

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023



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*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"
(Luke 24:32)*

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

I want you all to become more familiar with our church's new mission statement or the statement of purpose, *"Walking with Christ, We love and Serve our church and neighbors"*. This statement came to birth as the result of our visioning process after we did our church's assets mapping exercise, reexamined our history and conducted interviews with leaders in our community. From now on, everything that we do should reflect that statement.

As I have been thinking about the first half of our mission statement, 'Walking With Christ' the image from the Scriptures that keep popping up in my mind is 'the walk to Emmaus'; two of Jesus' disciples, Cleopas and his companion walked to Emmaus on the evening of his resurrection day. The walk to Emmaus seems to me an appropriate image or story for us to consider and reflect as we implement our mission statement.

Before we love and serve our church and neighbors, first and foremost is that we need to walk with Christ. We need to center our life and our life together in Christ and the Scriptures otherwise we have nothing else to share. Our church is more than a social entity; our church is the body of Christ and the community of faith that is grounded in Christ and his words.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

The walk to Emmaus reminds us that we all are in the journey together. When we walk together, we are in an accompaniment with each other. In walking together we are equal; no one is higher than the other nor one is more important than the other. Like the disciples, as we walk together and talk about Jesus and his word, we soon discover that Jesus joins us in the journey and takes the center stage. By grounding ourselves in the Scriptures and prayers in our walking together will keep our hearts burning within ourselves. It will also nourish and empower us to do the second part of our mission statement; ‘to love and serve our church and our neighbors’.

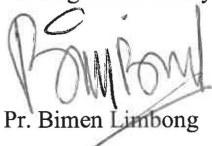
At the end of the walk to Emmaus story, the disciples invited Jesus to stay for the night. Likewise, even though we know Jesus is always with us, but it is always good to intentionally invite him into our lives, homes, our church and fellowship. Furthermore, we invite people to Jesus.

When the disciples invited Jesus to their home, they invited Jesus to their table too. When they shared the bread together, their eyes were opened and recognized Jesus. Likewise, when we share our table with others and break bread together with the hungry and the poor, we will discover that Christ is among us. God’s revelation that night inspired the disciples to tell the good news of Jesus. The very same hours, they went back to Jerusalem to tell the good news to the rest of the disciples. Our encounter with Jesus through his Word and sacraments, inspire and empower us to do his works.

The moral story of the Walk to Emmaus aligns not just for our mission statement but also with our guiding principles to which we reflect our ministry:

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

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



COUNCIL UPDATE

Staffing, part 1 – I am excited to announce Heather Harding is now a member of CLC’s staff! Heather has been such a great asset to our office since coming to us through Kelly Services back in May, we asked her to join us officially as our full-time Office Administrator, and she accepted. If you haven’t had a chance to meet her yet, join us for a welcome reception we will have in her honor during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, Sept 17. If you have met her, you know she is full of positive energy and is ready to dig in to help CLC flourish.

Staffing, part 2 – At our August meeting, the council approved a job description for a part-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry position, which will be posted publicly soon.

Property – The parking lot has been resealed and painted. Our appliances have been ordered for the kitchen, and we’re hoping the electrical work will be completed soon so we can check this project off our list.

Many thanks to the busy bees serving our church and neighbors outside recently—Wednesday Friends for leading the God’s Work, Our Hands project, beautifying the landscape beds at nearby Tully Elementary School; and the many folks who have been working to freshen up our playground—Petra Limbong put a fresh coat of paint on our playground equipment, and Property Committee put down fresh mulch (thanks to Thrivent funds) and repaired the playground gate.

Again, I urge everyone to share their time and talents at our upcoming September events. We need volunteers to represent CLC at our Gaslight Festival booth. If you have just 2 hours to spare on Sat, Sept 16 or Sun, Sept 17, please sign up for a timeslot (or 2...). It’s an easy way for us to make some community connections and you can enjoy some of the fun Gaslight festivities before or after your “shift.” We will be heavily promoting our community picnic, happening on the following Sun, Sept 24. Please bring your chairs and join us for our outdoor worship at 11am, and then attend and volunteer at the picnic afterwards. No matter your talents and abilities, there is a way you can support the success of these events. To sign up for either or both, please contact the church office or sign up online through our website or Facebook posts. Many hands make light work!

