

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2024



9212 Taylorsville Road
Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40299

502-267-5082



BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



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

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.christlutheranlouisville.com

Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Office Administrator - Heather Harding

We will think together about how our giving to Christ Lutheran Church is an important part of our Christian faith, and how our church uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Christ Lutheran Church by at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that our church already has in place for your giving.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" stewardship campaign will start on November 3, 2024 and end on our consecration Sunday on November 24. For this stewardship campaign, we will use mail, e-mail, bulletin inserts and temple talks in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life.

Once again, thank you for your generous support in time, talents and money in our mission of "Walking with Christ, We Love and Serve Our Church and neighbor".

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong



Please join us for Advent Mid-Week Worship. Worship will be at 7pm on December 4, December 11 & December 18. Our mid-week worship is a wonderful way to await the arrival of Jesus' birth!

UPCOMING *Events*



November's Thirsty Third Thursday will be at the Gaslight Diner on **November 21st**. Check out page 10 for details and links to menu.



December's Thirsty Third Thursday Saturday will be at the Johnson's Home on **December 7th**. Check out page 11 for details and RSVP info.



Advent begins on **Sunday, December 1st**. Join us for our Advent mid-week services on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.



Is for Christmas Event

Join us **December 15th** immediately following the 11am service for lunch, caroling at Forest Hills & a Christmas movie. Details on page 18.



Cast your vote for our **NEXT Family Movie** event on December 15th! Movie choices are on page 19. Ballots are in the Solarium or call the church office to cast your vote!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fall has come bringing with it fun and memorable times. On Reformation Sunday we confirmed five youth.



Congratulations to our newest confirmands: Ashish Charles, Kara Funk, Jamie Richardson, Eliza Stephens, and Molly Turpen.

May God continue to bless and guide you all on your faith journeys. A special guest was also in attendance on Reformation Sunday, Martin Luther! He shared with us about his life and what prompted him to nail the 95 theses to the doors of Whittenburg. We thank you for sharing with us and starting the reformation of the church.

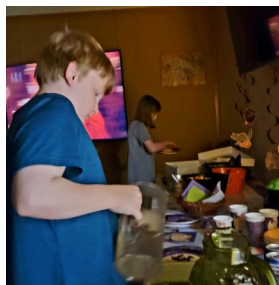


Movie night was a spooky success! Thanks to all who attended, the costumes were fun, and the snacks were frightening. Our next movie night will be Sunday December 15th. Please cast your vote for the classic movie you would like to see. Check out the movie listing on page 19.

More fun and exciting times are in the works. On Sunday, December 15th we will host our caroling service over at Forest Hills Commons at 2pm. We will serve a lite lunch after our 11am service here at church. After we carol with our friends, we will return to church for hot cocoa, cookies and enjoy a Christmas movie. Check out the "C" is for Christmas announcement on page 18 and sign up in the solarium or RSVP to the church office.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Photo Fun!



FAITHFUL SERVANT

Mike Kull



Mike Kull has been coming to Christ Lutheran Church since 1959. In that time, he's seen a lot of change — and tallied a few spreadsheets. As Chair of CLC's Finance Committee, Mike leads a group of seven to monitor the church's financial transactions, prepare the annual budget, and report to the Council, of which Mike is also a current member.

Mike organizes our team of offering counters, coordinating as many as 25 individuals over the course of the year. "It's an uncomplicated way to serve," Mike says. "It doesn't take long, but it's so important. And something we have to do each week." (In other words, if you're interested in serving this way, talk to Mike!)

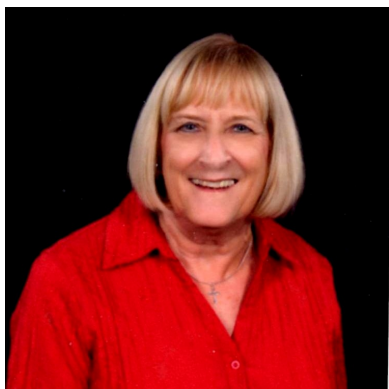
Every week, Mike also helps lead the Sunday School class in Room 1. "There's no teacher for the class, really. We all just try to lead one another."

