

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2025



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*“In the last days it will be, God declares that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.” (Acts 2:17-18)*

Grace and peace to you my siblings in Christ,

Seven Sundays of Easter have passed. Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection we celebrate Pentecost. The number 50 has a significant meaning in the Bible. First, it signifies the Jubilee. Every 50th year, the Israelite were to declare a year of jubilee, a time of rest of the land, release for the slaves, and forgiveness of debts, symbolizing a complete return to the original order and a fresh start (Leviticus 25:11-12).

Secondly, it signifies the fifty days after Passover, or the Feast of Weeks to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. As Christians, it signifies Pentecost, the fifty days after Jesus' resurrection when God outpoured his Holy Spirit upon those

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who gathered in Jerusalem. The presence of fire and heavy wind during Pentecost also signifies the presence of God on the Mount Sinai when Moses received the Ten Commandments. For us we celebrate Pentecost as God gifted his people with the Holy Spirit to continue the works of Christ in the world.

In Pentecost we learn that God poured his Holy Spirit upon all flesh: “and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.” (Acts 2:17-18).

Pentecost also marked as the birth of the church, the church of all nations where their languages are no longer divided but united people from every corner of the world. The same Holy Spirit was poured upon us in our baptism ‘the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of council and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in God’s presence now and forever’ (ELW). The Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and sends us into the world for the sake of the gospel.

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the church year. Sometimes this Season is called ‘Green Season’ signifying the growth of the church or the Ordinary season because indeed, God is at work even in our ordinary or mundane season of our lives. We are nourished by God’s Word and Sacraments to grow and live out our baptismal promises in a means of grace.

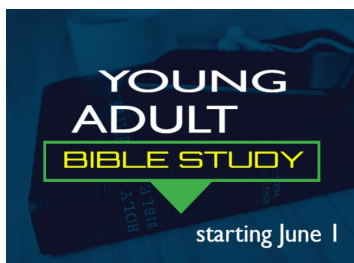
Sisters and brothers, as we enter this Pentecost or Green season, I invite you to focus on your Spiritual growth by participating in our worship, Bible Study, prayer and other ministry opportunities in our church. Our involvements in the life and ministry of the church and services will help boost our spiritual growth.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

# UPCOMING *Events*



Starting **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, a **Young Adult (20-30 yo) Bible Study** will meet in Room 8. Check out **page 6** for details.



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



**June 10<sup>th</sup>** join us for our **WELCA Circle**. See page 4 for details.



Calling all **YOUTH 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade!** Please join us for a fun **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT** on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 5pm outside by the Brick House. Drinks and refreshments provided.

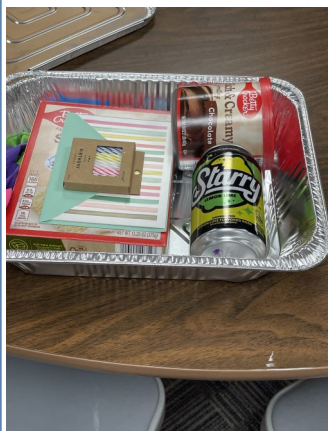


Mark your calendars for a **YOUNG ADULT GRILL & CHILL COOK OUT** on **June 28<sup>th</sup>**, 5pm - 9pm on the Brick House Patio. Main course provided, Please bring a side or dessert. Yard games and Worship.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, June 10<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.



During the May WELCA meeting 36 Birthday Boxes were assembled for families to celebrate a family birthday. These boxes were delivered to JAM for distribution. A huge thank you to Pam Ballinger for contacting Thrivent Action Teams to provide funds for this project.



Calling all men of Christ Lutheran! You're invited to our **men's small group at CLC!**

Come and see what **Men of the ELCA** or **MELCA** for short is all about.

This group will meet the first Friday night of every month at 7pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Why should WELCA have all the fun?



## 2025 IS THE YEAR OF INVITING



The graphic features a calendar for 2025 with a light blue background and various colorful icons (flowers, swirls, stars). The Christ Lutheran Church logo is in the top left. The title '2025: A YEAR OF INVITING' is prominently displayed. The calendar lists events for each month from January to June.

Month	Event
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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Fun things are happening in  
JUNE!!!!

Join us for True North VBS  
June 9th - 13th.

Pedal in the Parklands Bike  
Ride details will be published  
soon!

June 21 at 1 pm - Youth Open  
Gym

June 28 at 5:00pm - Young  
Adult Grill and Chill

Invite a friend or two and  
come join the fun!

## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through April 2025

Expected Receipts: \$134,752.00

Actual Receipts: \$157,085.00

The surplus is because of advance giving. We thank everyone for their gifts. We estimate that we are behind by \$16,000 in church envelopes.

Thanks to our counters for the month of May-  
Roger & Becky Miller.

Memorials were received in April in memory of Ted Potts.

[Online  
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

# SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER ... BUT CLC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS GOING STRONG

School is out, and summer has began!! CLC's Christian Education Committee has lots of fun ahead! Evening VBS will take place June 9th - 13th and we cannot wait to explore with Jesus in the Alaskan wilderness! Registration closes on May 30 at [myvbs.org/vbsCLC](http://myvbs.org/vbsCLC).

We finished our Sunday school season with our annual graduation celebration in conjunction with Pastor Mercer's 60th anniversary of ordination. We honored and prayed over 18 who are promoting to middle and high school, and those graduation from high school and college. Thanks to all who helped make these events a special time for all. Thank you to everyone who attended and showed their support and gratitude. We are praying for everyone's continued success. Check out pages 8-9 for names of graduates and photos.

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## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTING JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

The **Young Adult Bible Study** will take place on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:45 am - 10:45 am) in Room 8.

**We will begin meeting weekly on June 1<sup>st</sup>.** The

Bible Study will be a chapter-by-chapter

exploration of the Gospel of Luke. Content will be focused toward **young adults ages 20-30**, but high school graduates, under 20, and people exceeding 30 are welcome. This bible study will take the format of guided discussion, opening the space for conversation and peer-based growth. Come, learn with us, and let's grow in faith together.







Co-members of Christ Lutheran Church,

I take this opportunity to thank you for the gracious recognition of my 60<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination. The gospel text for Sunday, May 18 was Jesus talking to his disciples about love. We are his disciples in this 21<sup>st</sup> century and you all showed love for me and to the young people with their educational achievements.

60 years is a long time, but at times it seems like it was just yesterday that I was ordained for Gospel Ministry. I really appreciate all your support during my time as Pastoral Assistant as well as the joy I received and hopefully gave in this ministry.

Thanks too for Pr. Bimen's remembrance at worship and for cards, flowers, and conversations Sunday. It was a grand day.

I close with this advice from the Luther-Annes, a quintet of church ladies of the 1960's. (Only male pastors then)

### **UP IN THE PULPIT**

(sung to the tune "Up On The Housetop")

Up in the pulpit, good and wise, hear our Pastor Sermonize  
Hark to the message that he gives---"Man must change in the  
way he lives!"

Ho, ho, ho who wants to know  
We must change, oh what a blow.

Up in the pulpit, hear him shout, --"Prayin' is in, and sinnin's out!"

Up in the pulpit, loud and clear. Pastor's bendin' every ear.

"Grow in knowledge and grow in grace. Grow in love for  
the human race."

Ho, ho, ho who wants to know

I for one don't want to grow,

Up in the pulpit, I can see, All of his sermons are aimed at me!

Yours with Grace and Love,  
Pastor George Mercer

## MAY 18TH - A DAY OF CELEBRATION

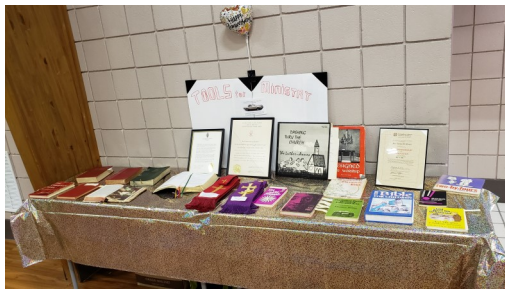
Sunday, May 18th...a great day of joy and celebration for Christ Lutheran! First up, a celebration for the **60th Anniversary of Ordination** for Pastor George Mercer. Pastor Mercer has dedicated 60 years of his life to living the face of Christ. We at Christ Lutheran are so grateful for his years of service, especially his most recent time assisting Pastor Limbong in our ministries! Thank you Pastor Mercer!

Next up we celebrated **18 graduates** from 5th, 8th and 12th grade as well as 3 universities! We are so excited for our cherished youth and young adults as they move on in their education journeys!

