

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2025



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“But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

I am sure we all agree that waiting is not our favorite thing to do. We like things instantaneously; if we want something, we want it right now. But as the old saying goes, ‘waiting is a virtue’. There is beauty in waiting. The Scriptures teach us that *‘He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time’* (Ecclesiastes 3:11). The verse above is part of God’s larger message of comfort and hope directed to the Israelites during their times of distress. The imagery of eagles symbolizes strength, resilience and the ability to soar above difficulties reflecting on God’s promise to provide strength and support needed for those who put their trust in him.

I always think of summer as a renewal time; a time to get some rest, replenished before merging back on a journey. But this summer has been a busy time for our family and the church for that matter. We long for having a time to rest and spend a little time with family. Our daughter Hannah has been traveling all summer

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between Europe, Africa and here at home. Our son Samuel as a matter of fact is still in Osaka, Japan. The youngest son started working at Chick-Fil-A. We hardly see each other.

Just before Hannah returned from Africa, the synod contacted me and asked if Hannah or Petra or both would be willing to be the youth and young adults' representatives from our synod to the Church Wide Assembly (CWA) in Phoenix. Fortunately they both were available and willing. We had been wanting to go to Grand Canyon as family for quite some time, but the time never worked out. So, it seemed that was the time we had been waiting for. So last week they both went to Phoenix to attend the Assembly. My wife and I adjusted our schedule to meet with them at the end of the Assembly to spend a little family vacation before they return to school.

Before we joined them, my wife and I spent couple days together just the two of us, a time that we have not had for a long time. On Thursday evening our bishop invited my wife and I to join him and the rest of the voting members from the I-K synod for dinner. On Friday, I had a chance to meet and reconnect with many friends at the Assembly. Then towards the end of the day, we picked Hannah and Petra up for our short family vacation.

We traveled to Las Vegas, Zion National Park in Utah and the Grand Canyon. I never ceased to be amazed to see God's great handiworks right in front of your eyes. Francis Bacon once said 'God created two books; the Book of Scriptures (The Bible) and the Book of Nature (Creation)' or 'God's Words' and 'God's Works'. It will require faith not to believe in God to witness that majestic nature. There must be a divine creator who created them. Indeed, the trip was wonderful and refreshing. It was worth waiting for. It renewed my strength as I prepare to merge into our busy fall coming up.

Blessings

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

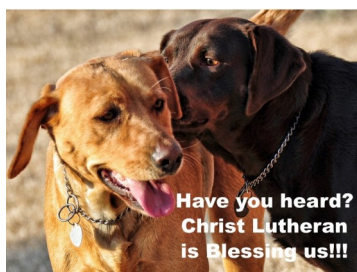
UPCOMING *Events*



Join us for our annual **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY** on **Sunday, Sept. 7th**. Find details on page 6.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC scheduled for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**. Details on page 6.



Mark your calendars for our annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE** on **Saturday, October 4** at 2pm. Details on page 15.



COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT on **Saturday, October 25**. Details on page 15.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS can be found on page 13. Check it out!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through May 2025

Expected Receipts: \$203,517.00

Actual Receipts: \$216,480.00

The surplus is because of advance giving. We thank everyone for their gifts.

Thanks to our counters for the month of July; Sarah Pryor & Ed Schuette.

Online
Giving



SCAN ME

Memorials were received in memory of Bob Strohman.

ROCK PAINTING... it's a great way to pass a Sunday afternoon! Close to 20 CLC friends & family joined in to paint colorful, faith inspired rocks. These mini works of art will be handed out at the Gaslight Festival in September.



Thank you Rita for hosting a great all ages event!!!



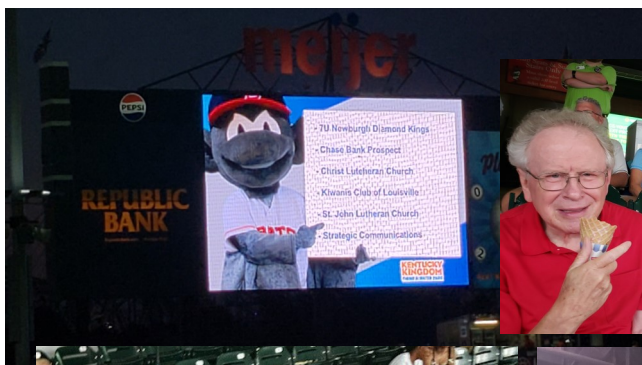
All Ages Fellowship Event:

Christ Lutheran Church

Night at the Ballpark

The rain poured down on Saturday, July 19th, but luck was with the Louisville Bats and the Lutherans gathered at Slugger Field for our night at the ballpark. The rain wrapped up once evening came, cooling the temperature down for us.

