THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2024

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¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"(Romans 10:12-15)

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

The summer is almost over. I don't know about you, but this summer has been a busy time for me and my family especially with the many activities our kids got involved with. We were literally scattered in different places. But I am glad we spent some time together as a family before we are scattered again. I hope you all found time to rest and spent some time with family. As our school children went back to school, the family routines seem merging to the full speed again.

So does with our church; going back to school for our children marks the end of summer season where all the activities resume in full swing, especially with Sunday schools or confirmations. It starts with 'Rally Sunday' where we do the blessing of backpacks, installation of Sunday school teachers, Sunday school/confirmation registration and other fun activities.

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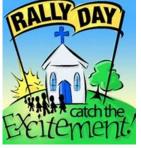
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www.christlutheranlouisville.com Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong But Rally Sunday is not just a conclusion of summer break and a kick-off Sunday for all the activities as mentioned above. Rally Sunday means more than that. It captures a deeper meaning. Rally Sunday is a day where we are called and drawn together for a common purpose. Liz Dawson, our Sunday School Committee chair shared with us last Sunday in her temple talk stating that Rally Sunday is "a spiritual boost as we enter into new transitions of the church year. We rally and draw together to seek the Holy Spirit's power to renew our energy for worship, digging into God's Word, praying, serving and witnessing." Therefore, it is not only for the Sunday school, but also for all of us who are members of the body of Christ, the church.

So where do we rally together for a common purpose God has given us? We rally around our baptismal font where God claims us as his beloved children and sends us into the world to proclaim the Good news. We rally around the pulpit where we hear God's Words, the good news of the Gospel to nourish our faith. We rally around the altar, where Jesus feeds us with his body and blood, that we may become the body of Christ in the world. We rally outside our church's four corners; our neighbors and invite them to God's banquet. As Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." (Luke 14:13). We rally around our vision of being connected with God, one another and the world. Finally we rally around our mission of 'Walking Together with Christ, we love and server our church and neighbors.' Indeed, "How are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

Serving Christ with You,





Kids of ALL ages are invited to join us for a day of celebration as we kick off our 2024-25 school year Sept 8th! Bring your backpacks for a special blessing and participate in many activities during our Sundays



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



September's Thirsty Third Thursday will be at The Blind Squirrel on September 19th. Check out page 16 for details and links to menu.



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



Bring your fur baby, fish, turtle or any family pet on **Saturday**, **October 5 at 2pm** for our 2nd annual Pet Blessing worship. This event will take place outdoors in our parking lot. Church & community member welcome!



31st WELCA Craft Fair happening on **Saturday, October 19, 9am-2pm**. Vendors needed! Volunteers Needed! Breakfast & Lunch will be sold.



Join us on Saturday, October 19 from 9am-2pm.

Vendors needed. Volunteers needed.

Contact Bonnie Kroening if you would like to rent a table or help set up the event, 502-245-1020.

Just like to shop...there will be lots of vendors with beautiful items for sale. Breakfast and lunch will be served. It's the perfect event to kick off your holiday shopping. Don't miss it!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



All families are invited to our next Family Movie Night. Meet in Room 5 in your pajamas or Halloween costume on Friday, October 25 at 7pm. Bring a trick or treat to share, blankets, chairs and join in the Halloween fun. Popcorn, beverages and a spooky snack will be provided. Don't miss out on this night of spooky fun. RSVP by calling the church office, 502-267-5082.

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through July 2024

Expected Receipts: \$228,523.00

Actual Receipts: \$261,494.00

Online Giving

We thank everyone for their gifts to the church. Our surplus continues to be made up of advance gifts. We estimate we are no more than \$1500 behind.



Thanks to our counters for the month of August; Amy & Ken schneider.



We are in need of 2 or 3 more offering counters. It is an easy way to help the church. Call Mike Kull at 502-802-4485 for more information. Training is provided!

Memorials were given in memory of Martha Classon, Doug Kull and Ron Skelton in July and August 2024.





Shirley Williamson & Kathie Armstrong want to invite anyone who loves to crochet, knit, embroider, quilt, sew or just enjoys chatting with friends to join them every Tuesday at 9:30am at our Tuesday Friends group in Rooms 9 & 10.

