

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2024



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*Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1:44-46)*

Advent blessing to you my sisters and brothers in Christ,

As the snow was coming down on us Sunday morning my first thought was the song by Meredith Wilson, *"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"*. We decorated our church with Christmas trees and lights. During our children sermon on Sunday, I showed that my Christmas cactus has started to bloom although Christmas is still almost a month away. Similarly, many stores had decorated with Christmas decorations as early as October. But, as those signs show a great anticipation of the coming of Christmas 'Holy Day' Eve, we are not quite there yet. We need to spend and focus our time on the Advent season.

During our consecration Sunday's luncheon two Sundays ago, I proposed the idea of declaring the year 2025 as the 'Year of Inviting.' That idea is basically taken directly from one of the 'Guiding Principles' that we discovered through our visioning process to "Invite and welcome our neighbors" as part of our way to live out our mission of 'Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors'. We brainstormed ideas and were able to plan a series of events next year, at least one per month, besides our worship services and all the things we are offering already. We will post all those events.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong


Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

We don't need to wait until next year to invite people to come and see what God is doing here in our church through God's works and our hands and hearts. Well, technically, Advent is the New Year in our church calendar. So it starts now. I would encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to attend to one if not to all the worship services we provide:

- Our regular Sunday services at 8:30AM and 11:00AM
- Our Midweek Advent services on Wednesdays December 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00PM preceded with a light supper at 6:00PM.
- Blue Christmas on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM
- Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 5:00PM and 9:00PM
- Sunday school for all ages each Sunday and the Living In Faith Together (LIFT) program every third Sunday of the month.
- Confirmation class for all school age children grades 6-8 and beyond.

Tell people what you like about our services and the ministry that we are doing and what they mean to you. Most of all, tell them about Jesus, how Jesus loves them and all are welcome in this place. Just like Philip when he found his friend Nathaniel he was so excited to tell him all about Jesus. And in spite of Nathaniel's initial skepticism about Jesus and his upbringing, he invited him anyway, saying, "Come and See!" Why don't we do the same? Invite people to come and see Christ at Christ Lutheran Church through God's works and our hands in worship and services to others.

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*



Advent begins on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Join us for our Advent mid-week services on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Light Supper at 6pm Room 1

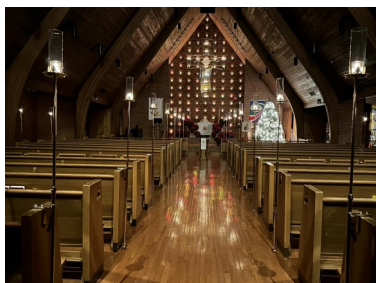


Is for Christmas Event

Join us **December 15<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 11am service for lunch, caroling at Forest Hills & a Christmas movie. Details on page 9.



Our **Blue Christmas Worship** service will be held on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. All are welcome!



**Christmas Eve Worship** services will be held at 5pm & 9pm on Tuesday, December 24th. Both will be candlelight services.

## **GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS - JAM HOLIDAY COMMUNITY HELP**



The Social Ministry Committee is once again partnering with Jeffersontown Area Ministries (JAM) to collect gift cards for families in the J'town area. These gift cards will help to bring Christmas to children who may not have otherwise received anything from "Santa Claus".

If you would like to help, please purchase **gift cards from Walmart, Meijer and Target**. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation and the committee will purchase the gift cards for you.

Gift cards and monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate during worship services or dropped off at the church office.

**Deadline for cards / cash donations is December 15<sup>th</sup>.**



The Property Committee invites you to come help clean the sanctuary on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9am and finishing before noon. Come anytime and stay as long as you wish. The committee will provide cleaning supplies, but if you have a favorite dust rag or broom or cleanser you are welcome to bring your own.

Grandma always said, "Many hands make light work"; we hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## MUSIC NOTES

by Ann Colbert Wade

Happy New Year!

Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year, begins on December 1 this year. The theme of our three mid-week services is the *Magnificat*, the rapturous song Mary sings when she discovers she will bear the Son of God. There are at least five versions in our hymnal.

One is a part of the Evening Prayer service and is found on p. 314 in the front part of ELW; the other four are hymns: 723-*Canticle of the Turning*, 882-*My Soul Does Magnify the Lord*, 573-*My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*, and 251-*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*.

