

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2023



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"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1

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

As we enter the month of November, perhaps one thing that comes to mind is the 'Thanksgiving' holiday. We look forward to having great meals, spending time with family and friends around the table. We thank God for our bounty. Therefore, this season of Thanksgiving will be more meaningful if during this season we will take our time to count God's blessings that we already have rather than focusing on what we do not have or what we wish to have. It is so ironic sometimes that as soon as we celebrate Thanksgiving and thanking God for what we already have, many of us will rush into the stores to hunt for Black Friday deals to get more stuff and continue to do so on the Cyber Monday. I am guilty of this myself.

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www.christlutheranlouisville.com

Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

The secret to happiness and gratitude is to enjoy what we have than to covet what we do not have or what others have. The Scriptures teaches us to count God's blessings and to give God thanks and praise for all his blessings and love. As Johnson Oatman, Jr. wrote in the refrain of his hymn 'Count Your Blessing':

*"Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God has done."*

While we count our blessings, may we also think of ways that we may be blessings to others, especially those who do not have their bounty like we do. Once again, it is ironic that in spite of the fact that our country is the wealthiest country in the world, we do have many people who are starving and homeless around us. They are hungry and homeless not because we do not have enough but because we do not share. May we be the answers to their prayers.

This is also the season of Stewardship. We believe that all that we have belongs to God; ourselves, our time, our talents and our possessions. God entrusts us to manage all those gifts and to give back to God portions of those gifts if not all, for God's works. So giving our gifts to God through church is not merely a due to maintain our membership, but it is our very act of faith and worship in response to God's grace and generosity.

Pr. Daniel Rift, the director of the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Relief Fund mentioned in his sermon last Sunday about our Lutheran DNA with 3Gs; Grace, Gratitude and Generosity. If I may add or upgrade it into 4Gs: Grace, Gratitude, Giving, Generously. May we do so, as we consider our financial and Time & Talent commitment for this coming year on Consecration Sunday, November 19, 2023 so that we can continue to live out the new mission that God entrusts to us, *"Walking together in Christ, We Love and Serve our Church and Neighbors"*. Indeed, we give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Serving Christ with you,


Pr. Bimen Limbong

CONSECRATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION



No one can deny that the past few years have been challenging for many of us and for our church. We all have been working hard to celebrate the small things and appreciate the victories.

Mark your calendars for a day of wonderful celebrations at CLC!! Sunday, November 19th is Consecration Sunday. On this day we will celebrate the completion of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. We will celebrate the selfless giving, both monetarily and through our member's time and talent dedication. **There will only be ONE service on this day at 11am and it will be live streamed.**

Immediately following the service we will all gather in the gym for one of our famous pot luck lunches. Please bring a main dish, veggie, side or dessert to share! It will be wonderful to sit with our family and friends and enjoy a meal together as we celebrate all the great things happening at our church.

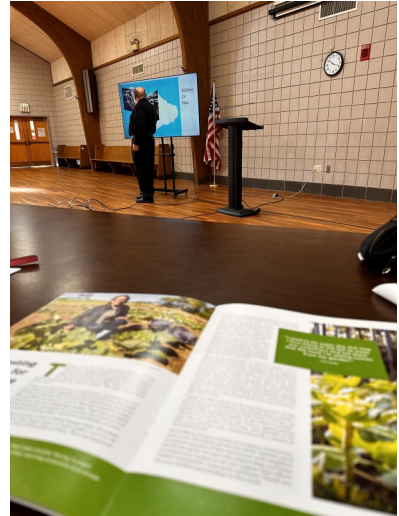
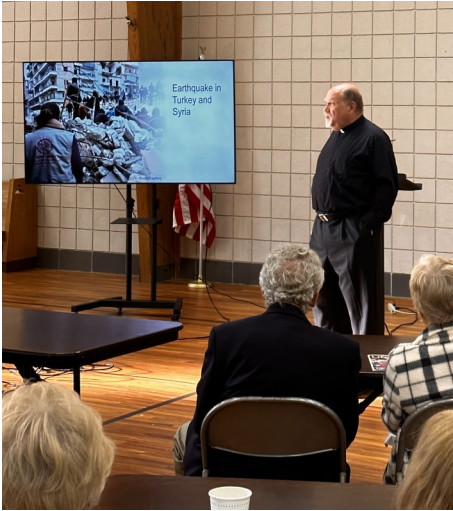
After lunch we will dedicate our new piano. This was purchased with funds given in memory of Bob and Doris Henry, two great lovers of music (see Ann Wade's article on page 5). Samuel Limbong will showcase this beautiful new instrument with a solo piano performance.

