible study from *Gather* magazine, however we had not yet received the current issue. The lesson was meant to be on the 1st & 2nd commandment, so we improvised and did our own lesson on them. The group will meet Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. We hope you will join us.

Some of our mission work includes donating diapers to JAM; they were much appreciated, designating \$500 to Recyclos Craftz to purchase a van for their work in Zambia, and Kathie & Shirley continue making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, nursing home residents, rehab centers and house bounds individuals.

*Making Christ Known*

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!**  
Thursday, February 16, 6pm-ish at:

## Kingpin Lanes

[9525 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown, KY 40299](#)

(less than a mile away from church)

To break up the winter blahs, we're going bowling in February, for **fun with the entire family!** All ages welcome. We're reserving 2 lanes from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Cost will be about \$6/game to bowl or \$28/hour per lane, and \$5 for shoe rental + tax, but **it would help if you RSVP for this one so we can secure a group rate.** Don't want to bowl? Just come to hang out with friends and enjoy the Kingpin cuisine (pizza, burgers, sandwiches, fries, etc).



**RSVP with Sarah Pryor!**

**Have questions or suggestions?**

Contact Sarah Pryor

758-5108 or [spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net)



## MUSIC NOTES

A couple of bravos are in order. The first is to the hearty choir members who braved the icy and cold conditions to sing on Christmas Eve – I'm sure everyone who was there in person and on-line appreciated (as I did) their talent and efforts! The second is to whoever cleaned the balcony on the property work day right after Christmas – it was in dire need and I, for one, am grateful to the person or persons who spiffed it up!

It is about time to take a closer look at a hymn/tune again. I have chosen the tune *Beach Spring* for this month. It appears in ELW with three different texts: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* (#445) which we sang on Jan. 8 on Baptism of Our Lord Sunday; *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (#712) which we frequently sing during Lent; and *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (777).

*Beach Spring* is attributed to a self-taught singing school teacher from South Carolina, Benjamin Franklin White (1800-18790), who with Elisha King published *The Sacred Harp* in 1844. *The Sacred Harp* and *The Southern Harmony* were collections of southern white spirituals which were written in four-shape (or shape note) notation. Probably the best-known shape-note tune is *New Britain/Amazing Grace*. This tradition was used in Appalachia and the rural South and made it easy for those with little or no music-reading ability to read music. The shapes were round/oval, diamond, triangle and square and each note shape represented the pitches fa, sol, la and mi. The music was sung without instrumental accompaniment, and people would sometimes gather for a day or weekend of shape-note singing. One of the largest and best-known of these festivals is still held in Benton, Kentucky on the fourth Sunday in May and is called the Big Singing.



Ann Colbert Wade  
Director of Music

## JAM Donations February

This month JAM is accepting donations of paper products; paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, napkins, 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](mailto: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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhd3dDNlRkdz09>

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 17 bins of shoes! Thank you for your donations that made this happen.

## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENT

### **Adult Italian Night**



**Adult Italian Night is back!** Join us on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for an Italian dinner, fellowship and fun. Individuals are welcome to bring their own beer or wine. The cost of dinner will be shared.

Please RSVP, as reservations are required. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you may call Bonnie Kroening, 502-245-1020.

# COMMUNITY THANKS

January 6, 2023

Dear Sponsor

Jeffersontown Area Ministries would like to thank you for your "spirit of giving" at Christmas. It was a difficult year for so many with the pandemic, and still you gave with a whole heart to help those in need. In partnership with you, J.A.M. was able to provide Christmas for 380 kids in 152 households with food boxes and gift cards, 33 new families this year benefitted from this service.

We wish that we could share the hugs, tears and smiles of those who received your generosity. In giving, we share the blessings that enrich lives and enhance the true spirit of Christmas. May God grant you a wonderful New Year and we look forward to working together with you in the future.



Sincerely,

*Lisa Lewis*  
Lisa Lewis  
Program Director

Mailing Address: Post Office Box 99545 • Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40269-9545  
Jeffersontown Community Center • 10617 Taylorsville Road • Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40299 • 502 267-10

We received words of thanks from two of our community partners. JAM sent us a thank you for our generous donation of gift cards at Christmas for families in need in the J'town area.

The other thank you note came from the residents of Gaslight Court Apartments for our Christmas donations to them.


As you can see we continue to connect with our community in *Making Christ Known*.

*Frances Farley  
Mary Jo Davis  
Bobby Anderson  
Jerry Caulton  
Carol L. Nugent  
Ruth Cheser  
Randall Marshall  
Deborah Stallone  
Linda Wright  
Lona Brinley  
John & Barb King  
Sue Wilkins  
Pay*

thank  
you!

We want to thank you for the wonderful gift. They are greatly appreciated.  
residents of Gaslight Court

# FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			<b>1</b> 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
<b>5</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp;            Worship@Home</b> 12:15pm Youth Event 1:15pm Confirmation Class	<b>6</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Mtg	<b>7</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg	<b>8</b> 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
<b>12 TACKLE HUNGER            SUNDAY</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School All Ages - Speaker Series <b>11am Worship            &amp;Worship@Home</b>	<b>13</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>14</b>  9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle 2pm Endowment Cmte Mtg	<b>15</b> 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho
<b>19</b> <b>10am Worship &amp;            Worship@Home</b> 11:30am Visioning Meeting 1:15pm Confirmation Class	<b>20</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>21</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Mtg	<b>22</b> 9:30am W Friends <b>7pm Ash            Worship</b> 8pm Cho
<b>26</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp;            Worship@Home</b>	<b>27</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>28</b> 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

	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	2	3	4	
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	9	10	11	
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	16 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday—Kingpin Lanes. See page. 4 7pm Christian Ed Cmte Mtg	17	18 10am Visitation 11am Funeral service for David Glasscock 6pm Adult Italian Night	
Wednesday <b>Wednesday</b> Air Rehearsal	23	24	25 Broomball Youth Event @ Iceland Sports—Time TBD see page 10	

## YOUTH CORNER

# CARE PACKAGE EVENT

Sunday,  
February 5<sup>th</sup>



immediately following the 11am service

## **Spirit and GIFT Youth:**

Please join us to assemble Valentine's care packages for loved ones who are away at college, homebound, or otherwise miles away but close in our hearts. We want to remind them that Jesus loves them, and we do too!

