

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2024



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*<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. (Psalm 139:14)*

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

As my mind is still trying to process all the experiences, I had with other sixteen thousand people mostly young people We just returned from our 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans last week. Ten people from our church joined with other youth, adult chaperones and pastors from our conference and other sixteen thousand people mostly youth attended the gathering.

The theme for the gathering was “Created to be...brave, authentic, free, disruptive and disciples” based on the verse from Psalm above, “*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*” We explored each theme on each day of the gathering; we are created to authentic by bringing our whole selves knowing that we are loved by our creator. We are created to be free to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are created to be disruptive to work for justice for all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Finally, we are created to be disciples of Jesus to be sent into the world to love our neighbor like we are loved by God.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

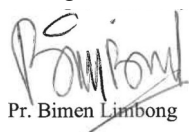
Church Administrator - Heather C. Harding

Each speaker who represented each topic on each night of the gathering was inspiring. Indeed, they all lived the life to which God created each and every one of them. Their messages resonated and inspired the whole audience, including myself. I have been going to many youth gatherings throughout my ministry tenure. Each gathering brought new meaning and lifechanging experience and this past gathering was another lifechanging or lifegiving experience. Every night of the gathering, we always spent time for reflection called 'final 15'. I could see how the lives of our youth including adult chaperones were being transformed, especially on Thursday evening. I have not seen for a while how the young people were moved by the Holy Spirit and the message of the gospel and made our evening reflections were filled with tears of joy. They felt the call to be more involved in the life and ministry of the church and promised to stay connected and support each other.

As we are lamenting with the declining of the church especially in North America, even within our synod itself, this gathering gave us hope. Indeed, God is still working actively in our world, especially in the lives of our young people, we are rest assured that God's church, the body of Christ will survive or rather thrive in the midst of our ever changing and challenging world.

In such time as this, may we remember who and whose we are and the purpose of our existence that we are the children of God through our baptism. We are created to be brave, to be authentic, to be free, to be disruptive and to be Jesus' disciples for the sake of God's people and the world.

Serving Christ with you,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

From Council President, Roger Miller

The St. Thomas Mass was held June 30<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Thank you to all who planned, set up and cleaned up for this worship service. A decommissioning service and burning of old unused paraments was held immediately following the service. Afterwards, a pot luck lunch was held in the gym for a time of sharing a meal and fellowship.

Sarah Pryor is again heading up the committee for the Gaslight Festival booth. If you would like to help with this endeavor and/or volunteer to work in the booth, please let Sarah know, [spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net).

We will continue to recognize servants of the month. Please place your nominations in the box in the Narthex. Servants recognized in July were: Kathleen Breitenstein, Luke Dawson and Sherry Davis. Eight members will be recognized in August: Samuel Limbong, Hannah Limbong, Karen Schuette, Nancy Walsh, Mike Kull, Renate Fish, Raymond Peak and Marilyn Peak.

The tentative date for the annual congregational picnic is September 29<sup>th</sup>. The fellowship committee will be planning this event. An outdoor worship service before the picnic will be planned by the worship committee

Please pray for the council members as we continue to ask for your feedback, suggestions and support.

As we walk with Christ to love and serve our church and our neighbors, please remember the church is not the building but it is all of us . I continue to encourage each of you to find your place to serve within our congregation.

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

## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through June 2024

Expected Receipts: \$199,481.00

Actual Receipts: \$224,389.00

Continued thanks to all members for their gifts through the first half of the year. The surplus is due to advance giving. It is estimated that giving is actually \$3,500 behind estimate.

[Online Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thanks to our July offering counters: Ed Schuette and Kathy & Curt Sigdestad.

## UPCOMING *Events*



August's Thirsty Third Thursday will be at 80/20 @Kaelin's on **August 15th**. Check out page 16 for details and links to menu.



CLC is participating one again in the J'town Gaslight Festival. Volunteers will be needed to man a booth the week of **September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. See page 18 for all the details.



