

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2023



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“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

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

It is graduation season! One of my favorite things to do when I am at home is to sit outside in our backyard. I enjoy sitting on the swing or hammock enjoying our gardens and watching the fish in our pond. But lately I am particularly mesmerized by the birds. We have birds’ nests all over our place; in our gazebos, garden trellises or shrubs. I have been watching momma birds brooding their eggs or the baby birds that have been hatched are ready to leave their nests. Sometimes the momma birds will help them fly, starting with little hope and before long they go off.

They remind me of this time of year as the time of graduation. Last Sunday we acknowledged and celebrated sixteen graduates this year from elementary school all the way to college. They are like those eggs that were brooded or incubated for the last couple years in their schools

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Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

and they have been hatched and are ready to leave their nests to venture out in the real world.

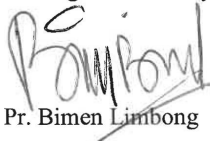
Whether graduating from elementary, middle, high school or college, one thing in common is that they will venture into an unknown future. It is challenging for the graduates and parents. For parents whose kids are graduating from high school might experience the empty nest syndrome.

We thank God for their resilience especially during this challenging time. We also thank parents and their teachers for their support. They are now facing new challenges and uncertainties about their future; what next! In their uncertainty about the future however, may God's words from Jeremiah keep them focused. For indeed the Lord knows the plan He has for them, for their welfare and not for harm, to give them a future and hope.

For Jesus' disciples, Pentecost was like a graduation ceremony. Jesus, their teacher and master, had spent three years with them teaching them many things and showing them how to serve. After Pentecost, their title was changed from 'disciple' or 'student' to 'apostle'; from the one who sits at the feet of the teacher into the one who is sent out into the world to continue the work of the teacher. Likewise with our church, by God's grace, may God graduate us from being members of the church to become Jesus' disciples and even more to become his apostles who are sent into the world to bring good news of the gospel in words and deeds. We trust in God's promise of our welfare and a future with hope. When we wonder what our future will hold, we are rest assured that God is the one who will hold the future. With that I offer this prayer:

“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen” (ELW, p. 317)

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Limbong', written over a horizontal line.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” -- John 21:15-17

This passage has been playing on repeat in my brain recently. Peter must have felt such shame and disconnection after denying Jesus 3 times, but here Jesus cancels out those denials by giving Peter the opportunity to publicly proclaim love for his Savior 3 times. Then he gives Peter 3 assignments to do in response, pairing deeds with words. How many times have we denied Him, and He has reached out to us in a desire to reconcile? How are we feeding his lambs, tending his sheep, feeding his sheep? CLC’s constitution states our mission (C4.05.01.B12): to **“make Christ known, to get connected to God, connected to one another, and connected to the community through Jesus’ gracious love”** (3 groups and 3 actions in 1). Recent focus in our church has been on setting up the office to best support our Pastor, staff, and congregation (3 more groups in 1), so each can be successful in their roles for fulfilling that mission. At the same time, we’re working through a visioning process with 3 homework steps—congregational assets, history timeline, and community interviews (3 more actions in 1)—again to look for ways CLC can further its mission. I pray we all look for ways to say “Yes!” and serve when He calls.

Here are some updates since last month:

‡ **Staffing:** We’re grateful to have Heather Harding from Kelly Services now supporting our congregation in the church office, on a temporary (potentially permanent) basis. Please be sure to introduce yourself, welcome, and support her! Council member Alex Casey is now leading efforts to refine the job description and setting up structured processes for training and support. I can already see Alex’s leadership, education, and professional experience in HR, setting us on a sure path forward. Many, many thanks to Alex, Heather, Becky Miller, Nancy Walsh, Liz Walker, Karen Koch, Odette Salman, and Kathleen Breitenstein—all have spent a lot of time and effort to support our congregation in the set up and administration of church life at CLC. Their behind-the-scenes work has huge impact.