**Pizza lunch provided.**

Please RSVP to Sarah Pryor, 758-5108 or [spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net).

**Donation of gift cards welcome for:**

Amazon, Walmart, Target, Kroger, Visa, Starbucks, Spotify, Apple

*Let all that you do be done in love. ~ 1 Corinthians 16:14*

## CREW VISITS MEMBERS

CREW was on this road in January! We visited with Phill and Anne Hernandez and talked about many of our family Christmas traditions.



Left to right youth are James Pryor, Petra Limbong, Samuel Limbong, Gavin Kissling, Hannah Richardson and Emily Richardson. We had Berliana Limbong and Jay Pryor come along to join in this great experience, thanks for driving! Oh, Sarah Hernandez was there too and helped with the photo. For info on this meaningful experience or if you have someone in mind that could use a visit, please let me know.

Blessings, Kathleen Breitenstein  
(502) 494-1468

[kathleen2422@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen2422@gmail.com)

## BROOMBALL IS BACK!

Ascension Lutheran's Youth Director, Aaron Flynn, is organizing a broomball game for South Central Conference IK Synod churches. A minimum of 10 youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up) is needed, with pastors and parents welcome to stay (and play). Come join the fun!

**What:** Broomball (similar to hockey, using brooms, balls, and shoes instead of sticks, pucks, and skates)

**Where:** Iceland Sports Complex

**When:** Evening of Sat, Feb 25, likely 4-6 PM (waiting on confirmation from Iceland)

**Please RSVP By: Fri 2/17 at the latest** to Sarah Pryor, [spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net) or 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.

Month/Day	Theme	Theme verse/s
<b>January</b>		
6-8	Youth Quake - Cincinnati	
22	The Fall	Genesis 3:1b, 3b, 4-5
<b>February</b>		
05	People of the Promise	Genesis 12:3
19	The Promise Continues	Genesis 32:24, 25a, 26-28
<b>March</b>		
05	Moses and the Wanderings	Exodus 3:11, 12-14b, 4:1, 10b, 12-13
19	Of Tents and Kings	Joshua 1:9
<b>April</b>		
9	Spring Break – No Class	
23	The Psalms	Psalms 103:1-5
<b>May</b>		
01	Wisdom Literature	Proverbs 15:16, 16:3
21	Voice of the Prophets	Amos 3:7-8, 4:13
<b>June</b>		
4	Last Day - Picnic	
11	Affirmation of Baptism?	

## SOCIAL MINISTRY THANK YOU

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your donations to help those less fortunate in our community.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

On a snowy January Sunday morning we enjoyed listening to and learning from Ron McKulick with WaterStep. Finally, the question has been answered, what do our shoe donations have to do with clean water? The shoes collected are sold to an exporter and the funds received help bring water to those in need. The exporter sells the shoes to local vendors in developing countries (some of which WaterStep does water purification projects in). This business model helps to provide funds for WaterStep, the exporter and those small business owners in developing countries, benefiting their economy.

One hundred pounds of shoes helps three people. To date here at Christ Lutheran we have collected 17 bins of shoes. Ron told us that each bin is about 50 lbs. Therefore, we have helped bring clean water to 283 people around the world. We have made an impact, a ripple effect!!! But there is still a long way to go. Overall, WaterStep has helped bring clean water to 8 million people in several different countries. They have also been involved in disaster relief here in the U.S. if called upon. After watching some videos and seeing the equipment used, we learned that all it takes is salt, a car battery, and solar power to turn contaminated water into clean water, a necessity, and bountiful blessing.


If you would like to help further than donating your gently used shoes, they are always looking for volunteers to help sort shoes, give presentations or you can call them and ask, “how can I help?”

WaterStep  
Office:  
502-751-7104  
and **ask for**  
**Pam.**



In a few weeks we look forward to hosting **The Roll Call Foundation**, be on the lookout for more information.

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays		February Anniversaries	
2/1	Kameron Garr	2/5	Alita & Tony White
2/3	Penny Reese Dawson	 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">happy birthday!</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: multi; text-align: center;">HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</p>	
2/5	Chris Huber Emily Selch		
2/8	Samuel Limbong		
2/9	Lisa Williamson		
2/13	Chris Kull		
2/15	Karen Koch Curt Sigdestad		
2/16	Shari Bessette		
2/18	Tammy Kissling		
2/19	Audrey Albin		
2/21	Ashley Ridgway Dave Williamson		
2/23	Larry Paul Whitney Stephens		
2/25	Ryan Bessette		

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
1/1/23	No Service	62	20	82
1/8/23	29	61	25	115
1/15/23	31	57	No Live Steam	88
1/22/23	26	36	28	90
1/29/23	No Service	100	18	118

## 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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LUTHERAN  
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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  @

Christ Lutheran  
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@CLCLouisville

**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.