The preludes for December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be based on yet another tune for this text (*Meine seele erhebt den Herren*) and are by Marcel Dupre and J.S. Bach respectively; the postlude for December 18<sup>th</sup> is simply *Magnificat* by the French Classical composer Jean-Francois Dandrieu.

The Choir will again be singing for the Christmas Eve Service at 9pm. The extended prelude, including choir and organ, will begin around 8:45pm.

Wishing you a hope-filled Advent and a very blessed Christmas!



## **FAITHFUL SERVANT**

### **Karen Schuette**



There's volunteering, and there's being volunteered. For Karen Schuette, a combination of both have kept her active in the church for more than 25 years.

She taught Sunday School when her kids were little, and her class included the niece of the church's longtime Financial Secretary, Lois Knapp. When Lois fell ill, she asked Karen to take over the position, and Karen has been doing it ever since.

As Financial Secretary, Karen keeps track of giving and submits a report to Council each month. Karen remembers when she first started, she had to record gifts on carbon paper. Thankfully, things are much easier now with computers, especially because John Schmitt helps out with the data entry.

In addition to the Finance Committee, Karen is also a member of the Worship Committee. She originally volunteered to help set up Communion. It wasn't long before Becky Miller suggested she join the Worship Committee.

Karen recalls a similar situation when she became a Communion Assistant. "I didn't really know what all it entailed, but somebody asked me if I would try it and I thought, 'well, okay.'"

Volunteering seems to come naturally to Karen. But for her, CLC is much more than a place to worship and serve.

"My husband and I got married here. But even before that, I went to kindergarten here. There's probably a picture of 5-year-old me somewhere in the church. Growing up in the neighborhood right across the street, I would see those funny evergreen trees out front and know I was home."

## **FAITHFUL SERVANT**

### **Petra Limbong**

Petra Limbong draws strength from his faith. “I know whatever is happening or what I’m thinking, I have God to rely on. I’ve seen God work through me throughout my entire life.”



Most of Petra’s life has been spent growing up at CLC, which he considers his second family and even his second house. In fact, Petra’s so familiar with the building itself, it makes him feel old to remember how it’s changed over the years.

Now a senior at Dupont Manual, Petra is expecting to major in business administration with a minor in political science next year. He wants to focus on the people aspect of business, maybe eventually rising to the ranks of CEO. His life in the church has helped him grow his networking skills, not only within our own congregation but throughout the ELCA.

It’s also taught him perseverance. At the Youth Core Leadership Team gathering in Chicago, he tore his ACL — but that hasn’t slowed him down. You’ll still find him unlocking the doors and turning on the lights at the church, as well as playing pickleball in the gym. At an upcoming Kentucky Youth Assembly, Petra and his team will present a bill about bussing to a group of student delegates from across the state. And he’s working on adding organ to his musical repertoire so he can play for the Christmas service.

Along the way, Petra has had to make some difficult decisions, like when he had to choose between speaking at the ELCA Youth Gathering or attending the 6-week Governor’s Scholars Program at Murray State. That’s when Petra turns to his faith.

“I try to see those challenges as opportunities and never take them for granted. It’s always important to stay strong in faith.”

## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through October 2024

Expected Receipts: \$333,433.00

Actual Receipts: \$322,713.00

Advance giving becomes less of a factor as we approach year end. We estimate we are actually \$3,000 behind at this time.

[Online](#)  
[Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thank you to Jane & Tom Farrar and Mike & Jean Barney for serving as our November offering counters.



### Adorn Our Chancel - Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order Christmas Poinsettias! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex along with a box for payment.

**These red poinsettias are \$15 each and are the perfect size!** Don't miss out, only 30 plants will be purchased.

Help us decorate our Chancel in honor or in memory of a loved one! Take your flower home with you after our 9pm Christmas Eve worship!



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



Thank you! Thank You! Thank you! With your help the Social Ministry Committee has 117 shoe boxes loaded and on their way to drop off. We thank the congregation for their generous support of this project. We passed our goal of 100 boxes. We continue to Make Christ Known by Loving Our Neighbors around the world!