Shirley and Kathie spend this time crafting quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief and local nursing home and rehab facilities, but they don't want to have all the fun alone. Please consider coming and helping them create these special quilts, or just come and work on your own projects. Not crafty...no worries, just come and enjoy the fellowship this groups shares with one another. If you have questions, just reach out to the church office, Heather will be happy to help!

FAITHFUL SERVANT Kathleen Breitenstein



For almost 30 years, Kathleen Breitenstein has been sharing her passions for music and education with the Christ Lutheran community. "My two anchors are singing and Sunday School."

She and husband Dale joined CLC from First Lutheran, where they were involved in the Youth Group and where Kathleen's mother had taught Sunday School

"forever." At CLC, Kathleen started teaching an adult class, but soon noticed a gap in the Christian Education programming for students in middle and high school. While some people might be unsure about how to engage teenagers in religious discourse, Kathleen sees young adults differently. "That's when I find them interesting, because they have a point of view." Today, Kathleen heads up C.R.E.W. (Christians Ready, Enabled and Willing), where she and her co-teachers create a safe space for kids to talk about Christianity in ways that are relevant to their lives. She lights up when she talks about those moments of connection. "When that happens, it's just the best gig ever. If they feel comfortable and safe and heard, not only do they have a good place to be, but they know there's another adult who cares about them."

When some of the high schoolers wanted to do an international trip, Kathleen got involved in supporting global mission work. The group teamed up with Hand in Hand Ministries to travel to Nicaragua and then Belize. She hopes they can work together again on local projects in Appalachia and the Portland area of Louisville, where Hand in Hand is headquartered. Kathleen has also journeyed to Nicaragua multiple times on her own to do cooking and sewing projects. Asked what it is about international mission work that speaks to her, Kathleen answers immediately. "You find out you have more similarities than differences. We love our families, we love our children, we love our God, we praise, we live, we eat." With a smile, and wiping away a tear, she adds: "And it doesn't have to be someone in a different country. It could be another part of town, or your neighbor across the street, or the person at the end of the pew."

FAITHFUL SERVANT Hannah Limbong

Hannah Limbong is starting her third year studying public health at UofL, following a summer internship with the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services in Frankfort. To those who know her, it's not too much of a surprise to learn that Hannah is looking for impactful, practical ways to serve. But that path is seldom easy, even for a pastor's daughter. "Being in college is hard," Hannah admits. "Sometimes I want to ask Jesus, 'why is this happening?' Instead, I try to ask Him, 'how can I see you in my life?'"



She looks to the little things — the liturgy, the prayers — to help renew and deepen her relationship with God every day. The Lord's Prayer, in particular, helps Hannah make what she calls the head-to-heart connection. "This is what Jesus taught his disciples to pray," she says, "and that's just cool." Hannah has long been interested in international affairs and learning about other cultures, dating back to her days in the Governor's Scholars Program. She also joined CLC's global mission trip to Belize in 2019 with fellow Faithful Servant Kathleen Breitenstein.

She especially credits the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston for changing the trajectory of her life. It was at that event that Hannah first heard about the Youth Leadership Summit. With help from Pastor Dan Fugate, Hannah traveled to Nebraska as one of two people representing Kentucky. From there, she applied to be part of the Youth Core Leadership Team (YCLT) and was the youngest member selected. For Hannah, these experiences add up to a lifetime journey that has its ups and downs. "I think that's what being faithful means to me — not knowing 100% where you'll end up, but trusting in God that it's a continuous process."

Hannah also admits she has a wiser perspective as a seasoned college junior. "I have the privilege of looking back now and making those head-to-heart connections. When you get where you're going, that's when it's evident we serve a God who is faithful."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kicking Off the 2024-25 School Year

My, oh, my, we have lots of exciting events coming up this fall! Please remember to mark your calendars. We will kick things off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th. Need a spiritual faith boost? Join us on Rally Day. Both services will include Sunday school teacher installation, and blessing of the backpacks during the children's sermon. Between services (9:45-10:45) we invite everyone to Room 7 to paint rocks that will be given out at the Gaslight Festival. There will be an ice cream social in the gym. We invite our middle and high school youth to Room 8 to preview their new class, Visual Faith. There will also be class descriptions, permission forms, and media release forms available in Room 8.

