

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2025



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

When we were pregnant with our daughter Hannah, one of our members in Alaska gave us a book titled *What to Expect When You're Expecting* by Heidi Murkoff, Arlene Eisenberg, Sandee Hathaway, et al. That book basically spells out very much everything the new expected parents expect step by step during their pregnancy. It was very helpful for us as new parents.

I thought of using that as an analogy to inform you about what to expect as we are about to enter the Holy Week and Easter. Of course, it is good to keep in mind that not everything happens as expected. It is good to be open to expect the unexpected; let go and let God.

Believe it or not, we are very much at the end of our 40 days journey of Lent. Sunday April 6 will be the last Sunday in Lent. The following Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of our Holy Week. That day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem when people welcomed him and shouted, "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Sometimes that Sunday is called 'the Sunday of the Passion'. It is a conflated Sunday where celebration and passion are mixed together. Traditionally, here in our church, our services focus on the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. The services begin with the blessing of the palms and the procession itself when we sing our familiar processional hymn 'All Glory, Loud and Honor!'

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Then within the Holy Week, we will enter the holiest time called 'Easter/ Paschal Triduum' (the three days of Easter) that begins with Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil).

On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave them a 'mandate' to wash each other's feet. The service closes with the stripping of the altar that reminds us that our Lord Jesus stripped to the waist to wash his disciples' feet – and how He was stripped and beaten before his crucifixion.

Good Friday is the most solemn of all days in the Christian church. On Good Friday, we remember that on account of our sin the Lord was crucified and died, we give joyful thanks to God that all our sin and God's wrath over sin falls on Jesus and not on us, and that by his grace we receive the benefit of this most sacrificial act. We call it Good Friday, because indeed there is something good coming out of it, our forgiveness of sin and salvation.

Holy Saturday is a day between Good Friday and Easter. Holy Saturday encompasses our Lord's rest in the tomb and His descent to the dead. The descent to the dead is not, however, the depth of Christ's humiliation, but rather the demonstration of His complete victory over death. On this night, we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith; we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

And of course, we anticipate a joyful Easter on Sunday morning, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus conquered death and for those who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Please join me as we end our Lent journey and enter into the Holy Week and celebrate the joyful Easter. Indeed, "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!"

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

# UPCOMING *Events*



Our next meeting is Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Check out [page 6](#) for all the details of our new small group...**MELCA Group!**



**April 8<sup>th</sup>** join us for our **WELCA Circle**. See page 6 for details.



We will offer **Holy Week worship services at 7pm**. See page 4 for worship details. All services will be live streamed.



Join us for an **EASTER BREAKFAST** between services on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. See page 6 for details.



We pray you will join us for our Holy Week worship opportunities. We begin Holy Week celebrating the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. We continue with Him being forsaken, crucified and finally rising from the dead...Hallelujah!

All worship services will be live streamed. Links will be found on our website:

<http://www.christlutheranlouisville.com>

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

† 8:30am

† 11am - livestreamed

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### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

† 7pm - livestreamed

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### **Good Friday, April 18**

† 7pm - livestreamed

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### **Easter Vigil Saturday, April 19**

† 7pm - livestreamed

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### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

† 8:30am

† 9:45am Easter Breakfast

† 11am - livestreamed

**Invite your family, friends & neighbor to join you in this Lenten journey.**

# 2025 IS THE YEAR OF INVITING

## 2025 ...The Year of Inviting!

Fun things are happening in  
APRIL!

Join us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter morning worship! There will be an Easter Event on Palm Sunday! MELCA will meet April 4 & WELCA will meet on April 8th.

Invite a friend or two and  
come join the fun!