- † **Visioning - Community Leader Interviews & History Project:** Council's homework is complete! Next council will meet with Pr Nancy Nyland (IN-KY Synod Director for Evangelical Mission) on Sat 6/3 at the Koch residence for an all-day workshop. We'll review the results of our Congregational Asset Conversation, the Community Leader Interviews, and the History Project, in hopes to see where the Spirit may be leading CLC in mission next.
- † In April-May, IN-KY Synod held a 3-part webinar on **Expanding Your Mission Center: Choosing Digital Ministry**, attended by several CLC members. My takeaway was that there are a few congregations who are doing a better job—and many others that we are ahead of—when it comes to managing a digital presence. Given the changing nature of technology, it's an area that will never have a "once and done" setup. To be effective in our mission, we'll need to review, tweak, and improve continuously to fit our congregation's specific needs. There are lot of exciting possibilities for growing an online mission field, and as with everything else, will just require some time and talent to make it happen!
- † **The IN-KY Synod Assembly will be held *virtually* on 6/10/23.** Pastor Bimen will be attending with lay members Joyce Anderson and David Bremner. Many thanks to Joyce and David for your interest in participating. I look forward to hearing about your experience at the assembly!

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*

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through March 2023

Expected Receipts \$142,094 .00

Actual Receipts \$159,170 .00

Thanks to all who have contributed. The surplus is due to advance contributions in the first quarter.

The finance committee is in need of volunteers to help count Sunday offerings. No experience necessary. No new math. Head counter will be present each week. Give it a try. Volunteer to count one hour after 11 am service for a month. Contact Mike Kull. 502-802-4485. Thanks.

[Online
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thanks to May counters Dale Breitenstein, Kathy Sigdestad, and Curt Sigdestad.

Memorials have been given in memory of Doris Henry, Tongam Limbong (Pr. Bimen's brother), Evelyn Palmer, and David Pfalzgraf.

Please join us
Every Sunday
after the 11am service for

*My Cup
Runneth Over*

A family fellowship hour in the Solarium

Make church more than an hour-long to-do for your day—
stay a little longer, chat a little more, & get to know each
other better.



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

JAM Donations June

This month JAM is accepting donations of kid friendly food: crackers, goldfish, granola bars, microwave meals-not frozen or refrigerated, jelly, cereal, and multigrain bars. PLEASE NO PEANUT BUTTER

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.



Huge Success!!!



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Social Ministry's Toilet Paper drive. It is always astounding what CLC members can do. For this drive **804 rolls of TP and 12 rolls of paper towels** were collected and donated to JAM. A huge thanks to all you brought a roll or 2 or 10!!! Thanks to Roger Miller and Randy Hesler for their time, bringing this amazing donation to JAM!!!



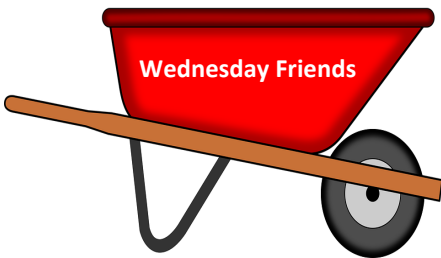
PROPERTY NEWS

The property committee continues to keep busy. Changing filters quarterly or when needed is one thing Mike and Jean Barney do for us.

Wednesday Friends continue to pick up trash around the landscape weekly, and are always trimming grass and bushes. This winter has been harsh on our shrubs, as many of you may have witnessed the same at your house, but some severe pruning has helped the knockout roses look great now!



There is always weeding and trimming to do, so come join us on any Wednesday morning about 9:30 or whenever it is convenient for you!



We thank Rod Hester for doing a great job keeping the grass mowed!

Of course, Dale Breitenstein tries to keep us comfortable, knowing when to turn on the AC or heat!

Thank you to everyone who lends a hand to keep CLC looking her BEST!

Making Christ Known



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.