The first pitch was delayed just 30 minutes so the ground crew could prep the field. Once the game began, the Bats really flew, hitting four homeruns and scoring multiple runs, ultimately blowing out the St. Paul Saints in a 15-4 win. It was another fun night of food, fellowship, and baseball for this long-running annual event, which made it a win for Christ Lutheran too!



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF AKA **RALLY DAY** has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 7.**

All school age children (grades K-12th) and their families are invited to join us during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) for our Rally Day Round-up of ideas. Currently there is a whiteboard located in the solarium where youth, parents & young adults can write their ideas for possible future events. We will take those event suggestions and round up some plans of action for the year, for spirit groups (K-5) and our older youth (6-12), on Rally Day in Room 5.



During both the 8:30 am and 11 am worship services, Pastor Bimen will bless the backpacks of all students and anyone else wishing to be blessed for the upcoming school year. Please don't forget to bring your backpacks! We will also install our Sunday school teachers during both services. Sunday school schedules and confirmation class information will also be available on Rally Day.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 14th with LIFT in Room 5. Visual Faith class (Middle & High School) will begin September 21st, focusing on Holy Heroes starting with Superman! We are also excited to announce the return of our elementary Sunday School class set to begin on September 21st.

We can't wait to see and hear from you on Rally Day!



Join us on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** for our annual **CHURCH PICNIC.**

Immediately following the 11am worship service our in house chefs will prepare a hamburgers and hot dogs BBQ.

RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or contacting the church office at 502-267-5082 or church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com.

There will be activities for kids of all ages.

This is going to be open to the J'town community! Why not invite a friend or two or even a family! The more the merrier and it's a great way to show off how wonderful Christ Lutheran Church is!



Social Ministry

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!

Rocks and painting supplies will be set up in Room 7 for anyone who wants to paint a rock or two to give away at our the Gaslight Festival. Have 5 minutes, stop by, say a prayer and paint a rock!



The **2025 J'town Gaslight Festival 2025** is scheduled for **September 4-14, 2025**. Mark your calendars; we will need volunteers to man our booth! This will be our 3rd consecutive year having a CLC Community Booth. Let's make the best yet! **Check out page 16 for additional details!!**

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



It's **SUMMERTIME** and that means we hosted our **ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MASS.**

Sunday, July 13 we held our interactive St. Thomas Mass. What a wonderful worship experience. A time to remember our baptism, receive communion, receive healing & wholeness anointing and openly discuss the Gospel with Pastor Bimen. Conversation rocks were created to hand out to our J'town community. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this unique worship experience possible.

Immediately following the service we came together for a time of fellowship at a potluck luncheon. Delicious food and warm conversations were shared. Until next year, we will hold the experience & memories of this day dear.





AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
Aug 31 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour			
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Wednesday	7 JCPS Back to School	8	9
PS Back to School Wednesday	14	15 MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16
Wednesday	21	22	23
Wednesday	28	29	30



♦ Lots and lots of fun was had by 11 youth and their families on Saturday, July 26 at the Youth Cookout. Pickleball and UNO games were played and delicious food was eaten. The time spent together building great relationships was priceless. We thank Isaiah Hardesty, Karen Lawyer and Liz Dawson for heading up this great event. Be on the look out for more great events in the upcoming future.



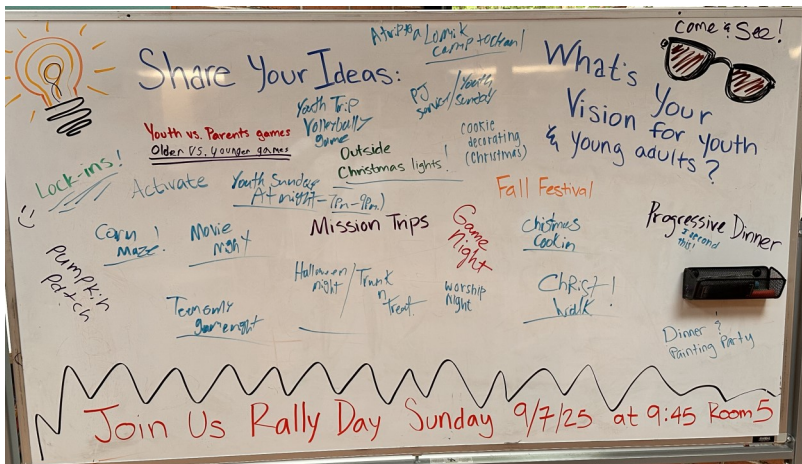
UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS...DON'T MISS THE FUN!

A newly formed Youth Committee has been created and Kyle Fletcher is heading it up! Be on the look out for some great events in the near future.



