

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2025



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"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!". (II Corinthians 5:16-17)

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you all,
I hope the joy of Christmas this year filled your heart and mind, not just happiness. Joy is more profound than happiness. It is a gift that we can only receive from God. As our Presiding Bishop Eaton said, *"Happiness is transient and humanmade. But joy given by God is deep and strong and unshakable. Joy is a sign of the reign of God."* We can experience joy even in times of struggles and challenges.

I also hope that those of you who attended our Christmas Eve services found them to be joyful and spirit filled. I was pleased to see so many people attending both of our services that evening.

Once again, we thank all the volunteers who helped make our Christmas Eve services meaningful; those who decorated our sanctuary, worship assistants, musicians and choir. On behalf of our family, I would also like to thank you for your Christmas greetings, gifts, baked goods and cookies that helped make our Christmas merrier, knowing that we have a wonderful congregation who loves and cares for us. We are grateful.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

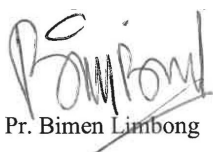
Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

We give God thanks and praise, because of his grace, mercy and love we made it through the year 2024 with all the changes and chances that year brought. I am sure for some, the year 2024 was a difficult and challenging year as some of us were dealing with illnesses and losses. But through it all, when we look back, we would realize that God was and is still faithful. He is with us always in our journey, every step of the way.

One of the New Year traditions in our culture in Indonesia that we continue preserve with our small family here in the US is having a family gathering around the Scriptures, prayers and reflections after the church bell rings at midnight. After the reflections, we would ask each other's forgiveness and start anew on New Year's Day. Since we don't have the church bell ringing at midnight here, we have been watching the ball drops at Time Square. This year we reflected the Scriptures above that urges us to realign our lives with God's will and purpose, striving to look at things and regarding others from God's point of view instead of ours. We reflected the old things that we need to leave behind, things to keep and do better or to try something new. I am sure you, too, have a similar tradition. It is a good practice to do with family and even as a church collectively.

As we leave the year 2024 behind, we look back and reflect on God's faithfulness to us in this past year and even in ages past and now enter the new year of 2025 with a confidence that God will continue to be faithful to us. Let's leave behind the old ways of thinking and habits and strive forward to new things that God sets before us. Let us regard each other from God's point of view and realign our lives according to His purpose. As a church, let us intentionally make "2025 the year of inviting" a reality by inviting others to come and see what God is doing here in our church and neighborhood through our walking together with Christ.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

UPCOMING *Events*



January's Thirsty Third Thursday will be at Bud's Tavern on **January 16th**. Check out page 9 for details.



January 26th our Annual Meeting lunch will be a **Chili Cook Off!** Don't miss this culinary event! See page 4 for all the details.



January 26th is our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. Lunch will precede the meeting immediately following the 11am service. See page 5 for details.



Our gym has been very busy the past few months with Pickleball players!

Currently, there are 6 different groups playing regularly during the week. They all love the facility and are glad to have a nice place to play indoors!

At the end of 2024, we have received almost \$1,200!





Sunday Service

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Everyone is invited and welcome!

8:30am & 11am

Every Sunday

9212 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299

Walking together in Christ

christlutheranlouisville.com

2025 IS THE YEAR OF INVITING

As we ring in 2025 remember that our church's initiative for the year is **The Year of Inviting!**

We as a church will be focused on inviting people into our church. We as individuals need to be thinking about how we can invite a friend or family to join us...join for weekly worship, join us at events, or better yet join our membership!!!

Be on the lookout for monthly events to make the inviting easy!

CLC's FIRST EVER CHILI COOK OFF!

Our Annual Meeting Luncheon is going to look a little different this year! We will partake in our first ever Chili Cook Off! We are looking for 12 cooks to show off their signature chili recipes. Individuals at the Annual Meeting will have the opportunity sample all the chilis and vote for their favorite. The winner will have their name added to a special apron and have bragging rights for an entire year. **PRO TIP: Bring your favorite muffin tin to hold a scoop of all 12 chilis to enhance your tasting experience.** Not a fan of chili, no worries we will have other soup varieties as well. RSVP for lunch by calling the church office.



