

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025



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*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem". (Psalm 122:1-2)*

Greetings to you my siblings in Christ,

We all think that Labor Day marks as the end of our summer. In the other parts of the country, especially the States in the Midwest, their schools start after the Labor Day. The churches in those areas also seem to follow their calendar. Even our Sunday school curriculum, especially from Augsburg Fortress, typically starts the Sunday after Labor Day. In Kentucky and Indiana however, school starts earlier, as early as the beginning of August. But as for our church, we too, like the churches in Midwest, use the Sunday after the Labor Day weekend as our Rally Sunday to kick of our Sunday school, confirmation class and all the church activities that will resume in full swing. For the Rally Sunday this Sunday, we will have the blessing of backpacks for school children, the installation of Sunday school teachers and Youth and Young Adults planning meeting.

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Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

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When I think of Rally Sunday, I think of the Psalm's verses above. Psalm 122 by the way is part of the Song of Ascents (120-134) recited or sung by ancient Israelite pilgrims as they journey toward Jerusalem for the religious ceremonies or festivals. They are called the Songs of Ascents because the ancient pilgrims sang those songs as they ascended or climbed the hills to Jerusalem. They signify not just their physical journey but also their spiritual elevation as they entered the city of God or Zion with a great expectation to be in the presence of God in his temple. I like the opening line, "*I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'*". It sets the tone for this brief yet profound meditation on joy, worship, community, and the peace that flows from belonging to God's people.

Like the pilgrims who rejoiced when those who said to them, '*let us go to the house of the Lord*', let us also rejoice with the invitation of our church to come to the house of the Lord and see what God is doing. Let us also be the ones who invite our family, our children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to come to the house of the Lord. Let us be intentional in our invitation.

Once again, our Rally Sunday reminds us of our common purpose and mission that God has given us, "*Walking Together with Christ, We Love and Serve Our Church and Neighbor*" and to fulfill our vision of being 'Connected with God, with One Another and The World'. We do so by rallying around the baptismal font where God claims us as his beloved children and send us into the world for the sake of the gospel, rallying around the pulpit where we hear God's Words, the good news of the Gospel to nourish our faith and rallying around the altar, where Jesus feeds us with his body and blood and to be the body of Christ in the world. So, welcome! Join us in our rally for Christ and his church.

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 7.



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** scheduled for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**. Details on page 4.



Mark your calendars for our annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE** on **Saturday, October 11** 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 9. Check it out!

## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through May 2025

Expected Receipts: \$233,186.00

Actual Receipts: \$256,736.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity!

Thanks to our counters for the month of August; Sarah Pryor, Ed Schuette, Trish & Randy Ferris, and Marilyn & Ray Peak.

Memorials were received in memory of Bob Strohmman and Gwen Nelson (Rita Sarson's mother).

Memorials were also received in honor of Leroy & Karen Koch's 50th anniversary to Lutheran Social Services.

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



Immediately following the 11am outdoor worship service our in house chefs will prepare Hamburgers, hot dogs & BBQ. Members are asked to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

**RSVP** by signing up in the Narthex or scanning the QR Code below.

There will be activities for kids of all ages...cornhole, Ga-Ga Ball, pickle ball, just to name a few. We hope to have some community partners come as well; we are inviting J'town Fire Department, Mayor Carol Pike, Thrivent.

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!



## Honoring Audrey Albin's Legacy of Generosity

*"God loves a cheerful giver."*

— 2 Corinthians

Through her bequest to Christ Lutheran Church, longtime member Audrey Albin left a lasting gift that reflects both her lifelong commitment to her faith community and her enduring generosity. This thoughtful act not only honors her memory but will help strengthen the church she cherished for generations to come.



Audrey and husband Earl, who preceded her in death, met in a one-room schoolhouse in New Middletown, Indiana. They moved to Louisville in 1952 when Earl started working in the home laundry department at GE. Soon they joined Christ Lutheran when it was still the little church on Waterson Trail in Jeffersontown. When Earl passed away in 2016, they had been married just shy of 75 years.

Both were deeply involved in church life. Earl helped with maintenance projects, and Audrey served with the women's group. Both also tended the church landscaping, a tradition their daughter, Pat Friedman, continues with the Wednesday Friends.

"They were great examples for me, really fine role models," Pat says. "They believed you should do as much as you can for as many as you can for as long as you can."

Audrey passed away on September 26, 2024, survived by Pat — herself a lifetime member at Christ Lutheran — and sons David and Gary, who live in Georgia and New Albany. With her final gift, Audrey continues to serve the church that meant so much to her.

# CELEBRATING

## a LIFE & LEGACY



# 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.

## JAM TOILET PAPER DRIVE



Our JAM Toilet Paper Drive will take place the last two Sundays of September, 9/21 & 9/28. The Social Ministry Committee asks for donations to support JAM.