Mark you calendars! Our annual Church Picnic has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 29th**. More details to follow.



31<sup>st</sup> WELCA Craft Fair happening on **Saturday, October 19, 9am-2pm**. Vendors needed! Volunteers Needed! Breakfast & Lunch will be sold. Yummy baked goods and beautiful wares available for sale!





After my surgery in June, I was blessed by Pastor Limbong's visit and prayers at the hospital the day of my surgery. I have been blessed by his continued prayers and all prayers as my healing continues. Additional blessings have been the delivery of delicious meals, visits from friends, cards, phone calls and text messages.

My family and I have appreciated the good food and visiting with the preparers. Your cards mean the world to me as I have read and re-read them. I sincerely thank you! -Becky Miller



CLC's WELCA Circle will resume their month meetings on Tuesday, September 10 at noon. The meeting will include Bible study, and fellowship. All women of Christ are invited, and meeting are held in Rooms 1 & 2.

## **TUESDAY FRIENDS ONGOING MISSION**

In 2023 there was a massive earthquake in Turkey that left thousands of families in crisis. Many families are still living in tents today and they need the quilts to keep them warm at night. In faith and generosity, our Lutheran churches have sent hundreds of quilts to their aid.

So far this year our Tuesday Friends group have made 23 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They all have been sent to Turkey to help Turkish families in need

Kathie Armstrong and Shirley Williamson make these quilts and can show others how to create them as well. They could always use fabric, thread and yarn to continue this mission.

## **JULY FAITHFUL SERVANT**

### **Sherry Davis**



There's a simple reason Sherry Davis stays active at Christ Lutheran. "I want to see our church grow," she explains.

As a member of CLC for 29 years, Sherry has been a big part of our ongoing growth. She's taught Sunday School and confirmation, participated in many small groups including WELCA, and volunteered in the church office. For 25 years, she has fueled her spiritual growth and others' through monthly group Bible study, and she also joins the Monday

Prayer Meeting to pray for shut-ins and others in need.

Currently, Sherry is on the Fellowship Committee, which provides meals for people in our congregation. Through the Caring Ministry, she and the team send cards to members in special need of encouragement or support. The ministry has just started bringing meals to members who are coping with difficult life challenges.

Sherry also serves on a team that's vital to our church's health, even if it isn't as visible as some of our other committees. The Mutual Ministry team provides a safe space for Pastor Bimen to talk about any concerns or hurdles he might be facing, allowing him to stay focused on the spiritual needs of the congregation and community.

Sherry and husband Mark have recently joined the CLC Dream Team, a group of volunteers who meet to hash out new ideas for growing the church. With no plans to slow down, she has this advice for anyone who wants to grow socially or spiritually:

"Get involved! You don't have to commit to something big. Try a Thirsty Thursday or paint a walking stick. There's something for everyone at Christ Lutheran!"

## **JULY FAITHFUL SERVANT**

### **Luke Dawson**

Luke Dawson isn't shy about how he feels.

"I'm a big Christian," he exclaims proudly. "It's like the song — 'I don't want to be a casual Christian.' I want to worship God every day and follow Him."



Luke finds lots of ways to do that at Christ Lutheran. This 10-year-old Faithful Servant likes to learn new things and "tries to always pay attention" when he participates in the Children's Sermon, Sunday School, and LIFT family classes. He also helps acolyte and put away cups after Communion.

But being a big Christian is about more than learning and helping. For Luke, it's also about fun and fellowship. Favorite events include Trunk or Treat and Vacation Bible School, and you can often find him rallying on the pickleball courts with Samuel and Petra Limbong.

Luke encourages other children (of all ages) to get active at CLC and has this practical advice: "Come up and try it! If you like it, that's okay. If you don't, that's okay too."

Over the summer, Luke has also been taking golf lessons as he gets ready to start 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Farmer Elementary. He knows sometimes it's hard to try something new, which is why Christ Lutheran is the perfect place to learn and grow.

