

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2025



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“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen” (Luke 24:5)

Happy Easter to you all!

Indeed, Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed Alleluia!

First of all I would like to thank all of you who prepared for our Holy Week services, Worship and Communion assistants, choir members, those who helped with our Easter breakfast and those who donated Easter lilies to adorn our sanctuary. Because of what you did, we were able to provide meaningful worship experiences and made our church a welcoming place to worship. All the services went very well but it took lots of preparations and energies to do so for all of us. I was grateful to have a week off including a Sunday to take some rest and recuperate.

Once again when the angels of the Lord comforted the fear stricken women who came to the tomb that morning to bring spices for Jesus' body, they told them not to look for the living among the dead because

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Jesus is no longer there but has risen. Death no longer has power over Jesus, nor does it have power over our lives.

Indeed, Jesus has been raised from the dead once and for all and lives forever. And because He lives, we too may have a new life in Him. His resurrection proves once again that there is nothing impossible for God. With that we can face uncertainty of tomorrow with confidence.

That is to say, if Jesus died once and for all and lives forever. It means Easter did not happen once. Easter happens each and every day. Easter is forever. We are the Easter people who believe in death but also in a certain promise of resurrection.

We can experience Easter, the signs of new life each and every day both in literal and metaphorical sense. As we are entering the Spring season now, it shows us the true signs of Easter or new life. Our earth seems to come to life once again. All the trees, shrubs, grass and flowers spring up after they died or went dormant through the winter season. I watched the birds in our backyard that laid their eggs in their nests and now they are hatched, they too, are signs of Easter or new life.

Have you seen signs of new life around you or in our church lately? I see signs of new life in our church with a momentum of people finding their places in our church and finding ways to get involved in the life and ministry of our church. I see people reaching out and caring for each other. By hiring our new director of youth and young adults, Isaiah Hardesty, I see the sign of new life, hope and growth for our youth and young adults in their spiritual formations. Open your eyes and hearts to see and comprehend the signs of Easter or new life in your life and in the life of our church. Indeed, Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia !

Serving Christ with You,


Pr. Bimen Limbong



UPCOMING *Events*



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



May 13th join us for our **WELCA Circle**. See page 4 for details.



All Women of CLC are invited to join Rita Sarson & Sherry Davis on **May 13th** for a service project during **WELCA Circle**. See page 4 for details. .



CLC VBS is BACK and they are heading to the Alaskan Tundra **June 9-13, 2025**. See page 6 for all the details.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, May 13th 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.



This month join Rita Sarson and Sherry Davis in a service project making Birthday Cake Boxes for JAM. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship while helping our community.



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 6th. Why should WELCA have all the fun?



2025 IS THE YEAR OF INVITING



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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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2025 ...The Year of Inviting!

Fun things are happening in
APRIL!

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

Invite a friend or two and come join the fun!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through March 2025

Expected Receipts: \$101,483.00

Actual Receipts: \$128,932.00

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. We will have a better picture at the end of April.

[Online
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thanks to our counters for the month of April - Jane & Tom Farrar.

Memorials were received in March in memory of Audrey Albin, Ted Potts and MaryLou Vaughn.



WHO'S READY FOR S'MORE VBS THIS SUMMER?

Get your hiking boots, and bring your binoculars as we journey to the True North this summer!

During this fun filled week we will trek through the Alaskan tundra while learning about Jesus' faithful and trusting friendship. Each day's

adventures will be bursting with the glow of northern lights, vistas of majestic mountains, and the wonder of God's wildest creatures.

As we hike along get ready to meet new bible buddies, dance, sing, play & discover what a friend we have in Jesus all week long!

Who: Youth ages K-5th grades

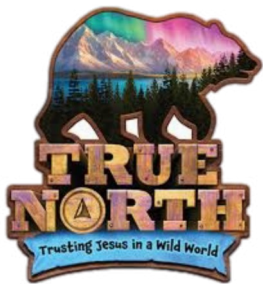
When: June 9th-13th from 6 to 8 p.m. Don't worry about grabbing dinner before coming we have you covered. Each night we will have dinner at 5:30 p.m. before we start our adventures. This is optional.

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

Please register online at: myvbs.org/vbsCLC
by Friday 5/30/25, or scan QR Code.



Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors. We can't wait to see you!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS YOUTH GRADES 6-12 AND ADULTS OF ALL AGES!!

