

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



JULY 2025

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*"The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:38-39)*

Go and tell how much God has done for you. The verses above were part of an exorcism story of a man who was possessed by demons or legions in Gerasene. Upon his healing, he came and asked Jesus to be with him as one of his disciples. Instead Jesus sent him home to declare how much God has done for him and he did. He went away proclaiming how much Jesus had done for him. I find that to be fascinating. It seems that Jesus has calculated that man's request. It would be more effective for that man to do so then to follow Jesus and his disciple back to Galilee. Just like the woman whom Jesus encountered at the well. She went back to her hometown and told everyone about Jesus saying, *"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? They left the city and were on their way to him"*. (John 4:29-30).

We are living in a world where we are being bombarded by bad news with politics, hatred, bigotry, violence and wars while there are so many other good things are happening in this world. It is so ironic that the mass media

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determine what important news or 'breaking news' is. Well, we cannot blame them.

As the followers of Christ, we are called to share the good news of Jesus. We don't need to wait for someone else to do it. We are the harbingers of the good news of God. As God said through the prophet Isaiah, "*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?...*" (Isaiah 43:19)

We are called to come and see what God is doing all around us. We just need to open our eyes and our hearts to see and perceive them. Francis Bacon, a prominent early advocate of observation-based scientific method, recognized that God has written two books: Scripture (God's Word) and the book of nature (God's Works). We can see God and learn about God and his works from both the Scriptures and God's creations all around us. Like the hymn "*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*"

Just to name some of the things that God is doing in our church through our people; two weeks ago we offered our Vacation Bible School to our church and neighbors. The seeds that we planted will not go in vain. God will make them grow and bear fruits in due time. We have a group of people who have been making cards to be sent to our folks especially the sick, hospitalized and the homebound members. Tuesday group makes blankets that we send to people here at home or overseas. Our Wednesday group comes every week to take care of our landscape and building. Our caring ministry group prepares meals for members who are sick or in recovery. Others involved in planning and helping with our services, the youth who livestream our services so that those who cannot be here with us in persons can join our service. We partner with JAM to support the needs of our community. We offered generous financial supports to the ELCA Disaster Relief, a struggling congregation in our conference, an ELCA congregation in Somerset damaged by tornado, the victims of flood in my hometown in Sumatra and other disasters. There are countless great things that God is doing in our community and the world in which we are part of that we need to celebrate. The season after Pentecost, is a growing season and a season to see and watch the wonderful thing that God has done and continue to do among us. Come and see, then go and tell. Be the proclaimer of all the great things that God has done and continues to do.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

# UPCOMING Events



Calling all **YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**!  
Join us for a **YOUTH COOKOUT** on  
**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>** 5-8pm. Check out page 5  
for details.



Mark your calendars for our  
**ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MASS** on  
**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**. This will be the  
**ONLY** worship service on this  
Sunday.  
See page 4 for details.



**THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY**  
with the **LOUISVILLE BATS**!  
CLC storms Slugger Field,  
**SATURDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**. First  
Pitch 7:15pm. Check out page  
12 for details.



**ROCK PAINTING WITH RITA**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**. Check  
page 7 for details



It's **SUMMERTIME** and that means it's time for our **ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MASS.**

If you have never experienced this unique worship service, don't miss this opportunity on **Sunday, July 13th at 11am**.

The service begins with our liturgy, but soon becomes interactive. After an open dialogue with Pastor Bimen doing the homily Dwelling in God's Word, worshipers are invited to visit the many stations around the gym: Communion, Anointing, Learning about Paraments, Painting rocks with inspirational words/decorations for the Gaslight Festival, Remembrance of our baptisms, and Prayer requests. It is a self guided time to focus and worship at your own pace until called back to your seat to conclude the service.

Please note that this will be the **ONLY** worship service on this day.

Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch. Please sign up to bring a dish (meat, vegetables, salad or desert) on the signup sheet in the Narthex or by reaching out to the office. Beverages will be provided.



## **FINANCE**

### **General Fund Giving through May 2025**

Expected Receipts: \$165,952.00

Actual Receipts: \$188,699.00

Thank you for your continued support in our mission in walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors.

Thanks to our counters for the month of June- Dale Breitenstein, John Schmitt, & Cathy Sigdestad.