All are welcome to help celebrate Christ's coming on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> by...**

- + Contacting the church office - 502-267-5082
- + Signing up in the Solarium - RSVP forms are available

# DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1	2	3	4
		No Tuesday Friends until January 7 12pm Pickleball	9:30am W Friends 6pm Ligh 7pm Adv 7:45pm C
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School & LIFT Christmas celebration 11am Worship & Worship @ Home 12:15pm Fellowship Hr	9 No Prayer Mtg until January 6, 2025	10 No Tuesday Friends until January 7 12pm WELCA Circle 12pm Pickleball	11 9:30am W Friends 6pm Ligh 7pm Adv 7:45pm C
15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm C Is for Christmas Event 2pm Forest Hills Caroling Family Christmas Movie	16 No Prayer Mtg until January 6, 2025  MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	17 No Tuesday Friends until January 7 12pm Pickleball 7pm Council Mtg	18 9:30am W Friends 6pm Ligh 7pm Adv 7:45pm C
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship & Worship@Home 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	23 No Prayer Mtg until January 6, 2025	24  No Tuesday Friends 12pm Pickleball 5pm Candlelight Worship 9pm Candlelight Worship	25  OFFICE
29 No 8:30 am worship svc 9:45am Adult Sunday School Classes 11am Lessons & Carols Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	30 No Prayer Mtg until January 6, 2025	31 No Tuesday Friends 12pm Pickleball 	Jan 1 OFFICE 

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>at supper</p> <p>ent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4pm Thirsty Third</p> <p>Thursday at the</p> <p>Johnston's home</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>at supper</p> <p>ent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>at Supper</p> <p>ent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 pm -</p> <p>Blue Christmas</p> <p>Worship Service</p>
 <p>CE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am-Noon Post -</p> <p>Christmas Sanctuary</p> <p>cleaning</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>CE CLOSED</p> 	<p>Jan 2</p>	<p>Jan 3</p>	<p>Jan 4</p>

## SHREDDING EVENT RECAP



For the second year in a row, Christ Lutheran Church hosted Louisville-Metro's District 11 Community Shredding Event.

On Saturday, November 2, cars were lined up at our 9am start time. By the time the event ended at noon, we had collected **5,000 pounds of paper!**

Providing this service allows everyone in the community to clean out their houses and securely dispose of unwanted documents. We are grateful

for our District 11 Councilman Kevin Kramer, Legislative Assistant Scott Harrington,

and their crew of youth volunteers for all their hard work and organization! We look forward to partnering with them on this community event again next year!





## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Look for the January announcement coming soon!



# 2024 FALL SCHEDULE

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





## FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

- ❖ *LIFT meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>TH</sup>	Here Come Mary & Joseph	Luke 2: 1-7	ROOM 5
OCTOBER 20 <sup>TH</sup>	Here come the shepherds!	Luke 2: 9-20	ROOM 5
NOVEMBER 17 <sup>th</sup>	Here come Anna & Simeon!	Luke 2: 22-38	ROOM 5
*DECEMBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>	Christmas Celebration	Craft Project for FHC residents	ROOM 5

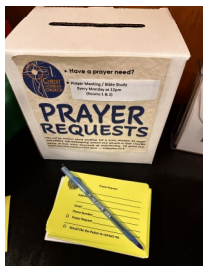
*\*The last session has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Christmas Caroling at Forest Hills Commons Assisted Living on Sunday, December 15. Sign up sheet in the Narthex. More details in the solarium!

**COME JOIN THE  
FUN!**

## 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.

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### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly prayer meetings will not meet in December. We will resume meeting January 6 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  
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Passcode:

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### 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

12/1	Renate Fish	12/19	Hannah & Casey Veatch
12/2	Trish Ferris		
12/5	James Bell		
12/7	Ed Schuette		
12/8	Heather Rush Becky Zibart		
12/9	Berliana Limbong Sherry Scott		
12/11	Kyle Mertz		
12/12	Tyler Murphy		
12/13	Larry Glenn		
12/14	Donna Heinicke Vic Johnston		
12/15	Jean Barney		
12/19	Stephen Yankey		
12/20	Jaclyn Werder		
12/23	Beverly Gilmore		
12/25	Yvonne Gallahue Jenny Nixon		
12/28	Kim Jordan John Schmitt		

**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
11/3/24	37	73	13	123
11/10/24	26	56	22	104
11/17/24	37	69	20	126
11/24/24	NS	85	13	98

### **Forest Hills Worship**

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
11/10/24	9	9	18

### **Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering**

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
11/4/24	5	
11/11/24	7	
11/18/24	6	
11/25/24	8	

### **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.



## **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.

To view the detailed job description go to our church website [www.christlutheranlouisville.com](http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com)

**To Apply:** Interested candidates should submit a resume to [church\\_office@christlutheranlouisville.com](mailto: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.