THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



MAY 2023

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

Christ Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! We are still in these 50 days of Easter that we so often call 'Eastertide' beginning from Easter Sunday all the way to the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. During this time especially the forty days after Jesus'

resurrection before he ascended into heaven, Jesus appeared to his disciples in different places and time such as his appearance to the women at the tomb, to his disciples who were hiding in a locked room, to a doubting Thomas, to Cleopas and his companion, to his disciples at the shore of the lake and other occasions. During these forty days, Jesus completed his mission in the world and prepared his disciples to continue his mission in the world.

Somehow the first readings for the last few Sundays have been focusing on the lives and ministry of his disciples after the Pentecost that began when Peter preached in Jerusalem that brought 3000 people to follow Christ. Also how the rest of the apostles went out from their hiding places to proclaim the good news of the gospel in their words and deeds.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.christlutheranlouisville.com Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade As if, those readings prepare us for the upcoming Pentecost season as we too embark in God's mission.

Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, marks the coming of the Holy Spirit when the Holy Spirit filled those who gathered in Jerusalem and the disciples began to speak in tongues all the people in the audience could understand. The languages that God once used to confuse people from building the tower of Babel and now God uses the languages of people to unify God's people for the sake of the good news of the gospel.

Pentecost also marks the birth of the church. The Season after Pentecost is the longest season of the year. It is sometimes called 'Ordinary Season'. Notice the changing of paraments from white to green, symbolizing the season of growth. During this time the church focuses on growth.

As we prepare ourselves for the season of Pentecost, I would like you to once again reflect upon the second reading we had last Sunday from Acts 2:42-47 how God grew the kingdom through the works of his apostles by devoting themselves to the to the good news of the gospel, and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Also how they took care of each other making sure their needs will be taken care of through their generosity. May we too follow their examples in our devotion and service to others as we participate in God's mission of growing his kingdom through his church, which is his body. As Saint Teresa of Avila once said, "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. You are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Your are the hands with which Christ blesses the world"

Serving Christ with you,

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. -- 1 Peter 1:3

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful Easter day and worship services as much as I did. It was wonderful to see so many joyful faces gathered for worship and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks to all who helped make the Easter breakfast and all the Holy week and Easter services happen. It takes many hands—plus a few cat-herders and a plumber or two—to make it all happen, and we appreciate all who shared their time and talents with us in service to Making Christ Known.

Here are some updates from our April council meeting:

- Tapital Campaign Project Kitchen Update: Specs have been gathered for appliance options. Next Dale will meet with Fellowship to confirm it fits with our current and potential future needs for kitchen. Then on to ordering and installation!
- * Visioning Community Leader Interviews & History Project:
 Council members have their visioning homework well underway and expect to have everything completed by our May council meeting.
 Next, the council will meet with Pr Nancy Nyland (IN-KY Synod Director for Evangelical Mission) on Sat 6/3 for a workshop to look over the results of our Congregational Asset Conversation, the Community Leader Interviews, and the History Project and discern where the Spirit may be leading CLC in mission next.
- **†** Several virtual events of interest:
 - +On 4/17, I attended a virtual **Training for Council Presidents**, hosted by Pr Dan Fugate.
 - +IN-KY Synod is offering a free 3-part series on **Expanding Your Mission** Center: Choosing Digital Ministry held on Zoom (4/18, 4/25, and 5/2). Many council members are planning to attend the 2nd and 3rd sessions (the 1st session conflicted with our regular council meeting, although we'll have access to recordings). If you signed up to attend through the email blast we sent out on 4/14, I'd love to hear your takeaways from the program.

- + The IN-KY Synod Assembly will be held virtually on 6/10/23. As council VP Steven Sarson relayed in his temple talk on Sun 4/23, this will be a business meeting only on Sat 6/10, 9:30am 1pm EST. Our congregation generally sends our Pastor plus 2 lay members to attend. If you're interested in participating, please let us know so we can get you registered and paid for. Synod is also planning to hold three regional gatherings for worship, fellowship, and learning this Fall (we hope to find out more details on that by next month).
- +On Thurs, 6/15, Pr. Bimen and I are attending an all-day online event hosted by the Lombard Center, called **Fractured Lives**, **Fractured Churches: Healing the Breach**. This workshop is designed to help leaders understand estrangement, and how the church can take part in restoration and healing. There is a cost involved, with a price break if 4 or more attend, so we would like to get at least 2 other members to attend. We have interest from some council members but would also like to open this up to any lay members who may be interested. If this is a subject that is on your heart, please contact me for more information (please see page 5).
- [⊕] CLC will once again serve as host of the IN-KY Synod Youth
 Mission Trip, June 25 –July 1. More details on that event can be
 found in this month's youth article.