We will also celebrate the completion of all our capital campaign projects. Not only are the projects complete, but they are also completely paid for and THAT is certainly something to celebrate. We will also dedicate our new live streaming equipment that has been purchased and installed to make live streaming out worship services possible, allowing for our homebound members to be a part of our weekly worship experience.!

We will also take a moment to thank you, our members for your never ending support, dedication and commitment to Christ Lutheran Church. Our celebrations are plentiful; please plan on attending this very special day. RSVP by contacting the church office, 502-267-5082. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER SERIES RESUMES

After the summer break, our very successful Sunday School Speaker Series resumed on Sunday, October 22nd. We welcomed Reverend Daniel Rift, Director of the ELCA World Hunger & Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund during the Sunday school hour. Pastor Rift shared with us how our contributions to the ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Relief Fund is making HUGE changes in our homeland community and communities world wide! It was amazing to hear how our support has already helped to make an impact and how we can continue to support these wonderful programs for those in need globally.



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through September 2023

Expected Receipts \$294,700.00

Actual Receipts \$301,074.00

[Online
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thanks for all your gifts. Our surplus is due to advance giving of approximately \$20,000. Third quarter giving reports are available in the narthex. Please pick up and review. Memorials were given in memory of Martha Flynn.

Thanks to October counters Marilyn & Ray Peak, Jean & Mike Barney, and Kathy & Mike Kull.

MUSIC NOTES

We will be dedicating our new Kawai piano in the Choir Room on Consecration Sunday, November 19, when we move into the Activity Room for our celebration lunch and visioning. (There will only be one Worship Service that day at 11:00.)

The old piano was here when I arrived in 1976 and I assume it was probably bought when the congregation moved into our current building in the 1950's. It was pretty well worn out, wouldn't hold a tuning, and just didn't sound very good.

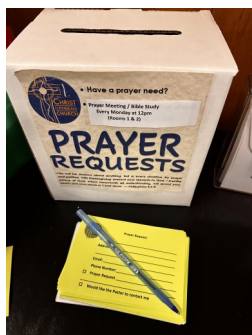
The Kawai was purchased with funds given in memory of Bob and Doris Henry (great supporters of the music program during their lives) and others, and with a generous gift from the Henrys' son Robert. We thank Robert so very much for his gracious gift! Pastor Bimen and I went piano-shopping right after Christmas just before he left town and the piano arrived a couple of days later. The dedication will take just a few minutes and will include a piano solo by our own Samuel Limbong.

Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music



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. **We also have a Prayer Box in the Narthex...just fill out a prayer card and drop it in the box.** Christ Lutheran has some fierce prayer warriors always ready and willing to lift you up in prayer every Monday at our Weekly Prayer Meeting.



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. Thank you for your donations that made this happen.



JAM Donations November

This month JAM is accepting donations of oral hygiene supplies: toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, mouth wash, 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.



VISITS RESUME

The CREW made their first ministry visit on Sunday, October 22nd and shared worship with Martha Classon. From the greeting to communion to music all elements of the service were handled by our GIFT youth. This group is amazing and such a blessing to our members. Just look at the smiles!!



Samuel L., Petra L., Kyle M. & Anna M.



Petra L. & Kyle M.



Pam B., Martha C. & Gavin K.



Berliana L., Martha C., Pam B., Gavin K.,
Kyle M., Anna M., Samuel L., Petra L.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 7th Christ Lutheran Church hosted its FIRST Animal Blessing worship service.

It was a beautiful October afternoon for a gathering of **34 people, 12 dogs, 2 cats and 9 pets** represented in **photos** to come together for these

special blessings. Pastor Bimen offered a special blessing to **each** animal and **each** photo. This event will surely be on our list to do again!!!



Youth get Active in October

Our October Youth event was at **Activate**, a nearby “active gaming experience.” 10 youth ran through a series of high-tech games, testing their team’s physical and mental agility across a variety of challenges.



Activate is a really fun venue, but it’s hard to even describe, so you’ll just have to ask the kids what their favorite game was. It was a great day of energetic, fun team-building!