Our LIFT (Living in Faith Together) family class will resume Sunday September 15th in Room 5. Led by Pastor Limbong, Liz Dawson and Hannah Limbong, this class meets every third Sunday of the month. All ages and families are welcome (even if your family doesn't attend CLC we are God's family and you are welcome!) Additionally, both adult Sunday school classes will resume meeting weekly. Adult 1 led by Mike Kull meets in rooms 1 & 2, and Adult 2 led by Becky Miller meets in Rooms 9 & 10. Feel free to check out their classes or ask them questions about their group studies.

Our newest curriculum Visual Faith is offered to our middle and high school youth. I plan to lead the class but we are still looking for volunteers to help. They will meet two Sunday's a month when LIFT and CREW are not in session. If you cannot commit to both Sundays a rotational schedule can be created. CREW led by Mrs. Kathleen Breitenstein will also resume once appointments have been set up and the schedule is set.

Movie Night has been changed to take place on Friday, October 25 @ 7 p.m. We will meet in Room 5. We will be showing *Hocus Pocus*. Popcorn, drinks and a spooky snack will all be provided. We encourage costumes, or your PJs, and trick or treats to share!! Please RSVP with Heather by Friday, October 18th. We can't wait to see you there!!



FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

- ÷ LIFT meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month (unless otherwise specified).
- We meet in <u>room 5</u> during the Sunday school hour 9:45 to 10:45.
- This class is intergenerational, <u>all ages</u> are welcome to attend!!

DATE:	LESSON:	TEXT:	MEETING PLACE:
SEPTEMBER 15 TH	Here Come Mary & Joseph	Luke 2: 1-7	ROOM 5
OCTOBER 20 TH	Here come the shepherds!	Luke 2: 9-20	ROOM 5
NOVEMBER 17 th	Here come Anna & Simeon!	Luke 2: 22-38	ROOM 5
*DECEMBER 8 TH	Christmas Celebration	Craft Project for FHC residents	ROOM 5

*The last session has been moved to the 2nd Sunday in December

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- Rally Day September 8th- meet in room 7 to help paint rocks for the Gaslight Festival
- Join us at Forest Hills Commons for our Christmas Caroling Service, <u>Sunday December 15th</u>.



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue
8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	OFFICE CLOSED (NO Prayer Mtg / Bible Study)	Tues Friends - CXL'D 6:30pm Rock Painting 7pm Property Cmte Mtg
8 Rally Day 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	9 12pm Prayer Mtg /Bible Study 7pm Christian Ed Mtg	10 9:30am Tues Friends 12pm WELCA Circle Mtg 6:30pm Social Min Mtg 7pm Finance Cmte Mtg
8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am "LIFT" Sunday School 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	16 12pm Prayer Mtg /Bible Study MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	17 9:30am Tues Friends 7pm Council Mtg
8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class Begins	23 12pm Prayer Mtg /Bible Study	24 9:30am Tues Friends 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg
29 CHURCH PICNIC 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream ONLY SERVICE	30 12pm Prayer Mtg /Bible Study	

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal & Party	5 7pm STICS	6	7
11 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 GASLI	14 GHT FESTIVAL
18 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6pm Thirsty Thurs "The Blind Squirrel"	20	21
25 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 Via De Cristo Team Mtg 7:30am - 3:00pm

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, September 19,starting at 6pm at:

The Blind Squirrel

N. English Station Rd. Louisville, KY 40223

https://blindsquirrellouisville.com/ Menu

Music. Grub. Sports. Blind Squirrel is a local restaurant, bustling sports bar, music venue, & destination in Louisville, KY.

Located in the Middletown area, 'The Squirrel' offers live music most nights on our indoor stage or outdoor patio that are both steeped in beachy, Key West-vibe settings, overlooking the sand volleyball complex.

Our menu boasts an array of shareable appetizers, gourmet burgers, pizzas, soups, salads, & other unique fare including seasonal favorites that are enjoyed inside or out under the breezy palm trees.

There's a full bar with 40 beers on tap & over 100 bourbons, a rentable event space, an amphitheater & outside bar, six sand volleyball courts, & outdoor games including corn hole, ping pong, & more. With 25 TVs, you'll never miss your favorite sports!