If someone has a Thrivent project card they would like to apply for we could purchase approximately 450 rolls of tissue from Sam's Club! Two Thrivent Cards & we could meet probably donate 1000 rolls to JAM!



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!!**

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



All school age children (grades K-12th) are invited to join us. During the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45am, students will learn about Sunday School class offerings, get class schedules including Confirmation class schedule, and take part in some fun activities. We invite parents to join a meeting to talk about the upcoming year and all the fun we are going to have!!!

During both the 8:30am & 11am worship services Pastor Bimen will bless the backpacks of all students and anyone else wishing to be blessed for the upcoming school year. Kiddos don't forget to bring your backpacks!! Sunday school teachers will also be installed for the 2025-26 school year.

We hope we see all of our amazing kids on this very special day.



***COME SHARE YOUR IDEAS!!!*** Youth in grades K-12 with their families, and ***young adults*** are invited and ***encouraged to attend*** our ***RALLY DAY ROUND-UP OF IDEAS*** in ***Room 5 on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45am).***

We will be planning youth events for the youth & young adult groups:

- + Spirit Group K-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- + Middle & High School- 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- + Young Adults – Post high school ages: 18-35

We have seen some wonderful ideas on the white board. Now it's time to "round up" volunteers and dates! ***The goal is to bring these ideas to life & on your calendar.*** We will also give a brief overview of each of our Sunday school classes and young adult Bible study.





## LIFT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

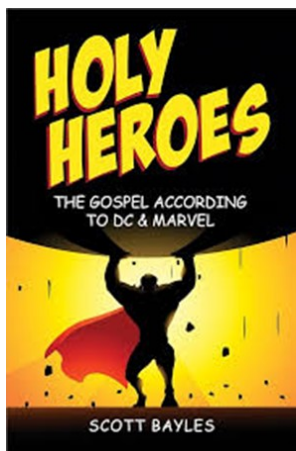
Gospel Songs & Stories - Led by Kathleen Breitenstein

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", "Amazing Grace", "God Be with You Till We Meet Again", and so many more. Have you ever wondered about the story of some of your favorite gospel songs?

**Gospel Songs and Stories**, a series developed and facilitated by Kathleen Breitenstein, will help us explore our common musical history, share how these songs continue to affect our lives today and of course, there will be some singing! Join us in Room 5 on the third Sunday of each month to sing some of our favorite gospel songs and learn the stories behind them!

## WHIRL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class is for our youngest students - **PreK through 5th grade**. This class will meet in Room 7 each week, except on the third Sunday when they will participate in the LIFT class. We hope we see all of our young faith builders at Rally Day on September 7 and then again at the **first class on Sunday, September 14!** It is going to be a great year learning about Jesus!



## CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Join us for **HOLY HEROES: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DC & MARVEL**

Classes will meet in Room 8 except on the third Sunday of each month, where the class will join the LIFT class. Find out all about this engaging curriculum at Rally Day on September 7.





**UPCOMING YOUTH (AND FAMILIES TOO) EVENT...DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

# Fall into Fun at the Farm!



Kyle Fletcher will be our host at a real working horse farm in Oldham County!  
(You may see a donkey and a goat while you're there too!)

**Sat, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:30pm – ?**

**Fun for all ages!**

(This one's not just for the kids, folks)

- Learn about life on a farm
- Meet the horses!
- Ride a horse in the arena
- Outdoor yard games
- Paint your own pumpkin
- Hay rides
- Bonfire
- Dinner & treats provided


• **Bring your family & friends!** •  
**Bring a camp chair!** • **Bring your appetite!**



# SEPTEMBER 202

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	1 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 	2 9:30am Tuesday Friends	3 9:30am Friends
7  <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Rally Day Fun <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	8 12pm Prayer Mtg	9 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle	10 9:30am Friends
14 <b>Gaslight Festival - CLC Community Booth</b> <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Worship @ Forest Hills Commons	15 12pm Prayer Mtg  <b>MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline</b>	16 9:30am Tuesday Friends	17 9:30am Friends
21 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class	22 12pm Prayer Mtg	23 9:30am Tuesday Friends	24 9:30am Friends
28 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Outdoor Worship</b> 12:15pm Church & Community Picnic 	29 12pm Prayer Mtg	30 9:30am Tuesday Friends	



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday	4	5	6
Wednesday	11 5pm Gaslight Parade "Walking with Christ"	12 Gaslight Festival - CLC Community Booth	13 Gaslight Festival - CLC Community Booth
Wednesday	18 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday - Gaslight Diner 	19	20
Wednesday	25	26	27



# 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).** Scan the QR Code below or signup on the sheets in the Narthex.
- + **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 will be participating in the Gaslight Festival 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](mailto:spryor@bellsouth.net)

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## THE END OF AN ERA



After 31 years, the WELCA Holiday Craft Fair has come to an end. This was a difficult decision, but over the past few years the number of vendors have dwindled as well as the number of shoppers. There are some many craft fairs in the area, and this definitely affected our wonderful fair.