"If you're nervous, remember, no one will bully you or say mean things. The only thing people will do is give you a warm welcome."

## ST. THOMAS MASS

The St. Thomas Mass was held June 30<sup>th</sup>. This Mass is one way we offer an alternative worship experience in addition to our traditional and praise worship services. It offers an opportunity for interaction between the pastor and worshippers. The service is more inclusive and at the same time meditative as we move to various stations. The stations included anointing, receiving Holy Communion, submitting prayer requests, a display of shells illustrating that through Baptism God loves us all, a chance to paint rocks to give away at the Gaslight Festival, the chance to write our obstacles/sins and to nail the papers to a cross which were burned prior to the paraments. On display were the paraments to be retired, decommissioned and burned. Thanks to all who helped plan, set up and put away the items needed to make this Mass meaningful.

After the worship service, worshippers were invited to the patio area behind the brick house to participate in the retirement and decommissioning of a set of old, unused paraments. This process ends the review of old paraments that are no longer usable to adorn the chancel area of the sanctuary. The proper way to 'dispose' of paraments is to burn them and not put them in the dumpster since they were once commissioned and blessed to be a part of our worship services. Thank you to Steven Sarson for providing his fire pit and to all who participated.

The lunch following was well attended. Everyone enjoyed time together sharing a meal and conversation. Thanks to Bonnie and the fellowship team for heading up the lunch. Thanks be to God for the fellowship shared that day!







More photos of these two events can  
be found here:

[St. Thomas Mass](#)

[Parament Decommissioning](#)



## ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

What a week! Seven youth, Samuel Limbong, Gavin Kissling, Anna Mertz, Kyle Mertz, James Pryor, Chloe Winskye, and Noelle Winskye, along with chaperones Pr. Bimen Limbong and Tammy Kissling, a

week in New Orleans at the ELCA National Youth Gathering. The CLC group attended the gathering with 13 other youth and 6 other adults from Ascension, Grace & Glory, St. John, St. Stephen, and Faith Lutheran Churches.

The theme for the Gathering was 'Created to Be' and each night at the Mass Gathering we heard talks about what it means to be created to be brave, free, authentic, disruptive, and disciples. The days were spent exploring and learning about New Orleans and strengthening the friendships among the group and meeting new people from all over the country. Some of the highlights of the trip include a scavenger hunt around the French Quarter, eating beignets, a fancy lunch at Antoine's restaurant, and forming friendships with the other conference youth and adults that we traveled with. When asked Gavin Kissling shared "I really enjoyed exploring New Orleans with the other youth. I feel that I learned a lot about the city, and the Mass Gathering speakers showed me how God is at work in the lives of others." James Pryor shared "My favorite part about the trip was probably Antoine's. It was nice to have lunch with everyone, considering that we had not had one up to that point. Combine that with the fact the food was excellent and the classic architecture, and it was a really enjoyable moment." Overall, 100% opinion was it was a great experience!







# AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>Pastor Limbong on vacation until Aug 11</b>		
<b>4</b> <b>8:30am Worship In-person</b> 9:45am Sun School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp; Live-stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>5</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>6</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Mtg 7:00pm Property Committee Mtg
<b>11</b> <b>8:30am Worship In-person</b> 9:45am Sun School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp; Live-stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	<b>12</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg 7:00pm Christian Ed Mtg	<b>13</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends 6:00pm Communications Mtg
<b>18</b> <b>8:30am Worship In-person</b> 9:45am Sun School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp; Live-stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>19</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>20</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends
<b>25</b> <b>8:30am Worship In-person</b> 9:45am Sun School All Ages <b>11am Worship &amp; Live-stream</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	<b>26</b> 12pm Prayer Mtg	<b>27</b> 9:30am Tuesday Friends





	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9:30am Wed Friends	8	9	10	
14 9:30am Wed Friends	15 <b>MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline</b> <b>6:00pm Thirsty Thursday "Kaelin's"</b>	16	17 12pm Hot Dogs for the Homeless	
21 9:30am Wed Friends	22	23	24	
28 9:30am Wed Friends	29	30		

## **“YOU’RE KILLING ME SMALLS!”**

Our second Family Movie Night was held on July 12. We watched a funny, yet meaningful movie - “The Sandlot”. Full of growing-up pains, making new friends and facing your fears; everyone enjoyed munching popcorn as we laughed, groaned and enjoyed the show. We made memories that will last “For.Ev.Er”!!