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JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:30pm VBS planning meeting	5 12pm Prayer Mtg VBS registration Deadline	6 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7:00pm Property Committee Mtg	7 9:30am We
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CHURCH OFFICE

HOURS

Monday-Friday

9am - 4:30pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Council Visioning Meeting @ 9AM-3PM
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ed Friends	22	23	24
SCHOOL 9AM-NOON			
ed Friends	29	30	July 1
YOUTH MISSION TRIP			

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 youth@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

June 4 - Last Day of Confirmation

There will be a picnic following services

****Confirmation classes will resume in the Fall****



CONGRATUALIONS

GRADUATES

Alex Armstrong: Graduating from Spencer Co High School

Kirby Armstrong: Graduating from the University of Kentucky

Melissa Armstrong: Graduating from University of Louisville

Samuel Carter Colbert: Graduating from Collins High School, Shelbyville

Kayla Cord: Graduating from DuPont Manual with Valedictorian Honors, will be attending UK College of Health Science

Mallory Cord: Graduating from Norton Commons Elementary, will be attending Noe Middle School

Benjamin Greaves: Graduating from Rice University Summa Cum Laude in Houston TX

Dylan Kissling: Graduating High School

Henry Nixon: Graduating 8th grade

Jayla Perry: Graduating from Carrithers Middle School

Abby Ribble: Graduating from 5th grade & will be attending Noe Middle School

Nate Ribble: Graduating from 8th grade & will be attending DuPont Manual High School

Emily Richardson: Graduating from South Oldham High School

Hannah Richardson: Graduating from South Oldham High School

Ian Walker: Graduating from 8th grade

James Walter Way: Graduating from Central High School



"In all your ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct your paths"

-Proverbs 3:6

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 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.

May's 3rd Thursday event was a return to 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens, this time checking out their outdoor space. The weather was great, and the company was greater!



Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!



Thursday, June 15, 6pm-ish at: Blind Squirrel

blindsquirrelrestaurant.com

592 North English Station Rd Louisville, KY
40223

A sprawling entertainment & dining set-up with full bar, live music, a patio, TV sports & lawn games. They will have Happy Hour 4-6pm if you want to arrive early, and live music on the outdoor patio 6-10pm with Josh Logan (singer/songwriter who blends a style of rock/blues/soul/pop; he appeared on season 5 of the Voice).

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



Women ^{of the} ELCA

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!!

GREETINGS & GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who offered prayers, sent cards & text messages or called me after my recent surgery. Your kindness helped brighten my days of recovery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With thanks, Becky Miller

thank
you!

All Ages Fellowship Event:

A Night at the Ballpark



Friday, July 21st

Game time is 7:15pm

Tickets \$14.

**Join us Friday, July 21st at Slugger Field
to watch the Louisville Bats take on the Columbus
Clippers.**



Please sign up through the link or QR Code so we can secure a group rate for tickets. Payments can be made payable to Christ Lutheran, and please be sure to note "Baseball Game" in your payment.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FADAB23AA8-christ>

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

*Take me out to
the ball game!!!*

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
6/1	Silvia Schuette	6/1	Lisa & Chris Huber
6/7	Megan Fjelstad	6/8	Marty & Pr. George Mercer
6/8	Laura Haaland Rita Sarson	6/9	Lorraine & Bob Wagley
6/11	Chester Evans Kaitlyn Hoehner	6/12	Sarah & Jay Pryor
6/12	Robert Kemnitz	6/13	Bonnie & Will Kroening
6/13	Fred Schuette	6/15	Ann & Bob Wade
6/15	Bud Goss	6/18	Silvia & Fred Schuette
6/17	Lorraine Wagley	6/20	Anne & Phil Hernandez
6/18	Randy Hesler Zoe Kenitzer Sheryll Pierce	6/26	Nina & Rich Hallum
6/21	Nora Bruederle		
6/23	Noelle Winskye		
6/24	Jay Pryor		
6/30	David Loetz		

**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
5/7	26	55	21 12	114
5/14	42	79	12	133
5/21	39	67	14	120
5/28	30	57	18	105

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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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.