If you notice a theme among Mike's activities, it might be leadership — perhaps a natural fit given his management background. But he's very quick to emphasize it takes many people to keep CLC running smoothly and fiscally responsibly, including Treasurer Tony White, Financial Secretary Karen Schuette, John Schmitt, the Council, and even — or especially — the Congregation.

But what is also clearly a natural fit is his role as a Faithful Servant. "Being active and serving the church," Mike explains simply, "is just the way my parents brought me up."

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Nancy Walsh



From serving on the Stewardship Committee to taking Pastor Bimen to the airport, Nancy Walsh has done a little bit of everything.

Formerly a member from 1973-1998, she rejoined CLC in 2014 and has been going strong ever since. A short list of Nancy's activities includes teaching and working in the kitchen for VBS; serving on the Christian

Education Committee; volunteering in the Church office; participating in WELCA Bible study, Sunday School, and Monday prayer group; sending "Get Well" cards and taking communion to home-bound congregants; and visiting senior citizens at Forrest Hills every second Sunday of the month. And she always tries to bring something to potlucks or bake treats for special events!

A retired math teacher, Nancy taught for 29 years at Jeffersontown High School and even had our own Beth Armstrong as a student! Today, she still works with the Alumni Association. With an upcoming trip to Barcelona, Nancy isn't planning to slow down anytime soon.

"I guess I like to stay busy," Nancy explains, putting it mildly.

An important task she helps oversee is our annual stewardship survey. This is a chance for everyone to explore opportunities to get involved, meet new people, and share your time and talents with our church and community.

"One of the things I like best is how cordial our congregation is," Nancy says. "Everyone always has a smile, even if we don't know your name."

Clearly, one of Nancy's talents is making people feel connected to Christ.

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through September 2024

Expected Receipts: \$293,671.00

Actual Receipts: \$311,028.00

Thanks to everyone's gifts. The surplus is do the advance gifts. It is estimated that we are actually \$3400 behind.

Thank you to Rita and Steve Sarson for serving as our October offering counters.

Memorials were received in memory of Audrey Albin, Danna Hesse and Chester Evans throughout the month of October .

[Online
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 24, we will have the conclusion of our Stewardship campaign. We will have one worship service at 11 am when we may turn in our pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets for 2025. After worship, we will join together to celebrate and enjoy fellowship at a luncheon.. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend worship and luncheon.



On Saturday, October 19 our Women of the ELCA group hosted their 31st Holiday Craft Fair. While there may have been fewer vendors the day was full of shopping and eating. Those that came to sell their crafts were happy with our event. We heard more than once what a welcoming atmosphere we have, with so many friendly folks and our facility was exceptionally clean.

We want to thank all those who helped make this event happen. From the individuals who helped with set up and break down (no small task by the way), to those who helped cook our breakfast and lunch, to those who served our yummy food, to those who cleaned our kitchen, to those who donated baked goods and manned the WELCA table... we cannot say THANK YOU enough. It takes the hands of many to make this event a success and for the 31st event we did just that.



Social Ministry Committee – Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2024

The Social Ministry Committee is again sponsoring a collection for the **Samaritan's Purse Operation Child Shoe Box Christmas Gifts**. Our goal is to assemble **100 boxes**.

There will be a display in the solarium with shoeboxes to fill along with lists of items to purchase as well items NOT to purchase. The boxes cannot be shipped if they contain food items or liquids. The boxes will be inspected at the shipping location and if the contents contain food or liquids, they will be put aside and not delivered. The deadline to turn in your box is November 10 so the filled boxes can be shipped timely. This could be a fun family project!

If you are unable to shop and pack a box, please consider donating financial assistance of \$10 per box for shipping costs. If you are packing a box and want to contribute to shipping costs, please do not place money in the box. Please place your financial donations in the offering plate with the notation "Shoebox Shipping".

JAM Donations November

JAM is collecting ORAL HEALTH items for the month of November. Donations may be dropped off in the JAM box in the CLC Solarium or at JAM directly. Their hours are 10am-1pm Monday through Thursday at 10617 Taylorsville Road, 40299.