The Christian Education committee is happy to announce we will be hosting VBS during the **evenings June 9-13 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** To make this year another awesome success we need your help in the following areas:

Meal hosts- Will help prepare and serve the meals prior to VBS. Please note you would need to be available in the late afternoon to be able to prepare the meal to serve by 5:30 p.m. Meals will have been planned and items purchased in advance.

Opening & Closing Hosts: This group will work with Pastor Bimen on the opening and closing gatherings. Sing and Play Peak & Compass Closing. *"Start the evening with high-energy music, and meet a new Bible Memory Buddy each day. Wrap up the evening with cool science experiments, drama, and music that all tie to the daily Bible Point."*

Special Area volunteers- We have four special areas that need leaders and leader helpers:

Wild Bible Adventures- *"In Wild Bible Adventures, kids trek through powerful Bible stories that demonstrate how Jesus is their unmovable, unshakable friend forever."*

Imagination Station- *"Imagination Station is the sciency spot for creativity, discovery, and surprising faith connections!"*

Sticky Scripture *"Immerse kids in the daily Scripture so they will UNDERSTAND God's Word, APPLY it to their lives, and REMEMBER the Scripture for years to come!"*

Glacier Games *"Glacier Games combines wild fun with meaningful learning about eachday's Bible Point!"*

If you are interested in helping, please mark your calendars for our first VBS team meeting on **Sunday May 4th at 12:30 p.m.** We will discuss and plan for another fun year! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Liz Dawson, fabuliz10@yahoo.com with your intent to commit to VBS by Friday 5/2/25. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our youth.

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	5 12pm Prayer Mtg Pickleball 10am-12pm	6 9:30am Tuesday Friends Texas Roadhouse Gym 6-8pm	7 9:30am V Friends 7pm Ch Pickleba
11 Mother's Day 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	12 12pm Prayer Mtg Pickleball 10am-12pm	13 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle - Service Project Texas Roadhouse Gym 6-8pm	14 9:30am V Friends 7pm Ch Pickleba
18 8:30am Worship 9:45am Pr. Mercer's Ordination Anniversary/ Graduation Reception 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm Snack Pack Event	19 12pm Prayer Mtg Pickleball 10am-12pm	20 9:30am Tuesday Friends Texas Roadhouse Gym 6-8pm	21 9:30am V Friends 7pm Ch Pickleba
25 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	26 12pm Prayer Mtg Pickleball 10am-12pm	27 9:30am Tuesday Friends Texas Roadhouse Gym 6-8pm	28 9:30am V Friends 7pm Ch Pickleba



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 KY Oaks 7pm MELCA Group 	3 KY Derby 
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal All 10am-12pm	8	9	10
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal All 10am-12pm	15 MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16	17
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal All 10am-12pm	22	23	24
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal All 10am-12pm	29	30 Deadline to register for TRUE NORTH VBS  	31

CLC FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Mike & Jean Barney



When you sit down with Jean and Mike Barney, you're probably going to hear some interesting stories.

They moved to Louisville in 2008 from California (having lived on a sailboat for six years) to be closer to their daughter, who had just adopted a child from Kazakhstan. Later, they welcomed a granddaughter from Ethiopia. Their other daughter lives in Kansas with her husband and two grown sons.

The Barneys joined CLC in 2009. "We tried some other churches," Mike says, "but when we came here, it was like family."

Obviously, music plays a big part in the Barneys' life. Having sung in choirs back in Sacramento, Jean and Mike sing alto and bass respectively in our senior choir. Mike plays electric bass in the celebration band and also performs around town with several groups. In addition to bass, he plays guitar, mandolin, keyboards, and dabbles in percussion. Jean is his dedicated roadie.

You'll often see Jean serving as Communion Assistant and there's no mistaking Mike's voice when he reads as Lector. Both have worked on Vacation Bible School in past years, and both are on the Property Committee (you can thank them for our emergency lights and fresh air filters.)

Once, when Mike was changing a filter in Room 5, there was a battery short and his arm hair caught on fire, earning him the nickname Sparky. Another time, Mike and Jean were helping with the church landscaping. As Mike edged the front of the church, he ran into an underground nest of hornets. "I dropped that weed whacker and those hornets went after it like it was alive."