Congratulations to Luke Dawson (5th grade, Farmer Elementary), Sean Funk (5th grade, Greathouse Shryock Traditional Elementary), Molly Turpen (8th Grade, St. Michael's Catholic School), Kara Funk (8th grade, Barrett Traditional Middle School), Jamie Richardson (8th grade, South Oldham Middle School), Kate Kratt (8th grade, Christian Academy), Petra Limbong (12th grade, Dupont Manual High School), James Pryor (12th grade, Oldham County High School), Kyle Mertz (12th grade, Dupont Manual High School), Mylo McDonald (12th grade, Dupont Manual High School), Keaton Walker (12th grade, Trinity High School), Noelle Winsky (12th grade, Oldham County High School), Grant Stephens (12th grade, DeSales High School) Sarah Brace (12th grade, Oldham County High School), Timmy Jordan, (12th grade, Dupont Manual High School), Molly Pryor (BA, Northern KY University), Walker Bell (BA, Western KY University), and Michael Hernandez (BA, University of Louisville).

So many **BLESSINGS to celebrate**. Much love and luck to everyone!





# JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue
<div>1</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>9:45am Young Adult Bible Study Begins</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>2</div> <div>12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div>
<div>8</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div> <div>2pm Worship @ Forest Hills Commons</div>	<div>9</div> <div>12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div> <div>12pm WELCA Circle</div> <div>True 5:30</div>
<div>15</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div> <div>MESSENGER</div> <div>Articles to Liz Walker</div> <div>Deadline</div>	<div>16</div> <div>12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div>
<div>22</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>23</div> <div>12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div>
<div>29</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>30</div> <div>12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg</div>	



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7pm MELCA Group	<b>7</b> 1pm Youth Kickball Tournament
<b>11</b> 9:30am Wednesday Friends  <b>North VBS</b> <b>0pm - 8pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30am Wednesday Friends	<b>19</b> 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday 3rd Turn - Oldham Gardens	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1pm Youth Open Gym
<b>25</b> 9:30am Wednesday Friends	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5pm Young Adult Grill & Chill Cook Out Brick House Patio

## **OUR PROPERTY IS POPPIN'!!!**

The property committee and Wednesday Friends have been busy lately! Before the big rain we had, Dale replaced the old sump pump in the Brick House with a new one. That was quite timely! Then on Easter Sunday, Dale learned that the hot water in the kitchen was not working like it should. After much work, he replaced the expansion tank and did some other work, and was able to get it working again.

Raymond and Marilyn Peak each received a Thrivent grant, and put them to good use: one for playground mulch, and the other for flowers and shrubs around the building. Outside the gym doors you may notice the Candy Corn Spirea. The corner by the choir room has purple Angelonia, and the front entrance on Taylorsville road has lantana growing, as does the back garden. The playground has had eight pickup loads of new mulch added it.

The carpet in the building has been cleaned (\$1250) by All Quality Services early in May and the kitchen tile floor was steam cleaned/rinsed and the tile and grout was sealed with Fluoro chemical protector, which protects against spills, stains, dirt and grime (\$1225).

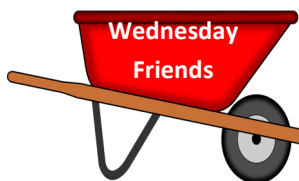
The historic sign that was in front of our church, until someone drove through it knocking it down, has been welded back together and will be replaced soon.

The Jeffersontown Fire Marshall did his "annual" inspection, and said our church needed to have motion sensors on the Sonitrol doors and we needed to have our fire alarm system inspected. Koorsen was brought in for the fire alarm inspection for \$998, and Sonitrol has added motion detectors to the two doors for \$900! We also check the exit signs and emergency lights in the building monthly to be sure they are working properly, as required by the fire marshal.



The lawn is being mowed by Rod Hester, with help from Dale Breitenstein or Raymond Peak, if needed. Dale continues to mow the cemetery. Wednesday Friends continue to weed around the grounds, and trim bushes, and pick up trash.

And please know anyone is welcome to come help for as long as you like. We usually start about 9:30 and work until 11:30 or whenever we feel like quitting!



## THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

*Thirsty for theology? Thirsty for connection & fellowship?...or just thirsty?*

Whatever you thirst for, join us for one of our monthly gatherings, held **every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!**



**Thursday, June 19, 6pm-ish at:  
3rd Turn Oldham Gardens**

<https://3rdturnbrewing.com/>

6300 Old Lagrange Rd,  
Crestwood, KY 40014

*A laid-back beer garden atmosphere, with 32 beer taps, wine, slushies, soda, and water. Get elevated pub food from the Backside Grill. Great outdoor spaces with firepits (in June, the wisteria may be in bloom!), or indoor seating if the weather doesn't cooperate.*



**Questions or suggestions?**  
Contact Sarah Pryor,  
758-5108 or  
[spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net)





## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS**

Isaiah Hardesty, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, has a lot planned in June and July, and if you are a youth member or a young adult at CLC you won't want to miss out on the fun. Mark your calendars and get ready to get to know Isaiah, and other young members of our church! Refreshments to be served at all events. Check out all the upcoming events below.