- + Toothpaste, toothbrushes - adult & childrens
- + Dental floss, dental picks
- + Mouthwash

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** (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 visit 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 21
Starting at 5pm at:

Gaslight Diner
Jeffersonton, Kentucky

<https://www.gaslightdinerky.com/>

10509 Watterson Trail

Just down the road from Christ Lutheran, Gaslight Diner offers a fresh take on classic diner favorites.

Questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor

758-5108 or

spryor@bellsouth.net



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

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

Whatever you thirst for, join us for our small fellowship group typically held every 3rd Thursday around 6pm. 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 visit 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 in December for our
**THIRSTY ~~THIRD THURSDAY~~ FIRST
SATURDAY!**
**Saturday, December 7th starting at 4pm
at:**



**The home of Rebecca
and Victor Johnston**
621 Wataga Dr, Louisville Ky
40206

*We're mixing it up again by
having our Thirsty "Thursday"
event on the **1st Saturday of
December**. The Johnstons invite
you to their home for a holiday
potluck! Baked ham and scalloped pota-
toes will be on the menu. Please bring a
dish to share and BYOB if you'd like.*

**Please RSVP by Monday, December 2, by calling or texting
Rebecca Johnston at 281-682-6797.**

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	
3 All Saints Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	4 12pm Prayer Mtg	5 Election Day Voting in Gym 9:30am Tuesday Friends	6 9:30am W Friends 7pm Chои
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24 Consecration Sunday One worship service only 11am Worship & Worship@Home Luncheon to follow	25 12pm Prayer Mtg	26 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm Pickleball	27 9:30am W Friends



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Friends 12pm Pickleball	2 9am-12pm Shredding Event 12p,m Pickleball
Wednesday r Rehearsal	7 12pm Pickleball 6pm STICS	8	9 No Pickleball - gym rental
Wednesday r Rehearsal	14 12pm Pickleball 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday 6 pm STICS	15 MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16 12 pm Pickleball
Wednesday r Rehearsal	21 12pm Pickleball 6 pm STICS	22 4 pm Small Group Dietrich Bonhoeffer Movie Light supper following at church	23 12pm Pickleball
Wednesday	28 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 12 pm Pickleball



2024 FALL SCHEDULE

DATE:	TOPIC:	WHERE:
SEPTEMBER 15 TH	LIFT- HERE COME MARY & JOSEPH	ROOM 5
SEPTEMBER 22 ND	THE CALLING	ROOM 8
SEPTEMBER 29 TH	CHURCH PICNIC	NO CLASS
OCTOBER 6 TH	FALL BREAK	NO CLASS
OCTOBER 13 TH	CATCH ME LATER OR PLENTY & NEED	ROOM 8
OCTOBER 20 TH	LIFT-HERE COME THE SHEPHERDS	ROOM 5
OCTOBER 27 TH	REFORMATION CELEBRATION	GYM
NOVEMBER 3 RD	WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD	ROOM 8
NOVEMBER 10 TH	MOCKED & INSULTED	ROOM 8
NOVEMBER 17 TH	LIFT-HERE COME ANNA & SIMEON	ROOM 5
NOVEMBER 24 TH	UNAFRAID	
DECEMBER 1 ST	THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO CLASS
DECEMBER 8 TH	LIFT- HERE COME THE MAGI	ROOM 5
DECEMBER 15 TH	HAPPY	ROOM 8
DECEMBER 22 ND	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO CLASS
DECEMBER 29 TH	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO CLASS
JANUARY 5 TH	RENEWED MIND	ROOM 8





FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

- ❖ *LIFT meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month (unless otherwise specified).*
- ❖ *We meet in room 5 during the Sunday school hour 9:45 to 10:45.*
- ❖ *This class is intergenerational, all ages 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*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Christmas Caroling at Forest Hills Commons Assisted Living on Sunday, December 15. Details to follow!

**COME JOIN THE
FUN!**



STICS... Stepping Together In Christian Service

It's not too late to join Barbara Hester and other CLC members on Thursday nights at 6pm to work on your walking stick. Haven't started? No worries, come one night and give it a whirl. Bring a stick or a dowel rod and join the fun.



Think you are artistically challenged? We can offer guidance, share techniques, or at least share plenty of stories! This is a great way to get to know one another better as we walk the path of discipleship together. Don't miss out on this exciting new endeavor making our mission statement a tangible reminder! Call the office for details, 267-5082.