Join Us
for CLC's First Ever

Chili COOK OFF

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 26TH
12:15PM LUNCH PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING

Chili Cook Off Competition will be held in gym prior to Annual Congregational Meeting. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite chili. Bring a muffin tin to sample all the chilis at once.

Make the best chili to win a special apron & bragging rights!

FREE TO ENTER & FREE TO TASTE

For more information:
www.christlutheranlouisville.com
502-267-5082

Sign up below to bring your signature chili, other soup options, or chili toppings. A sign up sheet is also in the Narthex.

Chili Cook Off Sign Up

Annual Congregational Meeting 2025



The 2024 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 19. Reports can be picked up in Narthex, and will be emailed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
12:30pm Chili Lunch
1pm Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for our 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26. It will begin around 1pm, following a Chili Cook Off lunch kicking off the afternoon at 12:30pm.

The 2024 Annual Report will be discussed as well as the Installation of any new Council or Endowment Committee members. The Annual Report will be available to members on Sunday, January 19. They will be emailed to all members with a valid email address on file; hard copies can be picked up in the Narthex.

If you plan to attend the Chili lunch, please RSVP by calling the church office.

YOUNG ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA & PAINT



On Monday, December 30, 22 high school students and young adults home from college set up in the gym for an evening of pizza and painting. Organized by Hannah Limbong & Emily Richardson, the evening was spent eating, painting and simply having fun reconnecting. What a fun way to spend an evening. There seems to be some interest for this event to be done again and be open to kids of ALL ages.



C is for Christian Education

Happy New Year!! December went by way too fast, but we still managed to end the year with lots of fun events. We started by loving and serving our neighbors at Forest Hills Commons. During our LIFT class, gift bags were prepared consisting of tissue packs, word search books, the 12 days of Christmas devotional, a pen, ChapStick, and peppermints. We passed these out at the caroling service that took place at Forest Hills on Sunday, December 15th. The residents loved participating in the caroling service, ringing bells, playing instruments with our members and singing joyfully.



We returned to church to enjoy Hot cocoa, cookies, grinch popcorn & the heart-warming holiday classic, *A Christmas Story*. Much thanks to all who helped make our "C" is for Christmas event a huge success. Sunday school classes will resume in January. We can't wait to see you there!



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY FIRST SATURDAY @ THE JOHNSTONS

Rebecca and Vic Johnston hosted our Thirsty Thursday event in December. Over 25 folks enjoyed a really fun and festive evening, with everyone bringing their Lutheran potluck A-game to the table. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season, and we are so thankful to the Johnstons for welcoming us to their home!



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through November 2024

Expected Receipts: \$354,555.00

Actual Receipts: \$361,303.00

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SCAN ME

Thank you to everyone for their contributions. We headed into December right on budget for contributions.

Thank you to Kathy & Mike Kull and Ron & Sharon Coombs for serving as our December offering counters.



CLC's Women of the ELCA met on December 10 at Shirley Williamson's home for lunch and Bible study. For our business meeting we designated some of our craft fair funds to purchase gift cards for Pastor Bimen to use at his discretion to help those in need. We also created a special offering that we will designate for various projects later.

Since 2025 is the Year of Inviting, WELCA would like to extend invitations to all women of Christ Lutheran to attend our monthly meetings. These meeting happen on the second Tuesday of every month at noon in Room 1. The group will meet again on January 14, 2025 at noon in Room 1.



The Social Ministry Committee delivered 37 gift cards to JAM for children in the J'town area to have Christmas presents. Thank you to all who donated gift cards to this mission project.

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, held **every 3rd Thursday of the month, starting around 6pm** (or whatever time you can make it). No sign up, just show up—the aim is to have an easy, fun way to connect with each other—men & women, young & old, married & single. While this is an adult fellowship group, we'll check out venues around town that are kid-friendly, so you don't have to get a babysitter. Stop in for a quick visit or stay for dinner. Pay on your own.