As always, I and my fellow council members ask for your feedback, suggestions, support, and most of all prayers, that we lead with wisdom and compassion, in all we do for Christ and Christ Lutheran Church.

Peace be with you, Sarah Pryor

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13



Peace

Center

Lombard Fractured Lives, Fractured Mennonite Churches: Healing the Breach

June 15, 2023, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Single day webinar held on Zoom

American society is fracturing as more and more families experience estrangement with their loved ones. Tensions in American public life affects their private lives and vice-versa. Americans lack a shared identity, disagree on the nation's purposes, values, and history, and are becoming more and more intolerant of those with whom they disagree. Estrangement in private lives often leads to intense tribalism in public life. Anchored in Family Systems, the workshop is designed to help leaders understand phenomenon of estrangement, how it comes about and how can the church be a gathering place for restoration and healing.

For more information, view the flyer for this event linked here.

(This webinar is also being offered on September 12 and December 5; however, we are looking to register as a group from Christ Lutheran for the June 15 event. Please contact Sarah Pryor by Monday, May 15th if you are interested in attending.)

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through March 2023

Expected Receipts \$105,766.00

\$121,109.00 Actual Receipts

Thanks to everyone for your gifts. Giving statements for the first quarter are available in the narthex. First quarter surplus is due to advance contributions.

Online Giving



Thank you to our April offering counters; Pat Friedman, SCAN ME and Marilyn & Ray Peak.

If you would like to volunteer to be a counter, please reach out to Mike Kull, mjk111048@aol.com,

We have received memorials in memory of David Pfalzgraf, Evelyn Palmer & Doris Henry (marked for landscaping needs).

ON-GOING CLC MINISTRIES

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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNlRkdz09

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.

JAM Donations May

This month JAM is accepting donations of oral health products: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouth wash, dental picks, 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Snack Pack Event

The Social Ministry committee is sponsoring a snack pack event June 18 immediately following the 11am service. Please place your monetary donation to purchase supplies in the offering plate marked "snack pack". These funds will be used to buy the snacks. We will also need volunteers to help pack as many packs as possible.





Toilet Paper Drive

There will be a May toilet paper drive for JAM. The collection dates are May 14 thru May 21. Please place your donations in the Narthex.

Ronald McDonald House

On Friday, April 14 Bonnie Kroening, Renate Fish and Saundra Dockins provided a meal to the Ronald McDonald House. These meals are important to the families staying there. It's one less thing they need to worry about while they care for their sick children. A true way of Making Christ Known. Thank you ladies for your time and dedication.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

In OUTSTANDING fellowship fashion, the Fellowship committee hosted a wonderful Easter breakfast for our congregation. 75 attendees shared in delicious casseroles, pastries and fruit. This annual breakfast followed the committee's mid-week suppers during Lent. We thank our Fellowship committee for keeping us well fed physically, as we were being fed spiritually.

PROPERTY NEWS

The property committee continues to keep busy. We voted to have Dustin Casey, our newest property member, look into getting smart thermostats for our building. This may be another way to help our electric/gas bills be a bit lower. Sometimes now if a room is too hot or cold, the thermostat is adjusted, and if not done properly, it may stay at a temperature that is unnecessary for longer than needed.

The parking lot is still being looked at. Dale Breitenstein will call PSI, who had the best bid last year, to see if resealing is still a good option.

Dauenhauer Plumbing was needed to fix a clogged drain line in the women's restroom, and to fix a leaking urinal in the men's room. They also did a blackflow test, which the water company requires yearly. All was good there.

LaDuke's Irrigation is turning on the irrigation system for the summer and doing a backflow test on that water system, again required by the water company.

Wednesday Friends continue to weed, trim bushes, fill holes, weed eat, pick up trash, etc. Rod Hester is out of retirement and mowing grass again! The playground could use more mulch, so as not to be muddy, and help keep the weeds out.