OCTOBER THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY

@ THE KOCH'S PARTY BARN ON A SATURDAY!

Karen and Leroy Koch opened their party barn up to host October's Thirsty Thursday Saturday event. Our gracious hostess Karen welcomed a huge turnout of all ages for the evening. We enjoyed a night of gorgeous early fall weather, with delicious wood-fired pizza à la Chef Leroy, and great company.

Musician Jack Edwards performed familiar pop, rock, and country songs, keeping our toes tapping throughout the night. At one point, Shirley Williamson and Ken Schneider even joined him at the mic to belt out a few tunes! It was a lot of fun and we thank Leroy and Karen for hosting another great evening! If you want to see Jack play again, be sure to follow [#jackedwardsmusicky](#) on all the various social media outlets.





Is for Christmas Event

All are welcome to help celebrate Christ's coming on **Sunday, December 15th**. We will be hosting our **C**aroling service at Forest Hills Commons at 2pm.

Prior to **c**aroling, a light lunch will be provided following our 11am service. As soon as lunch is over, we will head over to Forest Hills Commons.

When we return to church everyone is welcome to enjoy, **c**ookies, hot **c**ocoa and a showing of the winner of our **C**hristmas movie choice vote! Check out the ballot on the next page.

Come join in the festivities: **C**hrist, **C**aroling, **C**ookies, **C**ocoa & a **C**hristmas movie!

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 8th

RSVP forms are available in the Solarium.

Please return yours in the basket provided, place in an offering plate or return to the office.

Please indicate which option you will attend:

- + (1) Lunch, **C**aroling and movie
- + (2) Lunch and **C**aroling only
- + (3) **C**aroling and Movie only
- + (4) **C**aroling only
- + (5) Movie only
- OR
- + Contact the church office - 502-267-5082 with your

Please vote on which Christmas classic you would like to enjoy with your cookies & cocoa. Below are five choices, each with a brief description. Please check the box of your movie choice. We will be showing the winner after caroling on Sunday December 15th.

1. Home Alone:



When Kevin is mistakenly left behind from the family vacation, he learns to fend for himself. Full of traps, snacks and laughs this is one Christmas you will never forget. Rated PG

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2. Fred Claus:



When Santa's brother Fred gets into trouble, he comes to the North Pole to work off his debt. This film is full of sibling rivalry and love. Will the two ever learn to get along and save Christmas? Rated PG

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3. Klaus:



A simple act of kindness creates a ripple effect in a town that's holding a grudge. We follow Jesper the postman as he befriends toymaker Klaus as they start a new holiday tradition. This film is animated. Rated G

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4. The Santa Clause



After an accident involving Santa, Scott finds himself magically recruited to take his place. There's just one problem. Will his family believe him? Rated PG.

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5. A Christmas Story



This film follows nine-year-old Ralphie and his family's misadventures during the Christmas season. You'll be sure to enjoy his antics of making sure Santa knows he wants a red rider BB gun for Christmas. Will Santa come through?

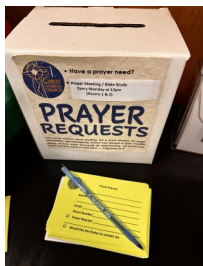
Rated PG

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Ballots are in the Solarium. You may drop yours in the basket provided, place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

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 Room 1. 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.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

11/2	Sarah Brace Zeke Kenitzer	11/25	Rita & Steve Sarson
11/5	Norma Kuerzi		
11/7	Carol Korman		
11/10	Joyce Anderson Mike Anderson		
11/13	Colin Selch		
11/14	Alexandra Kenitzer Kenneth Overstreet		
11/15	Stella Paul Amanda Ribble		
11/16	Tom Farrar Jacob Murphy		
11/17	Melissa Gibson		
11/18	Patricia 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 Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
10/6/24	22	57	16	95
10/13/24	36	64	10	110
10/20/24	25	47	14	86
10/27/24	46	66	12	124

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
10/13/24	16	5	21

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
10/7/24	7	
10/14/24	8	
10/21/24	7	
10/28/24	6	

PLEASE REMEMBER...

We ask that you 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. This information is also sent to the synod office.



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.