

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2023



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“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

When God created the heavens and earth with all that is in it, his creative works didn't stop there. God continues to create and procreate even today. God continues to do new things in the world, our lives and the life of the church whether we notice it or not. Our God is an active and creative living God. He is always on the move. Sometimes we just need to slow down, pause and ponder prayerfully grounded in his word that we may be able to discern and see what God is doing or up to. Then we can jump into God's 'moving train'. That process we call 'visioning'.

The verses above are familiar verses. They are so familiar that sometimes we lose their gravity. Isaiah reminds the people of exile not to fantasize the past and dwell in it but to focus on the horizon; to the new things that God is about to do and they are now in motion.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

God is doing not only new things but also unimaginable things; like making a highway in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Christ Lutheran is in the middle of our visioning process. The visioning process to me is like a process of giving birth starting from conception, gestation and all the way to birth that will take about nine months. During the nine months of pregnancy is filled with active waiting and anticipating by preparing everything needed for the birth of a new baby. As we all may know, when the baby is born, life will never be the same again. It seems that we are in the last trimester of our visioning gestation.

In our last council visioning workshop with Pr. Nany Nyland, we discussed all the findings we collected from our congregational asset mapping exercises, our church history and interviews with our local leaders. From those discussions, we were able to identify our assets and values. Then we were able to define our guiding Principles and mission statement.

These are our guiding principles:

- † Listen and lead with purpose following God's will
- † Grow and deepen faith in God
- † Live generously using God's gifts
- † Love and serve one another
- † Invite and welcome our neighbors
- † Maintain intentional communication.

From these, we defined our new Mission Statement or the Statement of Purpose: "Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors." We will start incorporating this statement as we dismiss people at the end of our service. We will continue to keep you updated what our next steps will be. Thank you for your patience in our journey together as we walk with Christ, let's love and serve our church and neighbors.

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bimen Limbong", written in a cursive style.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

We're nearing the finish line on several ongoing projects! Here's this month's updates:

- ‡ **Staffing:** Heather continues to be a blessing in the office, we are thankful for her support! The job description and SOP document for the office position is in its final stages of revision as we apply feedback from members who've recently served in this capacity. We expect this to be distributed for council approval within the next week or two so we can move on to securing a permanent hire. Thank you for your patience as we strive to create realistic, sustainable processes and support for all.
- ‡ **Endowment Committee opening filled:** Council approved the nomination of Joyce Anderson to fill the open seat on the Endowment Committee.
- ‡ **Kitchen Update:** Electrical updates should be done within two weeks, then equipment will be ordered. (2) 36" electric ranges should arrive within a week, while the warmer unit may take a few weeks to arrive.
- ‡ **IN-KY Synod Assembly, Sat 6/10 virtual session:** Unfortunately, technical issues and family emergency kept Joyce Anderson and David Bremner from attending. Pastor Bimen was able to attend however, reporting to council that the assemble was fairly uneventful, with the votes primarily related to updating the paternity leave policy and committee assignments.
- ‡ **Lombard Center Fractured Lives, Fractured Churches: Healing the Breach, Thurs 6/15 webinar:** Pr. Bimen, Karen Koch, Mike Kull, and I attended this day-long webinar. It was an interesting, though high-level, presentation which outlined how although the Covid-19 pandemic certainly exacerbated things, a decline in social and civic engagement (especially in-person social interactions) actually began decades ago in our society, with the increase of dual career households, suburbanization and commuting, electronic entertainment, and generational changes in family dynamics. This in turn has led to growing estrangements, isolation, anxiety, depression, and deaths of despair (suicide, overdose, addictions). A rise in membership in non-face-to-face organizations (groups like AARP, Sierra Club, or other activist groups), hasn't provided the sense of meaning, belonging, and purpose that people yearn for.

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What has been observed is people who participate in church life do experience a sense of connection and hope that nonreligious organizations, or even private prayer, fail to duplicate. While we hoped to hear more practical, specific methods for healing relationships, the takeaway did confirm that CLC is on the right track in our efforts in self-examination, inviting participation, and focusing on creating opportunities to deepen our relationships with God and one another. Leading us to...

† **Visioning:** On Sat 6/3, council met for a day-long workshop facilitated by Pr Nancy Nyland (IN-KY Synod Director for Evangelical Mission). You may have noticed our conversation notes posted in the Narthex. Reviewing our congregational assets, community interviews, and CLC history, we noticed the need to connect with love and meaningful service was a recurring theme within and outside of our church walls. To renew our focus to these needs, council approved to adopt a new mission statement, “*Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors.*” So now what? We want to hear your thoughts on how we put this vision into action and will be setting up multiple venues to collect ideas. Be on the lookout for more on that soon. Please prayerfully consider, what do you want to see our congregation doing? Then speak up and volunteer—let’s look for ways to do God’s work with our hands, together!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. — Philippians 1:3-6

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.

