

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025



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“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:-4)

Grace and peace to you my sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we enter the month of November, we are entering into Thanksgiving season. May we focus our attention this season as a season of giving thanks to the Lord for indeed, ‘the Lord is good, who alone does great wonders and his steadfast love endures forever’. It might help to do so if we intentionally take our time to think, ponder and count our blessings and by doing so, we may fully grasp our gratefulness and thanksgiving; think and thank.

As a congregation, throughout the month of November, we will focus on just that. Starting this Sunday, November 2, we will begin our stewardship campaign.

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Stewardship campaign is basically a campaign to remind us that everything that we have; ourselves, our time, money and possessions, even our very being, belong to God and God gave them all to us so generously to use and manage for the sake of his mission in the world that He loves so dearly. Those gifts are not intended for us to keep and hoard, but to share generously to love and serve our church and neighbor. Although stewardship of God's gifts should be all year long, it should be our way of life each and every day. But we focus on it this month as we enter our season of Thanksgiving, and also as we consider using those gifts to support the ministry of our church for the next year and beyond.

For this year's stewardship campaign we chose the theme, 'Walking With Jesus'. We intentionally chose that topic to emphasize our new mission of '*Walking With Christ (Jesus), We Love and Serve our Church and Neighbors*'. Throughout the month of November, beginning on Sunday, November 2nd, we will have speakers who will talk about how our ministry impacts our church, our community and the world. In addition to that, you may also expect to read an article about our Stewardship in the Messenger, through letters and in bulletin inserts. We will conclude our stewardship campaign with our Consecration Sunday on November 23 where we will make financial, time and talents commitments.

I am grateful for your generosity and continued support for the life and ministry of our church for all these years, especially last year. It is my hope and prayer that you continue to share your gifts for the sake of God's ministry in our church. I truly believe that when God calls us, God has what is needed to fulfill that good. God has given us what is needed to fulfill God's call and mission. The question is, can we be generous in giving back portions of God's gifts to support his mission of loving our church and neighbors? That is the question for us to contemplate during this Thanksgiving and Stewardship campaign season.

Walking With Jesus with you!

The Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbong, Pastor

UPCOMING *Events*



Youth Lock Ins are coming back! Middle & High School Youth join us on Saturday, October 15 for our FRIENDSGIVING LOCK IN starting at 7pm. Details on page 8.



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY on Thursday, November 20 at 6pm. Details on page 16.



MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP will begin on Wednesday, December 3 at 7pm. Advent Suppers will be at 6pm. Details on page 17.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT will be held on Saturday, December 6, 5-8pm. Details on page 9



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS can be found on pages 8- 9. Check it out!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through September 2025

Expected Receipts: \$299,650.00

Actual Receipts: \$304,482.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity!

Thanks to our counters for the month of October;
Rita & Steve Sarson.

Memorials were received in memory of Annette Bishoff.

Online
Giving



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Committee Recruitment

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK AS WE WALK WITH
CHRIST TO SERVE OUR CHURCH AND NEIGHBORS!

Beginning November 2nd, the process of obtaining volunteers for committees will change.

With approval of the Stewardship Committee, new Time and Talent completion forms will be **specific to each** committee. Forms will be available in the Solarium on November 2nd for you to review and complete.

Place your completed form(s) in the basket on the table in the Solarium. **Please use a separate form for each family member even if signing up for the same committee.**

Additionally, during Consecration Sunday, November 23rd, committee chairs will be available to answer any questions you might have. Time and Talent forms will be available then, too.

Please consider joining a committee to do the work of our congregation as we continue to live out our mission.



Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

For our stewardship campaign theme this year we chose "Walking With Jesus". This theme seems appropriate with our new mission, "Walking With Christ, We Love and Serve our Church and Neighbors." As we who are Christ Lutheran Church consider our stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money, talents, and time as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about those things.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money, time and talents, is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For three consecutive Sundays beginning on Sunday November 2nd, we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. For three weeks, we will each receive a letter from the congregation. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money, time and talents play an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, November 23, each member of Christ Lutheran will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to Christ Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee

10 Stewardship Principles

1. Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.
2. Obey responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our life-long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.
3. Sacrifice proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.
4. Give willingly as moved by the Holy Spirit. We have been prepared to give ourselves. We give our time, talents and resources freely.
5. Share abundantly as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.
6. Give proportionately is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means," not according to an income or a budget.
7. Commit intentionally means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.
8. Contribute regularly means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle.
9. Live genuinely means putting your faith into action. This is the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely on our hearts and where our treasure is, not simply a verbal expression.
10. Accept a challenge means recognizing the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings, and our responsibilities.