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: —1 Peter 4:10

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

PROPERTY UPDATES

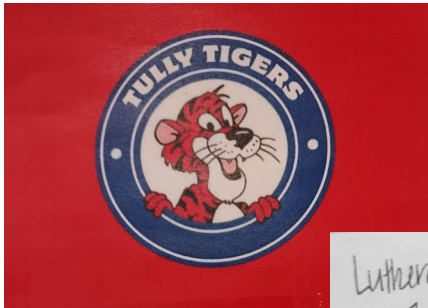
A Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 provided 8 cubic yards (the equivalent of 8 pickup truck loads) of playground mulch, which was put on the playground by Wednesday Friends. The Property Committee sends a huge thank you to Petra Limbong for painting the playground equipment. Additionally, the wooden gate was made into a permanent part of the fence by Mike and Jean Barney. We send them a huge thank you as well!

The carpet and tile cleaning has been completed.

Dustin Casey has replaced more thermostats throughout the building with newer and more efficient digital ones. Thank you, Dustin.

Dale continues to mow the cemetery and keeping it looking great!

Rod Hester does a great job mowing the grass around our church every week and keeping it looking nice. Wednesday Friends continue to weed eat, pull weeds, pick up trash and sticks, spray weeds in the parking lot, and trim bushes. If you see a weed or a stick, don't be afraid to get rid of it! We appreciate all help.



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

Lutheran Church
Thank you so much for the tremendous
efforts made to beautify our school. We
love our community and are so thankful
for people like you. We appreciate the prayers
and blessings as we start a new year.
Much thanks!
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FINANCE

General Fund Giving through July 2023

Expected Receipts \$236,795.00

Actual Receipts \$247,782.00

Thanks for all your gifts of treasure. The surplus is due to advance contributions.

Thanks to August counters Trish & Randy Ferris.

[Online Giving](#)



SCAN ME

**All Middle School Students
6th-8th Grade**

**Classes begin
Sunday, September 17
1:15-2:45pm**

**Calling all
Confirmands**

**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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 SEPTEMBER

This month JAM is accepting donations of lunch box supplies: applesauce pouches, granola bars, fruit gummie snacks, cracker / cookie snack packs, 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.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Picnic

This year's church picnic will be a day of fun for our church and our neighbors! We will have **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, Kona Ice truck, Bingo, Cake Walk, and more fun and games!

How can you get involved?

⇒ **RSVP to attend and have FUN!** Help us plan better by letting us know you are coming. Drop your RSVP in the offering plate, join the event on Facebook, or contact the church office (call 502-267-5082 or email church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com)

⇒ **Invite a friend!**

⇒ **Volunteer!** Help us make this a success before, during, and after the event!

- **Like to walk for exercise?** We'll need help in mid-September distributing doorknob hanger invitations in area neighborhoods.
- **Can you spare a couple of hours on Sat 9/16 or Sun 9/17?** Volunteer at our booth at the Gaslight Festival. Meet our neighbors, introduce our church to the community, invite them to our picnic, then go have fun at the Gaslight Festival! **Click here to sign up for 2-hour shift(s):** [Gaslight Festival CLC Booth Volunteers](#)
- **Share your time, talents, & treasures the day of the picnic!**

No matter what your talents or interests, we have opportunities for you:

We're looking for donations of baked goods for the cake walk, 24-packs of bottled water to hand out, or if you have a business to promote, donate a Bingo prize. Like fun and games? We'd love to borrow some yard games for the day and need volunteers to monitor the inflatable obstacle course, playground, and various activities.

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. Prefer hanging out in the great indoors? Help with Bingo and Cake Walk in the gym. Serving up food and drink, set up and breakdown, and directing traffic are other opportunities.