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

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

Whatever you thirst for, join us for our small group **every 3rd Thursday, starting around 6pm** (or whatever time you can make it). 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.



Join us for our next
THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!

Thursday, November 16 starting at
6pm at:



Bud's Tavern

9119 Galene Drive, Louisville, KY
40299

<http://budsjtown.com/>

Bud's brought the BBQ to CLC for our recent community picnic. Now we're visiting them to check out the rest of their menu, which features a variety of BBQ, ribs, brisket, fish, and sandwiches.

Questions or suggestions?

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



JAM CHRISTMAS MINISTRY



Jeffersontown Area Ministries is asking for \$50 gift cards to Meijer, Walmart or Target to give to J'town families in need. This is in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for the children of families in need as was done in past years.

Please put your donated cards in a sealed envelope addressed JAM. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or mail/deliver to the church office.

The deadline to turn in the cards is December 8th. These will be delivered to the JAM after the deadline. Please contact Roger Miller with any questions, 502-415-4243.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The Property Committee & Wednesday Friends want to thank Kyle and Anna Mertz for helping on Wednesday during their Fall Break. Anna and Kyle swiffered the floor in the Sanctuary and were amazed how much better it looked when they were finished! Great job Mertz's!!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. WE are so blessed to call you our friends. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and well wishes.

Sincerely with love,

Shirley & Dave Williamson.

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			19 7pm Past tow & P ELC Wa
5 “All Saints Sunday” 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School (Mike Kull, speaker) 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class	6 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Christian Ed Mtg	7 9:30am Tues Friends Election Day (gym rental) 7pm Property Cmte Mtg 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg Fall Fellowship RSVP- deadline	8 9:30 7pm
12 “Pentecost 24” 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	13 12pm Prayer Mtg	14 9:30am Tues Friends 12pm WELCA Circle (lunch provided) 7pm Council Meeting	15 9:30 7pm
19 “Consecration Sunday” 11am Worship & Live Stream Celebration Lunch Piano Dedication Visioning 1:15pm Confirmation Class	20 12pm Prayer Mtg	21 9:30am Tues Friends	22 9:30 NO
26 “Christ the King” 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Live Stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	27 12pm Prayer Mtg	28 9:30am Tues Friends	29 9:30 7pm

Thankful

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30am Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
Director Limbong out of town for Assoc of Asian Pacific Islanders of USA retreat in Seattle,	<hr/>		
9am Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	9 10am Memorial Cmte Mtg	10	11 6pm Fall Fellowship GAME NIGHT (all ages) DEADLINE- Operation Christmas Child Boxes
5pm Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	16 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday - Bud's Tavern	17	18 Fall Regional Synod Gathering
2pm Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	23 Office Closed 	24 Office Closed	25
9am Wed Friends Choir Rehearsal	30		



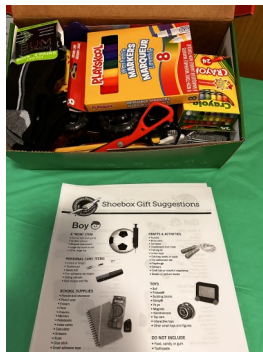
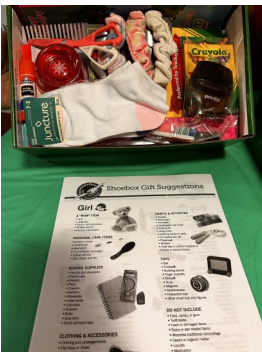
Looking for a way your family can get involved to help less fortunate children world-wide this Christmas season?

The **Social Ministry** committee is working with **Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse**. This organization sends filled shoeboxes around the world to children in need. Wendy Gonzales (Thrivent) is our point person. Show your children a way to help less fortunate children around the world at Christmas.

The process is as follows:

1. Take a shoebox (provided) and a copy of the suggested items list.
2. Choose boy/girl and shop for age-appropriate items.
3. Place a rubber band on the box so it doesn't spill out.
4. Attached the appropriate label boy/girl (provided) and return to church.
5. The filled boxes will be taken to the collection point for shipping.
6. If shopping is not convenient for you, you may donate to help defray shipping costs of \$10 per box. Please mark your donation Samaritan Purse. Questions, please contact Roger Miller, 502-415-4243.