REFORMATION SUNDAY & AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On Sunday, October 25 we celebrated Reformation Sunday and in true CLC tradition we also celebrated the rite of Confirmation.

This year we had one confirmand, Abigail Ribble. Abby's faith statement was heart-felt, extremely personal and Christ centered. The congregation was able to celebrate Abby between services with a small reception.

It was a wonderful way to honor our Lutheran faith and traditions. Congratulations Abby and Ribble family. We are blessed you are a part of our Christ Lutheran family.



“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also help you, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10



**Have you heard?
Christ Lutheran
is Blessing us!!!**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE

If you bless them, they will come!
On a beautiful Saturday afternoon,
Pastor Bimen blessed fur babies
of all shapes and sizes at our
Annual Blessing of the Animals
Worship Service.

Pharaoh Dawson, Bobby Beagle Schuette, Ollie Mead, Sweet Pea Lawyer, Pudding Pop Mead, Dakota Miller, Autumn Limbong and pets belonging to Pam Ballinger, Kathy Armstrong, Tim & Alex Armstrong were all blessed by Pastor Bimen. It was such a great afternoon and such a fun annual event. We hope to have even more fur babies next October.







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



Middle & High School Youth join us for a **FRIENDSGIVING LOCK-IN** on **Saturday, November 15 at 7pm**. Bring your favorite jammies, a sleeping bag and pillow and your sense of sleep over fun! To kick off the evening all youth will prep and prepare breakfast to serve to our church members on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. Once breakfast is prepared, the real fun will kick off with games and activities galore! Wear to jammies to church Sunday morning!! Let Liz Dawson (502-541-2223) or Kyle Fletcher (502-309-6500) if you are planning on attending



We are bringing back all the “retro” fun! **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** is back with a MEGA twist. On **Sunday, December 14** all youth (K-Young Adult) and adults of all ages are invited to caravan to **LIGHTS UNDER LOUISVILLE at the Mega Cavern**. Afterwards everyone will head back to CLC for a multi-

generational, **CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD PROGRESSIVE DINNER**. ALL Youth groups will provide the main course, but volunteers are needed to provide appetizers & desserts from their ethnic origin. We would love to see Indian, Indonesian, German, Italian, French, just to name a few and learn how the different cultures celebrate Christmas. Interested in providing an appetizer or dessert and sharing your special holiday customs? Contact Liz Dawson at 502-541-2223.

**WE HAVE PLANNED A GREAT
WAY TO KICK OFF CHRISTMAS
BREAK!**

Youth are invited to join us on Saturday, December 20, 5-9pm to ride the rides and check out the Christmas light at Kentucky Kingdom. Cost for this event is

still be worked out, but it's sure to be an evening of fun. Dinner will be provided at church and then everyone will bundle up and head to Kentucky Kingdom. Kentucky Kingdom season pass holders will not be required to pay admission. Please note, this is an outdoor event.

Interested? Let Liz Dawson or Kyle Fletcher know. The sooner the better!



**HEY SPIRIT GROUP
YOUTH PARENTS...WE
KNOW HOW CRAZY
CHRISTMAS
PREPARATION CAN BE!**

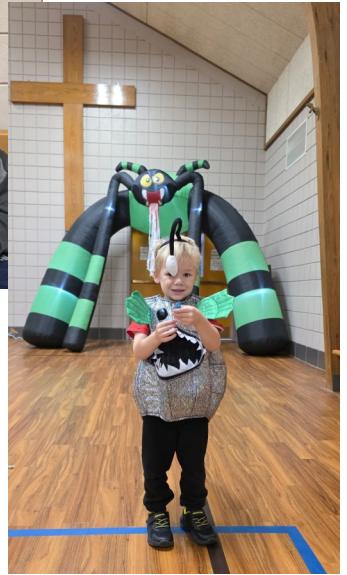
That's why Karen Lawyer is hosting a Parents Night Out on **Saturday, December 6, 5-8pm**. Spirit Group Youth are invited to come hang out at church while you hit the malls, grocery store, or just enjoy some holiday cheer with friends. Dinner will be provided and there will be games and activities. Children as young as 5 are welcome, but must be potty trained. RSVP with Karen Lawyer @ karenlawyer419@gmail.com.

