

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2023



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*"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)*

Grace and peace to you my siblings in Christ,

Whether you realize it or not, we are now almost at the end of our summer time already. In a couple weeks, our school children will return to school. Likewise, when the school starts, our church will return to its 'normal routines'.

I thought summer will be an easy summer for our church, but apparently we continue to get busy doing ministry that God is calling us to do.

I am sure you all are busy with everything in life, juggling between works, personal and family life. The busy world and the fever of life pull and push us to and fro and demand every inch of our life. It has been a busy and crazy summer for our family as well. Our kids are busy with their summer activities and travels. Sometimes we need to 'push pause' button and retreat ourselves from all of them.

Throughout Jesus' ministry, often times he withdrew from his hectic life and ministry and went to a deserted place to be alone to pray. He took his time to rest, pray and get rejuvenated before he resumed into his ministry again. He tended to his physical and spiritual need. He gives us an example to follow. We need to be refueled before we continue with our life journey. We need to fill our spiritual cup or otherwise we have nothing else to share.

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[www.christlutheranlouisville.com](http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com)

Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

The Psalmist reminds us to be still and know that God is still God. God is in control. We take a comfort with the fact that the God of Israel, our God, will not slumber nor sleep. He will take care of our needs and us even while we are resting or sleeping. Jesus also said ‘*can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?*’ (Luke 12:25-26)

I hope you and your family take some time to refresh and rejuvenate before we resume into busyness in life. Take an afternoon nap sometimes, eat a good meal, take a walk, visit friends, read a good book, etc. God will take care of the rest. As I wrote this letter, I am taking some time off, spending time with my family and myself hoping to return refreshed and rejuvenated, as our church will return to its full swing this fall.

I would like you to meditate, ponder and pray with this verse accordingly:

*Be still and now than I am God*

*Be still and know that I am*

*Be still and know that I*

*Be still and know that*

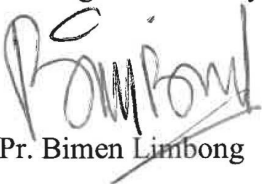
*Be still and know*

*Be still and*

*Be still*

*Be!*

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bimen Limbong', written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Pr. Bimen Limbong

## COUNCIL UPDATE

Because Pastor Bimen was at the ELCA Rostered Ministers gathering in Phoenix, AZ, no major actions were taken this month at our regular council meeting. However, here are a few updates on continuing progress and committee projects:

- ✚ **Staffing** – We are nearing the finish line for filling the office administrator position and will be turning our attention next to finding a Director of Youth and Children Ministry!
- ✚ **Property** – We are waiting for the electricians to fit our small kitchen upgrade on their calendar. Once scheduled, appliances for the kitchen will be ordered. We’ve also finalized a bid for our parking lot to be repaired, resealed, and restriped.
- ✚ **Communications** – Communication Committee has several projects underway, including working on restarting the announcement slideshow in the solarium and assisting council with communicating next steps with the congregation on our visioning process.
- ✚ **Council Contact Sheet** – If you’re not sure who to ask about a specific activity or ministry, a contact sheet of all council members has been posted on the bulletin board outside of Rooms 1/2. We’ll be adding committee and other contact details there soon!
- ✚ **Building Usage Policies** – Worship Committee updated our wedding and funeral policies and guidelines. Next month, council will review general building usage policies (for meeting spaces, kitchen, and gym). While there are no major changes in policy, as events in our building are gradually increasing post-pandemic, it’s good to provide clear guidelines for our office and Pastor to share, so our church may serve as better hosts, and our members and community groups have clear expectations when holding activities in our building.
- ✚ **Volunteers** – We have a *lot* of opportunities for getting involved and **living out our mission of walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors**. Please prayerfully consider where you can put your spiritual gifts into action! Our upcoming involvement at the Gaslight Festival requires some friendly faces to represent CLC. Our community picnic in September will require a wide range of talents—if you’re interested in supporting this event, we’ll find a spot for you! We’re also looking to re-activate and/or re-imagine our Befrienders group, training members to serve Communion and minister to the homebound, infirm, or anyone in need of loving support. We continue to look for those willing to help with our online streaming—on the job training is provided! If you enjoy weddings, we’re hoping to establish paid volunteer(s) to serve as a wedding host, guiding and supporting those choosing CLC for their marriage worship service. Be on the lookout for more information on all of these programs, and feel free to contact a council member or committee head if you’d like to get connected!