We want to thank Bonnie Kroening for her unwavering leadership many of these 31 years and all the volunteers who helped and supported her. This craft fair is such a part of CLC history, it will definitely be missed.

## WELCA CIRCLE IS BACK...

...AND READY TO WELCOME OLD  
FRIENDS AND NEW FACES!

Join the **Women of the ELCA** on  
Tuesday, September 9 at noon.  
Lunch will be provided and there will  
be a wonderful fellowship. There will  
also be a Bible study.



The group meets the second Tuesday of every month; with the exception of June, July and August; in Room 1. All women of Christ Lutheran are invited to come and participate.



## Property Committee

The property of CLC is always in need of something, whether it be a thermostat repair, weeds pulled, grass cut and shrubs trimmed, filters replaced, and the list goes on and on. Wednesday Friends work to help accomplish some of these needs, and other members work anytime that works for them. Please know we always enjoy having new faces and help, whether for a few minutes or hours!

Some tasks that have been completed recently include but are not limited to:

- Dale Breitenstein, our property chair, purchased a battery powered blower to help keep the side walks and parking lot free from gumballs, grass clippings and twigs.
- The chains on the playground swings were replaced due to the sun melting the plastic covering on the chains making them sticky beyond repair.
- Dale installed a fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide detector in the Brick House as required by the insurance company.
- And with a big donation of flooring for the office and much help from many, a new floor has replaced the worn carpet in the office! A big THANK YOU to all who helped make that possible.

# 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, September 18, 6pm-ish at:**

*Gaslight Diner*  
*Jeffersonton, Kentucky*

**Gaslight Diner**

<https://www.gaslightdinerky.com/>

10509 Watterson Trail  
Louisville, KY 40299

*Just down the road from Christ Lutheran,  
Gaslight Diner offers a fresh take on classic diner  
favorites.*

**Questions or suggestions?**

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## 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 11th** 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.

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## 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.



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## 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!

## Hannah and Petra Attend the Churchwide Assembly



I was invited to be the young adult representative and Petra was invited to be the young adult representatives for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod at the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. I received a phone call when I was in Malawi to see if I would be available to serve in this capacity. It was an unexpected honor but I couldn't help but wonder why God made a way for me to be there.

While this wasn't my first Churchwide, I came in with a new lens and a deeper understanding of the life and work of the greater Church. If you've ever been to synod assembly or our annual CLC meetings, I like to think of the Churchwide Assembly as that but on some serious steroids. We discussed and voted on topics ranging from the budget to social statements. It was incredible to be a part of historical moments such as voting for our new Presiding Bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry and our new Secretary, Rev. Lucille "CeCee" Mills.

There was one particular moment that stood out to me. One of my peers submitted a constitutional amendment to change the goal of the ELCA to have higher youth and young adult representation on Churchwide boards and committees. I had the opportunity to be one of the first people to speak on the amendment. I shared about how youth and young adult leadership has been

meaningful in my own life. I was touched watching my peers stand up and feeling moved to share their story. The lines to speak at the microphones spoke louder than words—the younger generation cares. We love Jesus and care about the Church and the World.

*1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity".*



## 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

### 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.

The 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 **SEPTEMBER** donations of Lunchbox Snacks - NO PEANUT products - are being collected. Please consider donating items like:

- + Granola Bars
- + Applesauce Pouches
- + Cheese Crackers
- + Snack-size cookies & crackers
- + Fruit Cups

## **MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE**

### **Sunday Worship Service**

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
8/3/25	36	44	No Streaming	80
8/10/25	37	59	16	112
8/17/25	35	57	11	103
8/24/25	30	64	6	100
8/31/25	25	61	14	100

### **Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering**

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
8/3/25	9	0
8/10/25	10	0
8/17/25	7	0
8/24/25	8	0
8/31/25	8	0

### **Forest Hills Worship**

DATE	TOTAL
8/10/25	19



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## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
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9/6	Todd Brace Robert Nix	9/3	Yuki & Greg Moeck
9/7	Scott Walker	9/10	Kathy & Curtis Sigdestad
9/8	Taren Winskye	9/12	Beverly & Tom Gilmore
9/9	Rebecca Johnston Lainey Pfalzgraf	9/14	Shirley & Dave Williamson
9/13	Alex Casey Kennedy Hoehner	9/23	Barb & Rod Hester
9/16	Sharon Coombs		
9/23	Robinn Barmore Ginny Jones		
9/24	Betty Graff Nina Hallum Petra Limbong Rick Uhl Chloe Winskye		
9/28	Nate Ribble		
9/30	Buck Murphy Shirley Williamson		

  
 HAPPY  
 Anniversary   
 FROM YOUR  
 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.