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





Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders!
Confirmation classes will resume on
Sunday, September 22. Class hours
will be 1:15-2:45pm in Room 1 & 2.
The class will be taught by Pastor
Limbong. This is an exciting time for
our middle school youth, as the
embark on or continue their journey
affirming their faith.

Please make sure all the classes are on your calendar. Can't be there in person, there is always a virtual option.

Classes will take a break during the Christmas holiday and resume January 5th.

Confirmation Schedule 2024-2025 Class Time: 1:15-2:45 PM Hybrid Instructor: Pastor Bimen Limbong

Topic: The Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer

Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92297946314?pwd=RXhOZU5nR0dWUkh0YXRBdUs5Y3dwdz09

Month/Day	Theme	Theme verse/s
September		
8	Rally Sunday	
22	Orientation	
October		
6	Spring Break	No Class
20	God's and Idols	Exodus 20:2-3, 4-6
27	Reformation/Affirmation of	
	Baptism	
November		
3	Names in Vain	Exodus 20:7)
17	Sabbath	Exodus 20:8a
December		
1	Honoring Parents	Exodus 20:12
15	Caroling at Forest Hills Commons	No class



HEADING TO THE GASLIGHT FESTIVAL? CHECK OUT SOME GREAT **FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

GASLIGHT FESTIVAL 2024 TO BRING BACK TREASURED TRADITIONS AND EXCITING NEW CHANGES

Gaslight Festival is coming back bigger and better than ever this year with a return of many classic events, while bringing some new and exciting changes!

This year, the Gaslight 5k has been moved to Saturday, September 7th as the official kick off to Gaslight Week. The Gaslight Festival is partnering with the Jeffersontown Farmers' Market to bring a festive morning for all who can join, both to support the 5k runners as well as the many local businesses a part of the market.

The annual Gaslight Balloon Glow has also been moved to the Saturday before the Gaslight week on September 7th, but will still be located in Skyview Park.

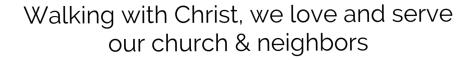
They have added a new food court area that will be located behind Third Turn as well as a new event which will be on Tuesday, September 10th and be known as a Shop,

Eat Local Day where it's to encouraged to shop and eat local from all of the many Jeffersontown businesses! For more information on the 55th Jeffersontown Gaslight Festival, please visit: https://jtowngaslight.com/



2024 GASLIGHT FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Thursday, September 5th: Gaslight Blood Drive
- Saturday, September 7th: Gaslight 5K Run/Walk
- Saturday, September 7th: Gaslight Balloon Glow
- Sunday, September 8th: Gaslight Motorcycle Rally
- Monday, September 9th: Gaslight Golf Scramble
- Tuesday, September 10th: Shop, Eat, Jtown
- Wednesday, September 11th: Gaslight Business Appreciation Lunch
- Thursday, September 12th: Gaslight Parade
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 13th 15th: Gaslight Festival
- Sunday, September 15th: Gaslight Car Show



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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=emIVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09

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 SEPTEMBER

This month JAM is accepting donations of Lunch Box items: applesauce pouches, granola bars, crackers / cookies in packs, fruit gummy snacks, 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.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

S	September Birthdays		September Anniversaries
9/6	Todd Brace Robert Nix	9/3	Yuki & Greg Moeck
9/7	Scott Walker	9/10	Kathy & Curt Sigdestad
9/8	Taren Winskye	9/12	Beverly & Tom Gilmore
9/9	Rebecca Johnston Lainey Pfalzgraf	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		AMAPA
9/28	Nate Ribble		
9/29	MaryLou Vaughn		1 about
9/30	Buck Murphy Shirley Williamson		hall lay
			rget to share your dates with us!
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MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
8/4/24	36	48	18	102
8/11/24	25	65	17	107
8/18/24	25	48	17	90
8/25/24	24	67	14	105

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC	TOTAL
		MEMBERS	
8/11/24	N/S	N/S	N/S

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
8/5/24	7	0
8/12/24	8	0
8/19/24	9	0
8/26/24	9	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.

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

Except during an emergency

Office Email Address:

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