Click here to sign up to volunteer at the picnic and/or donate items:
[Community Picnic](#)

Please consider joining us in the planning and hosting, as we **walk with Christ, to love and serve our church and neighbors**. Questions? Contact Pastor Bimen, Sarah Pryor, or the church office.



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 15th (4pm-7pm, Staging/Setup) 7pm-10pm (Festival Opens)

Saturday, September 16th, 9am-10pm *festival times could change

Sunday, September 17th, 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

**Are you a Thrivent
member?
Support causes you care
about with Thrivent Action
Dollars!**



Thrivent is a membership-owned organization. So besides being a financial organization that provides financial advice, investments, insurance, and banking services, Thrivent offers generosity programs to help people make the most of all they've been given. One way they do this is through programs like Thrivent Action Teams.

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for Thrivent clients to make an impact on a cause they care about. As a Thrivent client, you can apply online for a Community Impact Card—essentially a pre-paid \$250 credit card—to pay for expenses related to whatever fundraiser, educational event, or service activity you want to support. The number of times you can apply for a Community Impact Card depends on your membership type. Clients with benefit membership can apply twice per calendar year, and clients with associate membership are eligible to apply once per calendar year.

The application process for a Community Impact Card is quick and easy, and Christ Lutheran has many upcoming expenses that could qualify and benefit from your support, for things such as giveaways to hand out at the Gaslight Festival, our community picnic, and future events to promote upcoming events and introduce the community to our church, as well as paying for picnic food and fun activities, Social Ministry projects, Youth events, or God's Work, Our Hands projects.

If you have any questions or would like help applying for Thrivent dollars, contact the church office or ask others who put their Thrivent dollars to work, such as Sarah Pryor, Pam Ballinger, or Roger and Becky Miller. Thrivent dollars have made huge impacts on past projects, and you can help us do more good, as *we walk with Christ to love and serve our church and neighbors!*

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	
3 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting	6 9:30am W 7pm Chai
10 God's Work, Our Hands 8:30am Worship 9:45am Adult Only Sunday School Classes 9:45am Rally Day 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	11 12pm Prayer Mtg	12 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle Resumes 6pm Communications Committee Meeting	13 9:30am W 7pm Chai
17 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Classes - All Ages 9:45am Welcome Reception 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Orientation J'town Gaslight Festival →	18 12pm Prayer Mtg	19 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Meeting	20 9:30am W 7pm Chai
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30am-4:30pm



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2
Wednesday Friends Rehearsal	7	8	9
Wednesday Friends Rehearsal	14	15 J'town Gaslight Festival Volunteers Needed	16 3-5pm Williamson 60th Anniversary Open House 
Wednesday Friends Rehearsal	21 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday	22	23
Wednesday Friends Rehearsal	28	29	30 9am - 12pm Shredding Event @ CLC



*You're
Invited*

to

Shirley & Dave Williamson's

60th Wedding Anniversary

Open House Reception

*Please join Shirley & Dave on Saturday, September 16
as they celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss!*

*The open house reception will be held in the gym of
Christ Latherax Church from 3-5pm.*

*Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres, Desserts and Beverages
will be served.*

RSVP to Shirley & Dave at 502-245-3151.

NO GIFTS PLEASE



WELCOME
to our Church
Heather Harding

We will host a **Welcome Reception on Sunday, September 17** during our Sunday school hours, 9:45-10:45am, to welcome Heather Harding to Christ Lutheran Church.

Heather was recently hired as our new Office Administrator. She was sent to us from Kelly Services and we officially hired her this past month.

Heather is such a great addition to our Christ Lutheran staff. She is all in and ready to help us do great things, and we walk with Christ to love and serve our church and neighbors.

If you have not yet met Heather, please plan to come to our reception. Come and introduce and experience her fabulous, positive energy!



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.



August's 3rd Thursday event was at **Parlour Pizza** in J-town (formerly the location of Chubby Ray's). The weather was perfect for enjoying food, drink, and outdoor seating, with 17 folks in attendance. It was another fun night!

Join us for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!