The filled boxes need to be returned to church no later than November 19th.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Confirmation Classes for the 23-24 school year have begun. Once again all middle students wishing to be confirmed are invited to join these classes led by Pastor Bimen. This year's theme is the *The New Testament and the Life of Jesus*.

Classes meet every other Sunday in Rooms 1 & 2 from 1:15-2:45pm. However the class continues to be a hybrid class, meaning students may log in virtually. [Click here for the standing Zoom link.](#)

See the schedule below for a list of all classes and the topics covered. Please direct any questions to Pastor Bimen, 502-553-6025.

Month/Day	Theme	Theme verse/s
November		
5	The Holy Spirit Comes	Acts 1:8
19	Peter and the Early church	Acts 2:37-39a
December		
3	Damascus Road	Acts 9:4-5
8-9	Progressive Dinner/Lock-in/Live Nativity*	
10	SS Christmas Program*	
17	The Birth of Jesus	Matthew 1:20-23
January		
7	Baptism and Wilderness	John 3:3
21	The Journey of Paul	Philippians 3:8-9, 13b-14
February		
4	The Letters of Paul	II Corinthians 5:17
18	The Letter to the Hebrews	Hebrews 4:15-16
March		
3	Universal Letters	I Peter 2:24
17	The Passion	John 3:17
31	Easter – No Class	
April		
7	Spring Break – No Class	
21	The Resurrection	Mark 16:2-8
May		
05	Revelation to John	Revelation 1:10-11, 5b-7
19	The Bible and My Life	II Timothy 3:16-17
June		
2	The Great Commission	Matthew 28:19
16	Last day of Confirmation/Picnic	

UPCOMING

Events



"Kids" of ALL ages - young and old - are invited to our **GAME NIGHT, Saturday, November 11, 6-8pm.**

With the constant rush of work, school, and activities, sometimes it's good to just slow down for some old-fashioned fun. Last year's game

night was such an easy-going, fun night of just hanging out and getting to know one another better, we decided to do it again! Poker chips, cards, and various games will be on hand. This is an all-ages event, so we invite everyone to bring their own favorite games to share. We have several youth wanting to play poker, so we'd love to see some adults come play and teach the youth a thing or two.

For dinner, we will be serving a variety of tasty soups to warm the soul, and of course dessert to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

Because our event falls on Veteran's Day, we'd also like to acknowledge our members who are veterans with a special project.

If you are a veteran, please email a photo of yourself in uniform, along with any information you'd like to share, such as when, where, and how you served in your branch of service.

Please RSVP for dinner and/or send military service information by Wednesday, November 8. Call/text Sarah Pryor at 502-758-5108 or email spryor@bellsouth.net.

December Youth Event



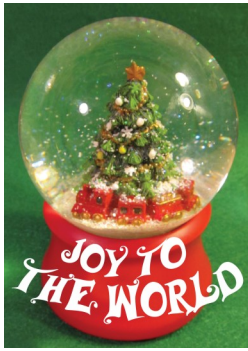
Santa Express 2023 Elf'n Around hosted by The Roll Call Foundation.
Sat, Dec 2nd, in the evening (exact time TBA)
An All-Ages Event

In December, we will enjoy another all-ages event, participating in the Roll Call Foundation's 2nd Annual Santa Express. We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks as they're announced by the Roll Call Foundation. This event was suggested by a Christ Lutheran family who participated in last year's Polar Express themed event and had a blast.

This year's theme is Elf! Essentially, we all pile in our cars for a local scavenger hunt that ends at a site where they have crafts, treats, visits with Santa, and a showing of the movie Elf. Cost is by the carload, and the money collected benefits a charitable cause of the Roll Call Foundation's choosing.

So don't be a cotton-headed ninny muggins—mark your calendars for this fun event. Buddy says there's room for everyone on the Nice List, but please sign up as a passenger or a driver so we can make sure there's room for everyone in our cars!

RSVP with Sarah Pryor – call/text 502-758-5108 or email spryor@bellsouth.net.



CAROLING @ FOREST HILLS COMMONS

Sunday, December 10th, 12:15 -3:00p.m.

“Joy to the world the Lord has come...” Now that this beloved Christmas carol is stuck in your head, how about caroling at Forest Hills Commons?

The Christian Education committee is pleased to offer this family favorite tradition and spread some cheer with our voices and musical talents.