**Online  
Giving**



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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES REBRANDED

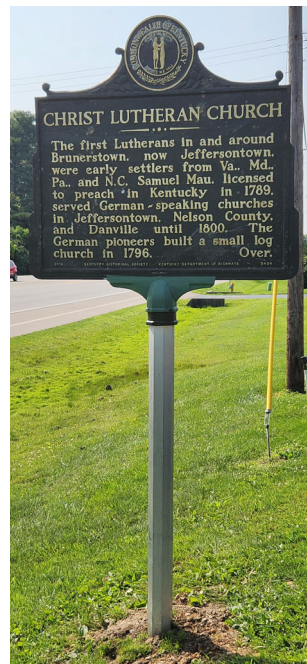
Isaiah Hardesty, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, is continuing to grow and develop our youth groups at CLC.

ILLUMINATE - formerly GIFT - embodies youth who are in 6th-12th grade as well as young adults, ages 20-30 years old. The Spirit Group is for our youngest youth; those kiddos in kindergarten to 5th grade.

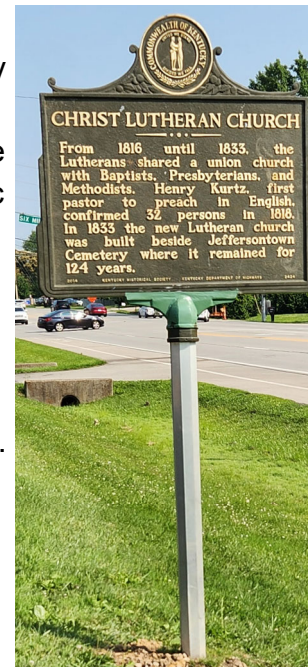


Be on the lookout for events throughout the summer and in the fall. Our next Illuminate Youth Event is scheduled for July 26th which is a cook- out for youth and their families. The main dish will be provided, attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP with Isaiah Hardesty, [youth\\_director@christlutheranlouisville.com](mailto:youth_director@christlutheranlouisville.com) or by using the event's [SignUpGenius](#).

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!



Mike & Jean Barney have been at it AGAIN!! They have repaired our historic sign after it was broken. If not for Mike and Jean, we would have been waiting months for the State to repair it. If you see Mike and Jean, give them a hug of thanks!!





Several times in the past, I have taken a hymn tune and played a treatment/setting of it by a different composer each Sunday of the month. I thought during July it might be fun to do a similar exploration, only this time using a trumpet tune/trumpet voluntary as our "theme." These are frequently used for graduation or wedding processionals and recessionals and one or two of them may be quite familiar to you. Watch for the notes in the July bulletins regarding the piece for that day!

Thanks to the choir for their work and time preparing and singing for our worship services. They will sing July 6 for the last time, then have a few weeks of well-deserved vacation. If you love to sing, please join us when we come back in the fall. Although it helps, you don't even have to be able to read music! We pretty much only sing for the late service now, and that means only 2 or 3 times a month, since the Celebration Service is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays! If you'd like an even easier job, join Roger and Becky Miller (and sometimes Liz Dawson and/or Susan Runke) and help out by singing the *Kyrie* at the 8:30 service. Just show up that morning and sing, then you're welcome to join your family downstairs. Give one of these groups a try!!

**Note:** Some of the above information comes from Paul Westermeyer's *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* published by Augsburg Fortress in 2010.

Ann Colbert Wade  
Director of Music







The Social Ministry Committee plans to collect items for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child again this fall. If you would like to pack the shoeboxes, please grab a Shoebox Gift Suggestion list located in the Solarium.



Additionally, it's that time of year; school supplies will be going on sale any day now. These items are great for the JAM or Operation Christmas Child.



### THE J'TOWN COMMUNITY LOVES OUR ROCKS!

And we love the J'town community. Join us on Sunday, July 20th from 12:30-2pm to paint rocks with Rita Sarson for the 2025 Gaslight Festival. Painting will take place in Room 7 and ALL age groups are invited.



A light lunch will also be provided.



The **2025 J'town Gaslight Festival 2025** is scheduled for **September 4-14, 2025**.

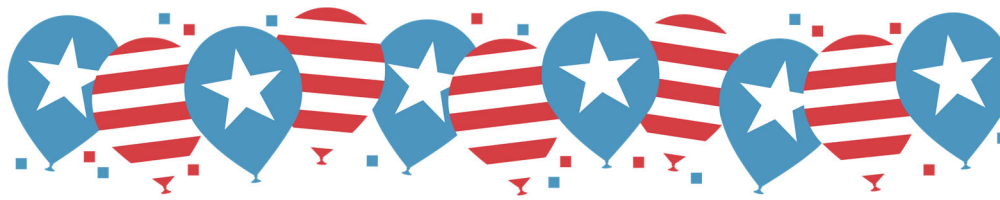
We will need volunteers to man our booth 9/12 - 9/14! Please contact the office to sign up to help in the booth!