The graphic features the Christ Lutheran Church logo in the top left corner. The title "2025: A YEAR OF INVITING" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a list of events is organized by month, each with a colored circular icon: January (green) for Chili Cook Off, February (yellow) for Italian Night and MELCA - First Friday in February, March (purple) for Youth @ Activate and Rock Painting, April (teal) for Community Easter, May (orange) for Game Night, and June (green) for VBS and Pedal in the Parklands - Bike Ride. The bottom of the graphic includes contact information: an email icon for CHURCH.OFFICE@CHRISTLUTHERANLOUISVILLE.COM, a phone icon for 502-267-5082, and a website icon for CHRISTLUTHERANLOUISVILLE.COM. The background is decorated with various colorful patterns and icons like a cross, flowers, and a star.

**2025: A YEAR OF INVITING**

- JANUARY** Chili Cook Off
- FEBRUARY** Italian Night  
MELCA - First Friday in February
- MARCH** Youth @ Activate  
Rock Painting
- APRIL** Community Easter
- MAY** Game Night
- JUNE** VBS  
Pedal in the Parklands - Bike Ride

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## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through February 2025

Expected Receipts: \$62,378.00

Actual Receipts: \$90,860 .00

Thanks to everyone for their gifts. Due to advanced giving we should be ahead by \$42,800, however we are ahead by only \$28,122.

Thanks to our counters for the month of March,  
Trish & Randy Ferris.

Online  
Giving



SCAN ME



Join us for an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday between services, 9:45am-10:45am.

Attendees are asked to bring a casserole, pastries, coffee cake, or muffins.

Please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office, 502--267-5082.



## WELCA

will meet on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bring your lunch and join our Bible study. All women on Christ Lutheran are invited to join the group.

The group meets in Room 1.



Calling all men of Christ Lutheran! There's a **new small group at CLC** and if you're a man...you're INVITED!

Our new small group **Men of the ELCA or MELCA** for short.

This group will meet the first Friday night of every month at 7pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Why should WELCA have all the fun?

## CLC FAITHFUL SERVANT

### Samuel Limbong



Samuel Limbong admits college life is a little overwhelming. But then, when you're a first-year aerospace engineering major at the University of Alabama, you have to allow yourself a little grace.

"I like all the aerospace-specific courses — those are pretty interesting," Samuel says. "The harder ones are the general education courses, the ones that you have to take."

Samuel's no stranger to obligation, but maybe not for the reasons you might expect. "Even though our father is the pastor, my siblings and I like to give back to the church and the community just because it's the right thing to do. That's the big motivation."

Before heading to college, Samuel was a key part of the crew that streams our services each Sunday. He doesn't always stay behind the scenes, though, joining the Celebration Band to fill in on electric bass or cello periodically. Having grown up in Louisville since he was two, he makes sure to visit his friends and his CLC family when he comes home.

Clearly, Samuel is also no stranger to a challenge. In addition to engineering, he's studying Japanese, particularly because he's interested in the culture. "It's really hard, but the more you like it, the easier it gets."

He's also in the Rocketry Club on the avionics sub-team, which specializes in aviation electronics like sensors and communications systems. But it's not just a club — they compete for charity by raising donations based on how high their rockets fly.

When it comes to his future, we have faith Samuel will soar.



# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1	2 9:30am Friends 6pm Len 7pm Len Worship 7:45pm
6 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	7 12pm Prayer Mtg	8 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle	9 9:30am Friends 6pm Len 7pm Len Worship 7:45pm
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Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
<b>Leave off April 21-27th</b> →			
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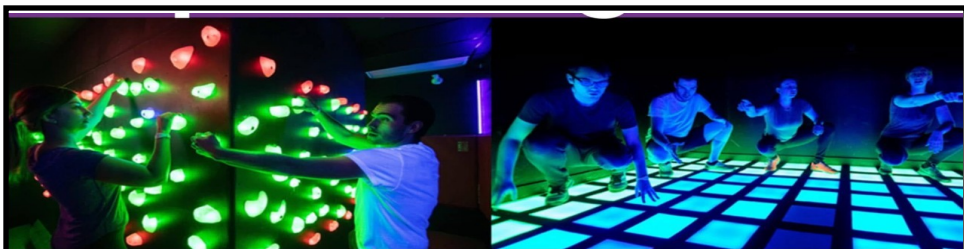
## ROCK PAINTING...CLC'S GIFT TO J'TOWN

On Sunday, March 9 a group of talented members & youth along with friends met in Room 7. Armed with creative ideas, rocks, paint brushes and faithful hearts these individuals created beautiful painted rocks adorned with Jesus' love. These rocks will find their way into the hands of our community neighbors at the next annual Gaslight Festival.