**Join us in January for our next
THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY,
January 16th at 6pm - ish at:**



Bud's Tavern

9119 Galene Drive,
Louisville, KY 40299

<http://budsjtown.com/>

We're going back to a local J'town favorite to enjoy their menu that features a variety of BBQ, ribs, brisket, fish, and sandwiches. They have karaoke on Thursdays if anyone is feeling melodious!

Questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor

758-5108 or

spryor@bellsouth.net



JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			1 OFF 
5 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	6 12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg	7 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle	8 Wednesd resume m 7pm Cho
12 12:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	13 12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg	14 9:30am Tuesday Friends	15 7pm Cho ME Articles D
<div>← Pr. Bimen @ ELCA sponsored Asian Lutherans International Conference in Malaysia →</div>			
19 8:30am Worship 9:45am Meet & Greet with Bishop Graham 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	20 12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg	21 9:30am Tuesday Friends	22 7pm Cho
26 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm 1st Annual Chili Cook Off 1pm Annual Meeting	27 12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg	28 9:30am Tuesday Friends	29 7pm Cho

Happy New Year 🎉 Happy New Year 🎉 Happy New Year 🎉

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>ICE CLOSED</p> 	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>ay Friends will meeting in Feb. ir Rehearsal</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>ir Rehearsal SENSENGER to Liz Walker Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Thirsty Third Thursday @ Bud's Tavern</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
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<p>ir Rehearsal</p> <p>→</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>ir Rehearsal</p>	30	31	

CHRISTMAS @ CHRIST

Christmas at Christ Lutheran is always such a special time! With Advent services, the Chrismon tree, special social ministry initiatives, Advent suppers, beautiful sounds from our organ and choir, and of course our spectacular Christmas Eve services just to name a few. This year our attendance at the 5pm Christmas Eve service hit 189! The 9pm service had approximately 100 people worshipping.

All of this cheer simply doesn't happen. It takes many, many members to bring Christmas to our church for the month of December. Thank you to everyone who made this Christmas faith-filled & fabulous! Your time & talent did not go unnoticed!

Christmas by the Numbers:

- + 130 Votives place in the back wall of Chancel
- + 117 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes donated & shipped
- + 50+ Worship Assistants for all services
- + 37 Gift Cards for JAM families donated and delivered
- + 32 Pew Candles installed
- + 32 Pews cleaned
- + 30 Poinsettias
- + 15 Worship Opportunities
- + 3 Advent Suppers
- + 1 Chrismon tree
- + 1 Advent Wreath
- + 1 Christmas movie
- + Hundreds of bulletins
- + Worship and Caroling @ Forest Hills Commons
- + Endless moments to welcome Christ!







DATE:	TOPIC:	WHERE:
JANUARY 5 TH	TRANSFORMED	ROOM 8
JANUARY 12 TH	LIFT HERE COME THE MAGI	ROOM 5
JANUARY 19 TH	NO CLASS: MEET & GREET WITH BISHOP GRAHAM	GYM
JANUARY 26 TH	NO CLASS: ANNUAL MEETING & CHILI COOKOFF	GYM
FEBRUARY 2 ND	WHERE JOY IS FOUND	ROOM 8
FEBRUARY 9 TH	I AM NOTHING WITHOUT YOU	ROOM 8
FEBRUARY 16 TH	LIFT: LOOK TO GOD	ROOM 5
FEBRUARY 23 RD	ASK SEARCH KNOCK	ROOM 8
MARCH 2 ND	ARE YOU THERE GOD	ROOM 8
MARCH 9 TH	ANOTHER FINE MESS	ROOM 8
MARCH 16 TH	LIFT: JESUS ARRESTED	ROOM 5
MARCH 23 RD	YOUR SAFE PLACE	ROOM 8
MARCH 30 TH	NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK	-----
APRIL 6 TH	FACING THREATS	ROOM 8
APRIL 13 TH	LIFT: GOOD FRIDAY	ROOM 5
APRIL 20 TH	NO CLASS: EASTER	-----
APRIL 27 TH	GOD HELPS	ROOM 8
MAY 4 TH	WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLESSED	ROOM 8
MAY 11 TH	NO CLASS: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	-----
MAY 18 TH	NO CLASS: GRADUATION CELEBRATION	GYM