<b>DATE / TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>
JUNE 7, 1-5PM	KICKBALL TOURNAMENT	YOUTH, 6 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
JUNE 21, 1-5PM	OPEN GYM	YOUTH, 6 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
JUNE 28, 5-9PM	COOK OUT	YOUNG ADULT, 20- 30 YEAR OLDS
JULY 19, 5-8PM	COOK OUT	YOUTH, 6 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
JULY 26, 1-5PM	OPEN GYM	YOUTH, 6 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## **ST. THOMAS MASS**

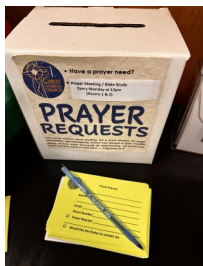
Do you enjoy alternative worship experiences?

If so, mark your calendar for July 13th at 11am. Our only worship service that day will be in the form of a St. Thomas Mass. The service will be held in the gym to accommodate the many interactive faith-based stations. We invite you to experience this hands-on worship service.

There will not be an 8:30 am worship service July 13.

## 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 Bible Study / Prayer Meeting.

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### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY / PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly Bible study and 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

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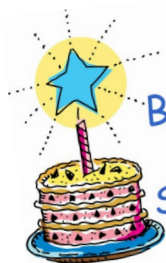
### ONGOING SOCIAL MINISTRY WORK



Please remember to place your gently used shoes in the WaterStep bin in the hallway by the solarium. This is an ongoing project to help Third World countries obtain water filtering equipment. Thank you for your donations that make this happen.

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
6/1	Silvia Schuette	6/1	Chris & Lisa Huber
6/7	Megan Fjelstad	6/8	Pr. George & Marty Mercer
6/8	Laura Haaland Rita Sarson	6/12	Jay & Sarah Pryor
6/11	Kaitlyn Hoehner	6/13	Will & Bonnie Kroening
6/12	Robert Kemnitz	6/15	Bob & Ann Wade
6/13	Dr. Fred Schuette	6/18	Dr. Fred & Silvia Schuette
6/15	Bud Goss	6/20	Phil & Anne Hernandez
6/18	Randy Hesler Zoe Kenitzer Sheryll Pierce	6/26	Nina & Rich Hallum
6/21	Nora Bruederle		
6/23	Noelle Winskye		
6/24	Jay Pryor		
6/30	David Loetz		



**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
SPECIAL DAY!**

**HAPPY  
Birthday  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY**

**HAPPY  
Anniversary  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY**

**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
5/4/25	28	50	16	94
5/11/25	33	65	6	104
5/18/25	39	66	17	122
5/25/25	33	86	15	134

### Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
5/5/25	9	0
5/12/25	5	0
5/19/25	8	0
5/26/25	N/S	0

### Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
5/11/25	17

### 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 church records up to date. Attendance is recorded every Sunday. This data is included in our Annual Report and sent via the annual report to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod office.

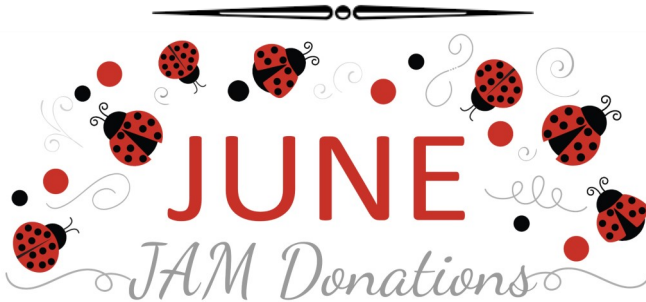


# ATTENDANCE

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

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Please remember that the Social Ministry Committee collects items for Jeffersontown Area Ministries each and every month. These donations help so many of our J'town neighbors. It is vital part of our church mission.

For the month of June donations are for KID FRIENDLY FOOD SNACKS. Please consider donating items like:

- + Crackers
  - + Goldfish
  - + Multigrain/Granola Bars
  - + Microwavable Meals not frozen/refrigerated
  - + Cereal
  - + Assorted Snack Packs
- NO PEANUT BUTTER PRODUCTS**

With school out for summer, these items may be the only food items some of our community children get each day.



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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.