We always welcome new property committee members. We usually meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We love Wednesday friends to work as little or as much as possible on most Wednesday mornings from about 9:30 to 11:30. Working is more fun when we have more people to help! So come whenever you can!

Making Christ Known

IN INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD NEWS...



8th - 12th Graders and Adult Mentors



SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Join us for a week of meaningful community service alongside strong local ministries and non-profit organizations in the Louisville area. Our time will be packed with practical acts of love and service as we engage people with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will give us the opportunity to sample the culture and diversity of Kentucky's largest city, including a community cookout with bluegrass band.

Christ Lutheran Church in Jeffersontown will be our home base for the week. We will spend Friday at Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park and Hurricane Bay Water Park.

The cost is \$175 per person which is all inclusive (except for travel to and from Louisville). For more information, contact Pastor Dan Fugate, Assistant to the Bishop for Discipleship, at youth@iksynod.org or 317.253.3522. Deadline to register is May 15, 2023.



Indiana-Kentucky Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

MAY 2023

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YOUTH CORNER

Between Spring Breaks, Easter, Derby, Mother's Day, the school year coming to an end, and graduations, we decided to lay low with the youth events in April and May—we've all got a LOT going on right now. BUT the fun will continue in the months ahead!

Here's what's coming up soon:



VBS, June 19-23

(all ages, attending/volunteering), registration opens soon!

Kids (entering 1st – 5th **grade)** can sign up to attend. Watch for more details and a link to register coming soon!

Youth (who have completed 6th -12th grade) & adults, we'd love your help as a decorator, Crew Leader, Station Leader, or Station Assistant! It's a fun and fulfilling way to spend the week. If you can't volunteer during VBS, there are opportunities to help with preparations before VBS (such as setting up decorations). This is also a great way to collect hours for Beta Club and/or Honor Society.



IN-KY Synod Youth Mission Trip, June 25 –July 1 (youth grades 8th -12th) Cost is \$175 all-inclusive (except for travel to/from Louisville)

Deadline to register is May 15, 2023!

Contact Pastor Dan Fugate at vouth@iksynod.org or 317.253.3522.

Right after VBS, Christ Lutheran will once again serve as home base for this week of service and fun for our conference! Youth are dropped off at CLC on Sun evening, spend Mon – Thurs performing a variety of community service projects in partnership with area non-profits, then have a day of fun on Fri at Ky Kingdom Amusement Park/Hurricane Bay Waterpark. Pick up is Sat morning. Financial aid is available if needed, please contact Pastor Bimen for more information.

LOMIK Summer Camp, dates run June 4-July 28 (grades 1-12)

Registration now open at http://www.lomik.org/



Summer Camp runs from June 4 – July 28 at 3 different sites: Lutheran Hills (closest to us), Lutherwald, and Lake Luther, for youth in 1st - 12th grade, providing an extraordinary Christian community where every camper learns of God's love for them, grows in faith, and gains new life experiences in a fun environment with caring

leaders. Campers enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities including running, hiking, swimming, boating, group games, singing, as well as less active times enjoying nature with their friends and camp staff. Financial aid is available for campers if needed, please contact Pastor Bimen for more information.

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	
May			
07	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?		

MY CUP RUNNETH OVER COFFEE RECEPTION

An exciting new fellowship opportunity is taking shape at Christ Lutheran. On Sunday, April 30th our first ever "My Cup Runneth Over" Coffee Reception took place immediately following the 11am service.



It was a wonderful excuse to NOT

leave immediately following the end of our worship. Members stayed and shared in a hot cup of fresh brewed coffee and some homemade treats in the Solarium. This was made possible by several folks. The addition of Keurig coffee pots in the Solarium - thanks to the install of water lines by the Property committee - has been the catalyst for this event. Thank you to the Koch's for their donation of their Keurigs as we begin this new event. Thank you Odette Salman, Jenn Brace and the Koch's for the homemade treats. Almost all of the 56 attendees at the 11am worship stayed and chatted and enjoyed the post service glow in our sun filled Solarium.

It is the hope of many that this will be a weekly event. We hope that people will come and enjoy this warm time together. We are accepting donations of Keurig K -cups if anyone wants to donate them. Just drop them off in the Solarium next to the coffee makers. Don't want to shop you can drop a monetary donation in the offering plate marked "coffee reception" and we will take care of the shopping. Donated treats don't have to be elaborate, a loaf of banana bread here, some cookies there. If there is an over abundance, we are happy to freeze for the following week.





THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

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

Whatever you thirst for, join us for one of our monthly gatherings, held 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 kidfriendly, so you don't have to get a babysitter. Stop in for a quick visit or stay for dinner. Pay on your own.



April's 3rd Thursday event was at **Impellizzeri's Pizza**, which happened to land on their Trivia Night. We had 15 attend, with some joining the game as "The Lucky Lutherans." We made a respectable showing all night, against about a dozen other teams competing, ultimately landing in 4th place overall. Not bad, since none of us had ever participated in a trivia competition

like that before! It was a lot of fun and we'll likely make a return visit there in the future.

Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!



Thursday, May 18, 6pm-ish at: 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens

https://3rdturnbrewing.com/

6300 Old Lagrange Rd, Crestwood, KY 40014

A laid-back beer garden atmosphere, with 32 beer taps, wine, slushies, soda, and water. Get elevated pub food from the Backside Grill. Great outdoor spaces with firepits (by May, the wisteria may be in bloom!), or indoor seating if the weather doesn't cooperate.

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



THANK YOU & WELCOME BACK



Please take a moment to extend a huge thank you to Guy Younce. He has served as our substitute organist while our very own Ann Colbert Wade was home recouperating from surgery.

Guy is a very popular organist who stay very busy in Louisville. It was such an amazing blessing and opportunity for all of us at CLC that he was available to be with us every Sunday while Ann was out.

While we are so grateful to Guy, we are just as excited to announce that Ann Colbert Wade will be returning to her organ on Sunday, May7th. She is feeling great and looking forward to being back with her CLC Family. Ann, we cannot wait to see you and welcome you back to what you love. We are looking forward to seeing and HEARING you on the 7th!

Women ELCA

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) met in April for bible study and fellowship. They have been studying through online studies as our Gather magazine is not always available.

The group will not meet in the summer beginning in May and will resume gathering the second Tuesday in September, the 12th.

Kathie Armstrong and Shirley Williamson continue to make quilts. Please thank these ladies for their ongoing work.

30th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR



Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss our 30th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR hosted by our WELCA Group. This fabulous event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023

This event is a great way to get a jump on holiday shopping and the funds raised are put to wonderful mission projects throughout our community and the INKY Synod. And you never want to miss out on the Almost Famous chicken salad and chili!!

Forest Hills Commons' Monthly Worship Service

Please join us in our monthly worship service at Forest Hills Commons across the street every second Sunday of the month at 2:00PM with the residents. It is a wonderful worship experience and a great way to make Christ Known. Pictures below were taken during our Easter service there.











Thank you for the folks from our church who put all the Easter care packages together for the residents!

MAY CELEBRATIONS

	May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
5/1	Carol Breitenstein	5/8	Marti & Bill Gibson	
5/3	Hannah Limbong	5/9	Becky & Roger Miller	
5/4	Emelyn Merchant	5/1	1 Kathleen & Dale Breitenstein Kristen & Matt Hoehner	
5/5	Barbara Rowland	5/1:	5 Deborah & William Scott	
5/7	Walker Bell	5/13	8 Jean & Mike Barney	
5/8	Mark Davis	5/2	2 Wendy & Larry Glenn	
5/11	Indiana Dawson Pr. Bimen Limbong Cathy Skelton	5/29	9 Jessica & Matt Bruederle	
5/12	Lisa Huber	5/3	1 Tammy & Roger Kissling	
5/15	Beth Allgeier			
5/16	Dale Breitenstein		Labby 1	
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5/20	Sheri Hesler Liz Walker			
5/24	Hayley Glenn		AMA PAY	
5/25	Betty Payne		S.C.A.S.	
5/27	Florence Bright			
	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
4/2 Palm Sunday	30	64	17	111
4/6 Maundy Thursday		34	8	42
4/7 Good Friday		34	19	53
4/8 Easter Vigil		22	8	30
4/9 Easter	65	148	24	237
4/16	30	58	19	107
4/23	30	68	12	110
4/30	22	57	20	99

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.



9212 Taylorsville Road Louisville, KY 40299 Sunday Worship 8:30am & 11am

Sunday School preK—Adult 9:45am © uo sn puid 20

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Worship Times: Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am.

Nursery: Infant to 6 years old in Room 3 during 8:30am & Sunday School: Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday.

Ham services.