Please join us for a fall-flavored movie in October! Stay tuned for more details!



### **SUPPORTING THE** **FOOD INSECURE**

### **HOT DOG MEAL EVENT**

Join Ken Schneider, in partnership with the Social Ministry Committee, as he kicks off a new Christian ministry Hot Dogs for the Homeless Louisville Kentucky (HHLK) to help support food insecure individuals in the J'town community. On Saturday, August 17 from 12-3pm, Ken and anyone that wants to volunteer will be handing out hot dog sack lunches. This event is targeted to help the homeless community or individuals who may need some help providing food for themselves or their families in the J'town area.

Interested in volunteering? Have questions? Give Ken a call or send him an email, 941-204-9700 or [kas4950@yahoo.com](mailto:kas4950@yahoo.com).



As summer is winding down and thoughts of school are creeping back into our minds, mark your calendar for our **Sunday School Rally Day**.

We will kick off our 2024-25 school year on **Sunday, September 8 during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45am**. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

All students who are in Kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to celebrate along with all their family members!

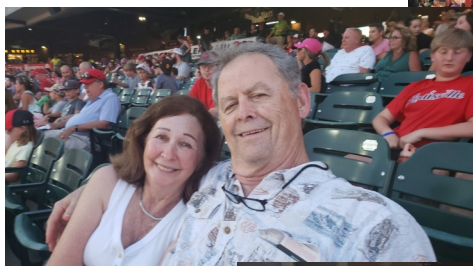
## Christ Lutheran Night with the Louisville Bats

Our Christ Lutheran night at the ballpark was another fun time for all. On Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, seventeen folks came out to Slugger Field to enjoy a Bats game, with 10-cent hot dogs, \$4 craft beers, and more.

It was a clear night that was not too hot for July, and after watching the Bats lose their lead in the eighth inning, they tied it up and ultimately won 5-4 in 10 innings over the St. Paul Saints. Celebratory fireworks ended the evening in the spirit of the Psalms, <sup>12</sup> *let the field be joyful, and all that is in it* -- Psalm 96:12.



Take me out to the  
ball game!!!



Peanuts &  
Cracker Jack!!!



## THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

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

Whatever you thirst for, join us for one of our monthly gatherings - the aim is to have an easy, fun way to connect with each other - men & women, young & old, married & single. We hope we will see you.

**Join us Thursday, August 15, starting**

**at 6pm at:**

**80/20**

**@Kaelin's**

1801 Newburg Road  
Louisville, KY 40205



<https://www.8020atkaelins.com/>

### Menu

Join at the original site of the “birthplace of the cheeseburger”. While 80/20@Kaelin’s boasts an awesome burger, the menu doesn’t stop there. Come check out it out, be a part of Louisville history.

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



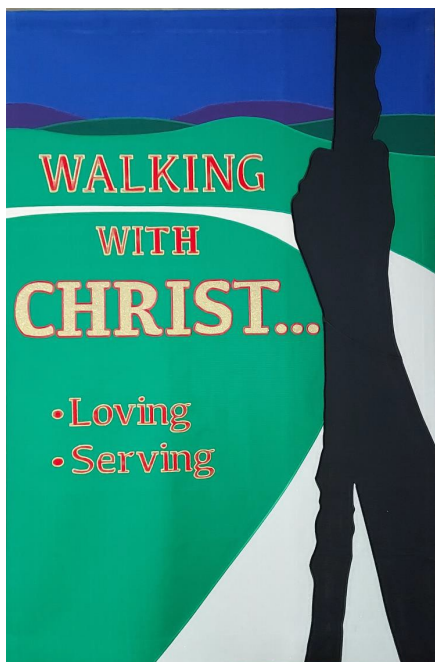
# ***JAM Donations August***

The Social Ministry Committee continues its ongoing collection of items for JAM. We thank you in advance for any donations you can provide.