2025 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ❖ Lift meets in Room 5 from 9:45 to 10: 45 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise specified.
- ❖ Intergenerational, all ages welcome!!

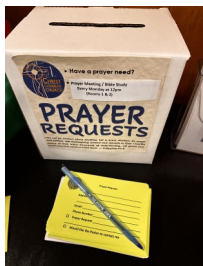
DATE:	LESSON:	MEETING PLACE:
JANUARY 12 TH	Here come the Magi! <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i>	ROOM 5
JANUARY 19 TH	MEET OUR NEW BISHOP	GYM
FEBRUARY 16 TH	Look to God <i>Psalms 121</i>	ROOM 5
MARCH 16 TH	Jesus Arrested <i>Matthew 26: 36-55</i>	ROOM 5
APRIL 13 TH	Good Friday <i>Matthew 27: 1-61</i>	ROOM 5
APRIL 20 TH	EASTER	NO CLASS
MAY 18 TH	GRADUATION CELEBRATION	GYM

Living In Faith Together

Note: January 12th and April 13th are schedule changes due to other events

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 hallway. This is an ongoing project to help Third World countries obtain water filtering equipment. Thank you for your donations that made this happen.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays

January Anniversaries

01/01	Kathy Armstrong	01/03	Charlise & Mark Fulmore
01/04	Logan Rush	01/04	Berliana & Pr. Bimen Limbong
01/05	Terri Kenitzer	01/05	Malissia & Jim Bell
01/06	Becky Miller	01/07	Kathy & Mike Kull
01/07	Phil Hernandez	01/14	Laura & Chris Kull
01/08	Rebecca Joe Ron Morgan		
01/10	MaryLou Miller Sara Ridgway		
01/11	Ed Greaves		
01/12	Roger Miller		
01/14	Susan Yankey		
01/18	Marilyn Peak		
01/19	Aurora Midaela Martinez		
01/20	Kathleen Breitenstein Barbara Hester		
01/22	Dave Bremner Jennifer Kemnitz		
01/23	Ashby Hallum		
01/26	Rose Straub		
01/27	Holly Ellenberger		
01/28	Earl Breitenstein Kara Funk		

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	8:30 am SERVICE	11:00 am SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
12/1/24	29	44	16	89
12/8/24	29	70	15	114
12/15/24	26	76	18	120
12/22/24	29	72	13	114
12/29/24	No Service	72	20	92

Advent / Christmas Eve Worship Service

DATE	SERVICE	IN PERSON	ONLINE	TOTAL
12/4/24	Mid-Week #1	25	8	33
12/11/24	Mid-Week #2	30	6	36
12/18/24	Mid-Week #3	28	1	29
12/21/24	Blue Christmas	20	No Data	20
12/24/24	5pm Worship	188	No Data	188
12/24/24	9pm Worship	97	No Data	97

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
12/2/24	No meeting	
12/9/24	No Meeting	
12/23/24	No Meeting	
12/30/24	No Meeting	

DATE	TOTAL
12/15/24	20 / 11

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 and Synod Reports.



ATTENDANCE

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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CLC JOB OPENINGS

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.

Job Title: Administrative Assistant

Supervisor: Lead Pastor

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

Christ Lutheran is looking for an administrative assistant who has excellent communication skills, will manage the day-to-day operation of the church office including but not limited to answering phones, greeting visitors, managing church records and the church calendar. This position requires attention to detail, being well organized, efficient in multitasking and comfortable using various software.

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