No need to sign. Simply join us on Sunday December 10th. We will have lunch at church after the 11a.m. service with caroling to follow at Forest Hills Commons at 2 p.m. “...And Heaven and Heaven and Nature sing.”

**LIVE NATIVITY DRIVE
THRU
Saturday, December 16
1-3pm**



If you haven't seen or heard, we will be bringing back our much-loved Live Nativity Drive Through event on Saturday December 16, from 1-3 p.m. **We need your help to make this another CLC success.** Don't worry about having to memorize any lines, all we ask is that you put on a costume (provided) and strike a pose.

We need cast members, greeters, carolers and help with event set up & tear down. There will be six stations (weather permitting) that will be set up around the church property (Six Mile Ln. side). If you would like to participate in this event, **please sign up by Sunday November 19th**. You may sign up via Signup Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/39xc4zhu> OR look for the signup forms in the Narthex.

If you forget to do either, no worries, email Liz Dawson @ fabuliz10@yahoo.com or the church office, 502-267-5082.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support to help spread Christmas cheer with our neighbors. If you are not able to volunteer but still want to experience this event mark your calendar and drive through with your friends and family.



WELCA Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at noon in Rooms 1&2 for Bible study and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see many women of CLC!



The Christian Education Committee, led by Liz Dawson, is excited to share that beginning in January 2024 a NEW family Sunday school class will be offered monthly.

Be on the look out for details in the near future!

Invite a Neighbor to our Mid-Week Advent Services!!



*Advent
Mid-Week Services*

*Wed. December 6
Wed. December 13
Wed. December 20
@7pm*

Light Supper @ 6pm

Interested in Lending a Hand & Changing a Life in Louisville?



Lend a Hand...Change a Life!

In past years, groups from CLC traveled to Nicaragua and Belize to build houses with Hand in Hand Ministries (H-in-H). Besides their international work, H-in-H also works in Appalachia and right here in the Louisville area.

At our annual Youth Ministry Planning meeting last month, our youth expressed an interest in doing some hands-on good out in the community. Knowing what a great experience the Nicaragua and Belize trips were, we're considering partnering up with Hand in Hand Ministries again (potentially in April 2024) for one of their local immersion trips.

Louisville projects generally focus on making homes safe and accessible—building wheelchair ramps, installing safety bars in bathrooms, repairing steps, installing handrails, building fences, etc. - and the experience can be scheduled as a one day event, or a multi-day immersion experience, for high school youth to adult.

Interested in learning more? Contact Sarah Pryor to indicate your interest in the next few weeks and she will schedule a fact-gathering meeting. This would not be a commitment at this point, but will help us gauge interest levels and decide where and how the Spirit may lead us to venture back out into the mission field again. Please prayerfully consider joining our youth in these efforts.

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

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays	November Anniversaries
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11/2	Sarah Brace Zeke Kenitzer	11/25	Rita & Steve Sarson
11/5	Norma Kuerzi		
11/7	Carol Korman		
11/10	Joyce Anderson Mike Kull		
11/13	Colin Selch		
11/14	Alexandra Kenitzer Kenneth Overstreet		
11/15	Stella Paul Amanda Ribble		
11/16	Tom Farrar Jake Murphy		
11/18	Pat Friedman		
11/21	Bennett Bruederle Barbara Morgan Molly Pryor		
11/26	Jamie Richardson		
11/30	Rod Hester Fran Kilgore		

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
10/1/23	21	47	12	80
10/8/23	23	63	13	99
10/15/23	43	35	14	92
10/22/23	34	48	11	93
10/29/23	25	59	13	97

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
9/10/23	Unknown	Unknown	27

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
10/2/23	8	Unknown
10/9/23	10	Unknown
10/16/23	8	Unknown
10/23/23	9	Unknown
10/30/23	8	Unknown

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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CLC JOB OPENING

Job Title: Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Supervisor: Lead Pastor

FLSA Status: non-exempt, part-time, 30 hours per week

Christ Lutheran Church is seeking an enthusiastic servant leader to join our staff as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This part-time position will play a pivotal role, both as a leader and an example, in nurturing the faith development and spiritual growth of our youth and young adults, fostering a strong sense of community, and working collaboratively with other church leaders to support the overall mission and vision of the church.

Click here to view the detailed job description on church website.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a resume to church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com.




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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.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30am-4:30pm