For the month of August we are collecting LAUNDRY ITEMS: detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover, bleach, color safe bleach, lingerie bags, laundry bags, etc.

Place all donations in the JAM box in the Narthex. You may also drop off directly at JAM, 10607 Taylorsville Road, 40299, 502-267-1055. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 10am-1pm.

Curious about the impact JAM is having on our community - zip codes 40299, 40023 and part of 40220? [Check out their impact by the numbers.](#)



## **STICS**

### **Stepping Together In Christian Service**

Join Barbara Hester and other CLC members on Wednesday nights at 7pm to work on your walking stick. Haven't started, no worries come one and night and give it a whirl. Bring a stick or a dowel rod and join the fun. Don't miss out on this exciting new endeavor making our mission statement a tangible reminder!! Call the office for details, 267-5082.



## CHRIST LUTHERAN IS HEADED BACK TO THE GASLIGHT FESTIVAL!

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a booth again this year at the Gaslight Festival starting in the evening on Friday, Sept. 13, and

going through to Sunday evening, Sept. 15.

We encourage everyone to take just a couple of hours of your weekend to love and serve our J'town neighbors by handing out some fun giveaways, sharing some smiles, and inviting people to check out all that Christ Lutheran Church has to offer. It's easy, it's fun, and you can enjoy checking out the rest of the booths and Gaslight festivities before or after your "shift"!

If you want to help plan the details—such as what our giveaways will be—join us at the planning meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, after the late service. But you don't have to attend any planning meetings to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be posted in August, and like last year, we're shooting to fill 2-hour timeslots with 2 people at a time to man the booth. (Of course, if you want to stay longer or have a bigger group in the booth, that's fine too!)

For questions or suggestions, please contact Pastor Bimen or Sarah Pryor.





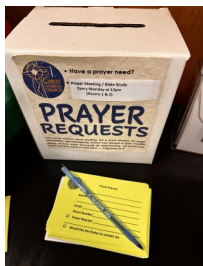
## CREATING FOR CHRIST

On Tuesday, July 16 a group of CLC friends - young and older - gathered to paint inspirational rocks to give away at the 2024 J'town Gaslight Festival. Thank you to Beth Allgeier for her leadership during this event. Over 100 rocks were painted to spread Jesus' love within our J'town community.



## 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. **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=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. Thank you for your donations that made this happen.



#### ***JAM Donations August***

This month JAM is accepting donations of laundry items: detergent, fabric softener, stain remover, dryer sheets, bleach, color safe bleach, 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.



## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
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8/2	Annette Bishoff Sami Salman	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	Barbara & Ron Morgan
8/8	Kathy Sigdestad	8/26	Carol & Earl Breitenstein
8/9	Sheryle Glasscock Scot Winskye	8/30	Rebecca & Vic Johnston
8/10	Abby Ribble Tracy Richardson		
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		
8/28	Ken Schneider		
8/29	Angela Adams Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		

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

## MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

### Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
7/7/24	34	63	N/C	97
7/14/24	29	63	N/C	92
7/21/24	59	50	12	121
7/28/24	25	60	N/C	85

### Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
7/14/24	14	9	23

### Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
7/1/24	9	0
7/8/24	7	0
7/15/24	7	0
7/22/24	9	0
7/29/24	6	0

## 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.



## **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](mailto:church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com).

**Worship Times:** Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am.

**Sunday School:** Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

If you wish to contact Pastor Limbong  
please call the church at (502-267-5082)

or his cell phone: (502-553-6025)

His scheduled days off are Friday and Saturday

Visit our church website:

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