This will be our 3rd consecutive year having a CLC booth.

# JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 9:30am Tuesday Friends	2 9:30am Wednesday Friends
6 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	7 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm - Dream Team Mtg	8 9:30am Tuesday Friends	9 9:30am Wednesday Friends
13 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> <b>St. Thomas Mass</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Worship @ Forest Hills Commons	14 12pm Prayer Mtg	15 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council mtg  <b>MESSENGER</b> <b>Articles to Liz Walker</b> <b>Deadline</b>	16 9:30am Wednesday Friends
20 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:30pm Rock Painting with Rita	21 12pm Prayer Mtg	22 9:30am Tuesday Friends	23 9:30am Wednesday Friends
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
n Wednesday s	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 4TH OF JULY 	5
n Wednesday s	10	11	12
n Wednesday s	17	18	19 Thirsty Third Satur- day: 7:15 pm Louis- ville Bats Game Slugger Field
n Wednesday s	24	25	26 1pm Youth Open Gym 5 pm Youth Cookout 6th-12th grades
n Wednesday s	31		



We had a GREAT time Trusting Jesus in a Wild World the second week in June. We had 15 campers who spent the week singing, dancing, conducting experiments, making crafts all while learning of Jesus' love for us.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped guide these young campers! It was an amazing experience!







All Ages Fellowship Event:



Join us **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** at Slugger Field  
to watch the Louisville Bats take on the St. Paul  
Saints.



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**Tickets: \$10 each | Game Time: 7:15pm**

**Mash & Bash Night:** The Bats play as the Louisville Mashers.  
Evan Williams Flight Trays, \$4 Cupcake Vineyards Wine Pours,  
\$6 Signature Bats Cocktails & \$6 Select Craft Beers  
Playground for the kids, Postgame Fireworks

**Please RSVP by Thurs, July 10<sup>th</sup>** so we can secure a group  
rate. Payments can be made payable to Christ Lutheran and  
be sure to note "Baseball Game" in your payment. Tickets will  
be purchased & distributed the week prior to game day.

**For Questions or to RSVP:** Contact the church office 502-267-  
5082 or Sarah Pryor, email [spryor@bellsouth.net](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net) or call/text  
502-758-5108.

## **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 BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER MEETING**

Our weekly Bible Study / 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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

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### **ON-GOING 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.

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



- + For the month of July suggested donations are:  
Personal Hygiene: soap, body wash, deodorant, diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, Depends (male/female), razors, shaving cream
- + Please remember to include non-perishable food items in the shopping cart in the hallway.
- + JAM will be distributing school supplies soon. Remember to stock up to donate while on sale!

## **MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE**

### **Sunday Worship Service**

DATE	8:30 am SERVICE	11:00 am SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
6/1/25	34	56	18	108
6/8/25	37	53	15	105
6/15/25	33	58	9	100
6/22/25	38	58	11	107
6/29/25	27	54	16	97

### **Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering**

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
6/2/25	7	0
6/9/25	5	0
6/16/25	8	0
6/23/25	6	0
6/30/25	10	0

### **Forest Hills Worship**

DATE	TOTAL
6/8/25	10

## **2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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## JULY CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
7/2	Sherry Davis James Pryor	7/1	Trish & Randy Ferris
7/4	Janet Kull	7/2	Jane & Tom Farrar
7/5	Susan Runke	7/6	Sharon & Ron Coombs
7/6	Natalie Rawlings	7/12	Karen & Ed Schuette
7/8	Marti Gibson	7/13	Nurliana & Nick Zavagli
7/9	Ann Wade	7/21	Heather & Andy Rush
7/11	Isaiah Hardesty	 <p><b>HAPPY</b> Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY</p> <p><b>HAPPY</b> Anniversary FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY</p>	
7/14	Marty Mercer		
7/15	Samantha Brace Rich Hallum		
7/16	Peggy Stephens		
7/17	Alex Huber		
7/18	Ron Tolle		
7/19	Nathan Pfalzgraf		
7/25	Jessica Bruederle		
7/27	Karen Schuette Gary Stephens		
7/29	Eliza Stephens		
7/30	Jennifer Brace Keaton Walker		





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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.