*<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. –Romans 12:4-6*

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

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

# Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

So what's the news with this year's picnic? Rather than hosting a Back-to-School Splash in August and our Annual Church Picnic in September, this year the Youth Ministry Team is joining forces with the Worship and Fellowship Committees, and throwing in some Evangelism for good measure, to create an afternoon of fun for everyone! Details are still in the planning stage, but we will hold just **1 service at 11am on Sunday, September 24** (bring your own chairs), then **the picnic fun begins at 12:30**—with a hot dog lunch, an inflatable obstacle course, and more!

Please go to our church website, <http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com/uncategorized/clc-neighborhood-picnic-community-event/> to volunteer, & call the church office to RSVP, 502-267-5082.

We plan to paper the surrounding neighborhoods with doorknob hangers, and promote the event at the Gaslight Festival, social media, and other outlets to invite the community to join us. As you can imagine, we'll need a lot of volunteers with a variety of talents to make this a success. Do you like to bake? We'd love to have some delicious treats donated for a cake walk. Are you a people person? We could use your chatty self at a booth representing our church to hand out brochures, CLC swag, and take prayer requests. Tech savvy? We'll need help setting up A/V for the outdoor worship service and sound system. Serving up food and drink, monitoring the inflatables and playground, and directing traffic are other opportunities, and we'd like to set up stations as rotating positions so no one has to be stuck in one spot the entire time, and can have time to enjoy themselves too. Please consider joining us in the planning and hosting, as we *walk with Christ, to love and serve our church and neighbors*.

**For questions or to volunteer**, please contact the church office, Pastor Bimen, Sarah Pryor, Becky Miller, or 4 Bonnie Kroening.

# FINANCE

## General Fund Giving through May 2023

Expected Receipts \$200,800.00

Actual Receipts \$211,862.00

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

Thanks to July counters Amy & Ken Schneider and Nancy Walsh.

Memorials have been given in memory of David Glasscock and Pr. Bimen's friend, Samuel Sylvester.

[Online Giving](#)



SCAN ME

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.

Coffee, tea, water (& of course some baked goods to dunk) to be provided.



**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**

September 10 2023



## 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](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=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 August

This month JAM is accepting donations of laundry supplies: detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover, 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

Well you all certainly pulled off a surprise on July 9! Thanks you so very, very much for the birthday party with cake, balloons and other decorations, a beautiful flower arrangement, cards, and gifts. The congregation – in addition to all that – gave me chocolate candy and a beautiful pair of earrings. I appreciate all the effort that went into this and thank **everyone** who had a part in it. I know a few names but I also know there were many more so I won't list them here for fear of leaving someone out!

The choir is in recess for a couple months – we plan to start rehearsals on Wednesday, **August 23** in the Choir Room at the far end of the gym. If you like to sing (the only requirement) just show up that night at **7 p.m.** If you can't manage that, I have another deal for you! We need a group to sing the *Kyrie* at 8:30 (right now Becky and Roger Miller are the only singers and they'd like some help) and also occasionally at the 11:00 service. No extra rehearsals are needed for this job, so please let me know if you can help out at either service.

Thank you again for the wonderful surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party!!



Ann Colbert Wade  
Director of Music

## PROPERTY NEWS

Have you noticed the round tables lately? Thanks to Dale Breitenstein, with help from Mark Davis, they replaced the old table legs and also replaced the edging on all 16 round tables. So these tables should last for many more years.

Dustin Casey is working on replacing the old thermostats to digital ones, to help control the temperature in the building. We expect to see a savings on our LG&E bill, since some areas will not be left too cool or too warm (in winter), but will be programmed to go back to a reasonable temperature when the area is not being used.

Plans in the near future include cleaning the carpets and seal coating the parking lot. The committee is also contemplating slowly switching the florescent light bulbs to LEDs, as we presently need to replace bulbs and ballasts so often.

# AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		<b>1</b> 9:30am Tues Friends 7:pm Property Committee Mtg <b>Pastor Limbong Vacation</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30a
<b>6 8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes <b>11am Worship &amp; Live Stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>7</b> 12pm Prayer Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30am Tues Friends 6:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 7pm Worship Committee	<b>9</b> 9:30a 6pm Comm
<b>13 8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes <b>11am Worship &amp; Live Stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	<b>14</b> 12pm Prayer Meeting 7pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30am Tues Friends 7pm Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30a
<b>20 8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes <b>11am Worship &amp; Live Stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>21</b> 12pm Prayer Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30am Tues Friends	<b>23</b> 9:30a 7pm Resur
<b>27 8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes <b>11am Worship &amp; Live Stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>28</b> 12pm Prayer Meeting	<b>29</b> 9:30am Tues Friends	<b>30</b> 9:30a 7pm



# CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:00am-4:30pm



<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
m Wed Friends	3	4	5
m Wed Friends Communications Committee Mtg	10	11	12
m Wed Friends	17 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday-Parlour Pizza	18	19
m Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal Times	24	25	26
m Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	31		



## Interested in Making Christ Known in J-town? Join us at this year's Gaslight Festival!

We want to meet our neighbors and share the love of Christ at this year's Gaslight Festival, but we need your help! We're looking to host a booth

during the Gaslight Festival Weekend, where we'll collect prayer requests, hand out some Spanish-English bibles and CLC swag, and invite folks to join us for worship and our upcoming community events such as our picnic and craft fair. To do this, we will need rotating teams of at least two volunteers during the festival hours. If you are interested in an easy, low pressure, and fun way to exercise your evangelism muscles, **please contact the church office to let us know you are interested in getting involved.** A sign up for specific timeslots will be available soon!

### Gaslight Festival Hours:

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** (4pm-7pm, Staging/Setup) 7pm-10pm (Festival Opens)

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9am-10pm \*festival times could change

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, Noon-6pm (Soft close starts at 5pm)

**Questions?** Reach out to Pastor Bimen or Sarah Pryor

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**Beloved children, our love can't be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through your loving deeds.**

**1 John 3:28**



It was a beautiful night for a ballgame on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. A group of 29 folks turned out at Slugger Field to enjoy perfect weather and ballpark fare of pretzels, brats, walking tacos, and more. We watched the Louisville Bats defeat the Columbus Clippers 16-1, with no less than 5 homeruns! The evening ended with a gorgeous sunset and a fireworks display to celebrate the Bat's victory. It couldn't have gotten any better—God himself hit a homerun by blessing us with a night such as this!





By Gavin Kissling

The Indiana-Kentucky Synod Mission Trip was a week-long event where approximately 25 youth and adults gathered from all over the Synod to volunteer at organizations within Louisville. It was held from June 25 to July 1, and was run by Pastor Dan Fugate and his wife, Karen Fugate.

Pastor Dan broke the youth into small groups of three to four volunteers at the very beginning of the week, called a work group. These work groups were used to determine who went to each mission site, as well as allowing scheduling of cooking and cleaning up after meals. After making breakfast and packing lunches, each group drove to a mission site, some of which included the Hope Buss, the Christian Care Facility, and Dress for Success.

After the work projects, the youth showered, participated in an activity, such as a trip to Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Mega Cavern, and returned to the church to make and eat dinner. After dinner, Pastor Dan gave a devotion and the day closed in prayer. On Friday, the groups spent the day at Kentucky Kingdom before packing up and leaving on Saturday morning.

The Mission Trip was a lot of fun. The volunteering and the ability to see God's work in the world was an amazing faith builder, and the friendships and connections formed were truly something beautiful to see. The Fugates clearly put a lot of work into planning the event and made sure that everyone was able to help and be included. And while there's still quite a lot more work to be done, this Mission Trip was able to help make change in the Louisville community.

Walking with Christ, we love and serve  
our church & neighbors.

# 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 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, August 17, 6pm-ish at:**



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**Parlour Pizza**  
*(formerly Chubby Ray's)*  
3910 Ruckriegel Pkwy  
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*Located in the heart of Jeffersontown, Kentucky, PARLOUR offers a variety of artisanal pizzas, craft beer, signature craft cocktails, and wings smoked in-house daily! This unique location has almost as much covered outdoor space – 3,000 square feet – as our indoor dining space.*

**Questions or suggestions?**  
Contact Sarah Pryor, 758-5108 or  
[spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net)



# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
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8/2	Annette Bishoff	8/3	Cynthia & Bruce Alder
8/3	Mike Barney Matthew Stephens	8/7	Emily & Brent Selch
8/5	Ethan Selch	8/8	Belinda & Allen Porter
8/7	Braylon Garr	8/18	Barb & Ron Morgan
8/8	Kathy Sigdestad	8/26	Caroll & Earl Breitenstein
8/9	Sheryl Glasscock Grant Stephens Scot Winskye		
8/10	Abby Ribble		
8/11	Anna Mertz		
8/12	Kolbie Garr		
8/16	Henry Nixon		
8/18	Ian Walker Sara Zavagli		
8/19	Keith Kenitzer		
8/21	Pr. George Mercer		
8/24	Doris Jetton		
8/29	Angela Adams Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		

Don't forget to share your  
 special dates with us!  
 We would love to celebrate you!

## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
7/2	22	60	17	99
7/9	55	46	No Service	101
7/16	51	36	13	100
7/23	31	88	13	132
7/30	36	45	Not avail	81

### 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.

*Making Christ Known*




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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.