Your servant in Christ,
Sarah Pryor

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

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through May 2023

Expected Receipts \$171,047.00

Actual Receipts \$185,226.00

Thanks to all who have contributed. The surplus is due to advance contributions.

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 June counters Ed Schuette and Kim & Mike Hajnik.

Memorials have been given in memory of Grazia Johnson.

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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

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 July

This month JAM is accepting donations of hair care products: shampoo, conditioner, 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.

MUSIC NOTES

It is so good to be back where I belong, making music at Christ Lutheran Church! Thanks to all of you who sent notes, cards, texts, emails, and especially prayers for my recovery during my two-month absence – they were greatly appreciated. A big bravo goes to Guy Younce for so splendidly filling in during the most busy time of the church year – Lent and Easter! Bravos also to our choir, to Pr. Bimen, and to those who were filling in doing the administrative work – bulletins are hard enough to put together when everyone is on the same page and used to working together.

We got news recently of the death of Joan Rutz Ziegler, an active member of the church and choir for the 10 years or so she was in Louisville. Among other things she was also the editor of our 200th anniversary cookbook. Joanie has joined that great company of saints and is now singing with the angels.

Wednesday night choir rehearsals are in recess for a couple of months, although the choir will continue singing on Sundays until mid-July. Come join us when we start up in the fall – we love to have new members and would certainly welcome some more voices.



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music

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.**

JULY 2023



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday:
9:00am-4:30pm

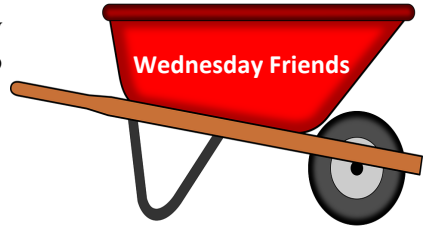


Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Wednesday Friends Property Meeting	6	7	8
Wednesday Friends	13	14	15
Wednesday Friends	20	21 Fellowship Event A Night at the Ballpark Game time at 7:15pm	22
Wednesday Friends	27	28	29

PROPERTY NEWS

The Property Committee & Wednesday Friends, along with Rod Hester; continue to mow, weed eat, trim, and weed the landscapes around the church building and cemetery. We thank all that help to keep the flower beds and parking lot and playground and cemetery as weed free as possible. Every week trash and sticks are also picked up.

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings from about 9:30 to 11:30 to help!



SOCIAL MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Snack Pack Event

On June 18th the Social Ministry Committee packed a WHOPPING 200 snack packs for Street Reach, a group that passes out these packs to the homeless community of Louisville. What a great way of “making Christ known”. Street Reach volunteer Darryl Glass gave CLC a GREAT shout out on Facebook!!! Let’s keep making a difference!!



Darryl Glass is at Christ Lutheran Church.

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A huge shout out to Roger and the wonderful members of [Christ Lutheran Church](#) for donating 200 snack bags!!! The timing could not have been more perfect, as I just ran out!!! ❤️



Making Christ Known

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.



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!!



We are extremely excited to host the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Youth Mission Trip this year again. The youth are completing their missions by doing meaningful community service alongside strong local ministries and non-profit organizations in the Louisville area.



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.



July's T3 will be held on Friday, July 21st at Louisville Slugger Museum.


SEE PAGE 11 FOR ALL THE DETAILS & TICKETS!!

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

JULY CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
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7/2	Sherry Davis James Pryor	7/1	Trish & Randy Ferris
7/4	Janet Kull	7/2	Jane & Tom Farrar
7/8	Marti Gibson	7/6	Sharon & Ron Coombs
7/9	Ann Colbert Wade	7/12	Karen & Ed Schuette
7/14	Marty Mercer	7/21	Heather & Andy Rush
7/15	Samantha Brace Rich Hallum		
7/16	Peggy Stephens		
7/17	Alex Huber		
7/19	Nathan Pfalzgraf		
7/25	Jessica Bruederle		
7/27	Karen Schuette Gary Stephens		
7/29	Eliza Stephens		
7/30	Keaton Walker		



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
6/4	32	55	11	98
6/11	25	48	14	87
6/18	49	48	8	100
6/25	32	38	17	87

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please fill out the attendance cards completely 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.

Making Christ Known



9212 Taylorsville Road
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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.