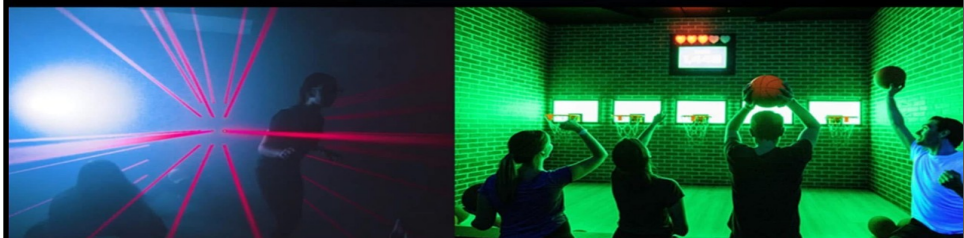


The rocks are handed out by our volunteers manning the CLC tent at the festival and they are the most popular SWAG of the day!! What a beautiful and creative way to share our love of Jesus, Christ Lutheran Church and our community as well as Jesus' love for us!!





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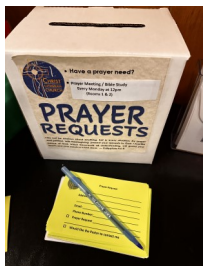


## Youth Event



## 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.



## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
04/04	Emmanuel Korgar	04/01	Jennifer & Robert Kemnitz
04/06	Bruce Alder	04/03	Susan & Stephen Yankey
04/07	Nancy Walsh	04/13	Marilyn & Raymond Peak
04/09	Leroy Koch	04/16	Sherry & Mark Davis
4/11	Jackson Phillips Alice Spaulding	04/28	Taren & Scot Winskye
04/12	Sarah Pryor	 <p>HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY</p> <p>HAPPY Anniversary FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY</p>	
4/14	Wilma Brown		
4/17	Melissa Turpen		
4/19	Barry Barmore		
4/20	Anne Hernandez Karen Westbrooks		
4/23	Luke Dawson		
4/24	Hannah Gibson		
4/26	Marjorie Hill		
4/27	Kinsley Hoehner		
04/28	Lucas Selch		

  
**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 SERVICE	11:00 SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
03/02/25	40	66	18	124
03/09/25	23	55	16	94
03/16/25	40	44	NR	84
03/23/25				
03/30/25				

	IN PERSON	ONLINE
03/03/25	7	0
03/10/25	6	0
03/17/25	4	0
03/24/25	5	0
03/31/25	4	0

DATE	TOTAL
03/25	N/S

### Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering Forest Hills Worship

### 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. Please include all family member full names on the cards.

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

## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## NEWLY ADDED WORSHIP ASSISTANT POSITION

Have you noticed a new lay position during our worship services? With Pastor Mercer's retirement, we have begun using lay people in the role of Liturgist, to assist Pastor Limbong during our two Sunday worship services. We could always use a few more folks who might be willing to serve in this capacity. If you feel called to help, let Pastor Bimen know.

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## WELCOME KAREN WILSON



There is a new face in the church office. Please stop by and welcome Karen Wilson to our staff! Karen has 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading and bike riding, and her favorite place to ride is Cherokee Park. Karen is happy to be here as the new Administrative Assistant and is excited to start on this new adventure. If you have a chance, stop by the church office and welcome Karen into our church family.



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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.