Just recently, Jean and Mike learned it would take two years for the manufacturer to repair our historical sign, which was damaged in a car accident. They took it upon themselves to have it fixed locally — in about four days. "We're really proud of our church," Mike says, "and we wanted to show it."

As the Barneys celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary, they remember when they met in high school back in California. “She sat behind me in geometry,” Mike recalls. “I borrowed everything I could from her — paper, pencils, protractors, you name it. And I never gave it back.” Until their 34th anniversary, when Mike actually gave all those items back to Jean.

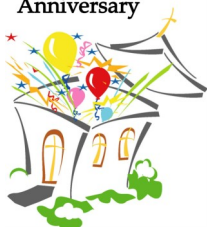
A conversation with Mike and Jean might turn to Mike’s service in the Navy as a translator (he speaks Chinese, among other languages, and served in Vietnam Nam, Okinawa, and NSA), or the books they’re reading together (currently a biography of John Wayne), or their life at sea. But ultimately, the conversation always returns to family, which includes their CLC family. Both are clearly dear to them.

So, the next time you see Mike and Jean, ask them what they’re up to. And get ready for a good story.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Ordination
Anniversary



On Sunday, May 18 the Church Council will host a reception in honor of the 60th Anniversary of Pastor George Mercer’s Ordination. The reception will take place in gym between services, 9:45-10:45am. Everyone is invited to come and congratulate Pastor Mercer.

Pastor Mercer has requested no gifts or cards. If you would like to honor him, please consider a donation to JA, World Hunger or Disaster Relief in his honor would be appreciated.

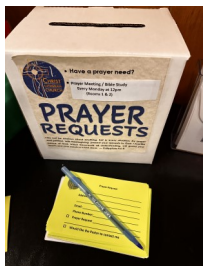
On Sunday, May 18 following the 11am service, the Social Ministry Committee will pack snack packs for the food insecure in our area. If you would like to help pack some snacks just swing by the gym.

If you would like to make a cash donation to help purchase these much needed snacks, please place your donation in the offering plate marked “Snack Pack Donation”.



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 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](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.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
5/1	Carol Breitenstein	5/8	Marti & Bill Gibson
5/3	Hannah Limbong	5/9	Becky & Roger Miller
5/4	Emelyn Merchant	5/11	Kathleen & Dale Breitenstein
5/5	Barbara Rowland	5/15	Deborah & William Scott
5/7	Walker Bell	5/18	Jean & Mike Barney
5/8	Mark Davis	5/22	Wendy & Larry Glenn
5/11	Indiana Dawson Pr. Bimen Limbong Linda Reiter	5/24	Jeannie & Rick Uhl
5/12	Pamela Howard Lisa Huber Nick Zavagli	5/29	Jessica & Matt Bruederle
5/15	Beth Allgeier		
5/16	Dale Breitenstein		
5/19	Alex Paul Emily Paul		
5/20	Sherry Hesler Liz Walker		
5/24	Ron Coombs Hayley Glenn		
5/25	Betty Payne		
5/27	Florence Bright		

**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
4/6/25	26	63	9	98
4/13/25	47	100	19	166
4/20/25	18	157	72	247
4/27/25	27	65		92

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
4/7/25	9	0
4/14/25	8	0
4/21/25	9	0
4/28/25	8	0

DATE	TOTAL
4/13/25	Cancelled



PLEASE REMEMBER...

ATTENDANCE

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.

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

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WELCOME ISAAH HARDESTY

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Isaiah Hardesty is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Louisville. He is a full-time student and active in the Wesley Foundation, a campus ministry at U of L.

Isaiah grew up in Hanson, KY. Throughout his childhood and youth, he was extremely active in a local congregation. This included service on youth leadership teams, multiple worship teams, and the media team. The latter of these opportunities opened the door for his first occupational opportunity within a church setting as a Summer Media Intern, the summer before his first semester at U of L. In the spring of 2024, Isaiah accepted his call to ministry and began to pursue opportunities for further ministerial work.

Isaiah's experience within youth ministry involves his service within leadership groups during his own time as a youth and his employment as Summer Staff at Camp Loucon, a Christian summer camp in Leitchfield, KY, over the summer of 2024.

Isaiah's experience withing Young Adult ministry centers around his work as the main leader of the Louisville Wesley Foundation, a position he took in August of 2024. He is still active in this role and plans to continue in this form of service throughout his time as an undergraduate at the University of Louisville.



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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.