Mark your calendars now to take part in the Gaslight Festival Parade on Thursday, September 11. Kyle is providing the tractor and wagon for a CLC parade float to be created. Come and walk with us and Christ!!

Check out all the ideas that have already been shared by our Youth and their families. The Spirit is a GIFT and we are going to Ignite our CREW!!! More to come!!!



We would like to welcome new members to our Christ Lutheran Family. On August 10 we will welcome **Hans Steven Susanto and Joscelyn Aurellia Valenska** into our church family.

We are so excited that they chose CLC as their new church home! If you see them on Sundays, please introduce yourself and welcome them.



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 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 for our next THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY!

Thursday, August 21, 6pm-ish at:



Bearno's 502 Tap House

10212 Taylorsville Rd
Louisville, KY 40299

Located right down the road from church, this location is known for great pizza and a state of the art draft system. We will be able to enjoy live music of the 60s – 80s and outdoor seating.

Questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor
758-5108 or

spryor@bellsouth.net



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE

It's been said "our pets are our family" and at Christ Lutheran we believe this 100%! That's why we are hosting our 3rd annual Blessing of the Animals Worship Service.



On **Saturday, October 4th** at 2pm bring your dog, cat, hamster, gerbil, snake, fish, and even your turtle to receive a special blessing from Pastor Bimen. This is such a special worship service and it's super fun too! We hope you will attend.



Mark your calendars...it's time to start thinking about the **WELCA HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR.**

Scheduled for **Saturday, October 18** from 9am-2pm, this is a highlight event of Christ Lutheran Church. This year will

be our 32nd year hosting this event.

Vendors, volunteers, cooks, bakers...all are needed to make this day a success. Interested in any of these areas please contact event coordinator, Bonnie Kroening at 502-245-1020 or willandbon@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Bring your sensitive personal documents to our parking lot on **Saturday, October 25 any time between 9am & noon** for free & secure shredding. Shredding is hosted by Councilman Kramer & Legislative Assistant Scott Harrington.





Christ Lutheran is heading back to the Gaslight Festival!

*How can **YOU** help us love & serve our J-town neighbors?*

Share your time and talents in any or all of the following ways:

- ✦ **Volunteer to co-host our booth for a couple of hours (Fri, Sept 12 – Sun, Sept 14).** Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets that will be posted soon. It's fun and easy to do!
- ✦ **Help us prep our giveaways** by painting some of our perennially popular rocks, beading some bracelets, or pre-stuffing bags with flyers.
- ✦ ***NEW this year*** We're exploring being a part of the *Gaslight Parade*, happening on **Thurs, Sept 11!** Practice your parade wave! We'll need volunteers to plan and decorate our parade vehicle and join the parade to represent CLC and hand out candy.

Have questions or want to join the fun?

Contact Sarah Pryor, 502-758-5108 or spryor@bellsouth.net



On Sunday, August 17 we will welcome guest **Pastor Prosenjit Basumatary** from Bodo, India. Pastor Basumatary will preach at both the 8:30am & 11am worship services on this Sunday. We hope you will plan to attend one of these worship services.

Welcome Pastor Prosenjit Basumatary! We are so happy you will be visiting with us!

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>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

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.

Social Ministry Committee is collecting 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 **AUGUST** donations of Laundry Products are being collected. Please consider donating items like:

- + Laundry Detergent
- + Fabric Softener
- + Dryer Sheets
- + Stain Remover
- + Laundry Bags

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
7/6/25	18	56	20	94
7/13/25	No Service	68	No Streaming	68
7/20/25	61	68	No Recording	129
7/27/25	16	71	Technical difficulties	87

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
7/6/25	8	0
7/13/25	11	0
7/20/25	9	0
7/27/25	7	0

Forest Hills Worship


DATE	TOTAL
7/13/25	No Service



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AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
8/2	Annette Bishoff Sami Salman	8/3	Cynthia & Bruce Alder
8/3	Mike Barney Matthew Stephens	8/7	Emily & Brent Selch
8/5	Ethan Selch	8/8	Belinda & Allen Porter
8/7	Braylon Garr	8/18	Barbara & Ron Morgan
8/8	Kathy Sigdestad	8/26	Carol & Earl Breitenstein
8/9	Sheryl Glasscock Grant Stephens Scot Winskye	8/30	Rebecca & Vic Johnston
8/10	Abby Ribble Tracy Richardson		
8/11	Anna Mertz		
8/12	Kolbie Garr		
8/16	Henry Nixon		
8/18	Ian Walker Sara Zavagli		
8/19	Keith Kenitzer		
8/21	Pr. George Mercer		
8/24	Doris Jetton		
8/29	Angela Adams Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		





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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.