Thursday, September 21, 6pm-ish at:

DRAKE'S

Drake's - St. Matthews
3939 Shelbyville Rd #101
Louisville, KY 40207

<https://drakescomeplay.com/menus/stk/>

Located near Trinity High School in St. Matthews, this eatery & bar serves craft beers, burgers, sushi, & pub grub in a lively, contemporary space.

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



WELCA Circle will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 12th in Rooms 1 & 2 at noon. All attending should bring their own lunch. Bible study will follow lunch and fellowship. The group will also be working on a project. All women of CLC are welcome to join!!



The WELCA Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 9am-2pm.

Volunteers will be needed to help set up, breakdown, man baked goods table and work in the kitchen at our annual craft fair. Contact Bonnie Kroening if you would like to volunteer!

30th Annual Arts & Crafts

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, October 21, 2023
9am-2pm

Handmade crafts
Delicious Baked Goods
Breakfast & Lunch available for purchase

For more information

Call 245-1020



Handmade



UPCOMING *Events*



ALL Kindergarten through 12th grade students are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 10th** during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45am, for our **Annual RALLY DAY!**

We will kick off our 2023-24 Sunday School year! There will be activities for all students. Parents will be able to register their students for Sunday school classes and fill out all required forms. **During BOTH the 8:30am & 11am worship services, Pastor Bimen will bless students' backpacks.**

We hope all students and their families will attend this annual kick off day!

SNACK PACK EVENT

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring snack packs again. We will assemble the packs on **Sunday, September 17** following the 11am worship service. Monetary donations to help with the costs should be marked "Snack Packs". All are welcome to come pack up the snacks.

BLESSING OF ALL ANIMALS

Our animals our precious members of our family and deserve our love and affection. Christ Lutheran Church is planning a **Blessing of All Animals service** on **Saturday, October 7 at 2pm**. The service will take place in the church parking lot. More details regarding this special event will be coming soon.

Mark your calendars! Christ Lutheran Church is hosting District 11's FREE paper document shredding event!

Saturday, September 30th, 9am – Noon

As part of our visioning process, council members interviewed many local community leaders to explore ways that CLC could become a more visible presence and servant to our community. Among those leaders was our District 11 Councilman Kevin Kramer. During the interview, we learned Councilman Kramer hosted a free shredding event last year that was very popular in our community, and he's since received numerous requests to host another one. Together, we agreed Christ Lutheran Church had a great location for hosting his next shredding event! We're very excited to serve both our J-town community and our congregation, providing everyone with a way to clean house and securely dispose of unneeded documents.

This will be a no contact, drive-through event so residents can remain in their vehicle while volunteers remove documents needing shredding from your trunk or rear seat. Your confidential documents will be shredded onsite and then taken to a recycling facility by their contract company, Shred-It. There's no limit to the number of personal documents that you may bring; however, no businesses are allowed.

What cannot be shredded?

- anything containing metal like 3-ring clip binders (staples can be shredded)
- electronic items
- anything plastic like grocery plastic shopping bags excluding credit cards (credit cards can be shredded)
- extremely hard plastic items
- anything possibly containing magnets
- matches, lighters or anything flammable including batteries
- fabric materials like shirts and hats
- boxes will be returned



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays		September Anniversaries	
9/7	Scott Walker	9/3	Yuki & Greg Moeck
9/8	Taren Winskye	9/10	Kathy & Curt Sigdestad
9/9	Lainey Pfalzgraf	9/12	Beverly & Tom Gilmore
9/12	Doug Kull	9/14	Shirley & Dave Williamson
9/13	Alex Casey Kennedy Hoehner	9/23	Barbara & Rod Hester
9/23	Robinn Barmore Jean Eisen Ginny Jones		
9/24	Betty Graff Nina Hallum Gavin Kissling Petra Limbong Rick Uhl Chloe Winskye		
9/28	Nate Ribble		
9/29	MaryLou Vaughn		
9/30	Buck Murphy Shirley Williamson		

**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
8/6/23	35	60	11	106
8/13/23	31	59	Not Recorded	90
8/20/23	45	48	12	105
8/27/23	28	56	Not Recorded	84

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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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.