Middle & High school youth come join in the fun and help with the younger youth. It's a GREAT way to get service hours for school!

IT WAS A GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY!!

Ghosts and goblins, potions and pumpkins! On Saturday, October 25 our youth came to the Great Pumpkin Party hosted by Karen Lawyer, Liz Dawson & Kyle Fletcher, and it was a phenomenal afternoon for everyone involved.. About 11 of our youngest members wore costumes, decorated pumpkins, ate spooky pizza and drank spellbinding drink potions! The group played games and even enjoyed a fun filled haunted hallway. Pictures don't lie...everyone had a spooktacular time!!





NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<div>NOV 30</div> <div><p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p></div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div>			
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<div>9</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</div>	<div>10</div> <div>12pm Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div> <div>12pm WELCA Circle</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>9:30am V Friends</div> <div>7pm Cho</div>
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<div>23</div> <div>Consecration Sunday</div> <div>8:30am Worship</div> <div>9:45am Sunday School</div> <div>11am Outdoor Worship</div> <div>12:15pm Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>24</div> <div>12pm Prayer Mtg</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9:30am Tuesday Friends</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:30am V Friends</div> <div>7pm Cho</div>



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Wednesday Air Rehearsal	6	7	8
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	13	14	15 MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline 7pm Friendsgiving Lock-In 
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	20 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday - Noah's Kitchen 	21	22
Wednesday Air Rehearsal	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29

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, November 20, 6pm-ish at:



Bud's Tavern

9119 Galene Drive,
Louisville, KY 40299

<http://budsjtown.com/>

We're going back to a hidden gem and local J'town favorite to enjoy their menu that features a variety of BBQ, ribs, brisket, fish, and sandwiches.

Questions or suggestions?

Contact Sarah Pryor

758-5108 or spryor@bellsouth.net



THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS NEAR.



The first Sunday of Advent is on November 30th. We encourage all our members to join us on Wednesday evenings during the Advent season for Advent suppers and worship.

There will be 3 weeks of meals and worship services on the following Wednesdays; December 3, December 10 & December 17. As we get closer to each date a menu will be announced.

As we prepare as individuals and as a congregation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ we hope you will take this opportunity to spiritually prepare with your family and friends. Please consider inviting a friend who may not have experienced a mid-week Advent worship service. Supper will begin at 6pm, with service at 7pm.

J'TOWN COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

On Saturday, October 25 cars were lined up before 9am ready and waiting to shred their personal documents. The event could not have been more successful as over **7,500 POUNDS of paper** were shredded between the hours of 9am & noon in the CLC parking lot. The flow of community neighbors showing up for this free shredding service as steady all day. Thank you to the J'town Council, Shred It, and all the volunteers! It was another great event.





SAMARITAN'S

PURSE CHRIST- MAS SHOEBOXES



The Social ministry Committee will again sponsor "Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes" again this year. Look for boxes and lists of suggested items to fill them with to be in the solarium by November 16. We would like all boxes returned to church by November 17th to take to collection location the following week.

If you are not able to fill a box but would like to participate the suggested shipping cost per box is \$10. Donations for shipping would be appreciated and can be put in the offering plate marked "Shoe Box Shipping".

The Social Ministry Committee will begin collecting \$50 gifts cards for children to donate to JAM beginning mid-November through mid-December.

Preferred gift cards include Target and Meijer. Please considering picking up a gift card or two. More details will be shared soon.



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.

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

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 **NOVEMBER** donations of Oral Health items are being collected. Please consider donating items like:

- + Toothbrushes
- + Toothpaste
- + Mouth Wash
- + Floss, Floss Pick / Brushes

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

GOSPEL SONGS & STORIES

Gospel Songs & Stories - Led by Kathleen Breitenstein



"I'll Fly Away" was our focus song for the October session of **GOSPEL SONGS & STORIES**. It was amazing to learn that one of the most beloved and recorded gospel songs of all time wasn't written with scripture in mind! However, over time, this song has been studied, sung and endowed with Christian themes that make it meaningful to us all. The composer also wrote "Turn Your Radio On!"

The next session should be truly "Amazing!" You may think you know the story behind this familiar song (or maybe you don't) but did you know there is a real mystery as to the number of verses there really are and who wrote them? A storm, sermon and story in popular literature will be the starting point for our discussion about this popular song.

Join us for the next installment of Gospel Songs & Stories on Sunday, November 16th at 9:45ish in Room 5.

WHIRL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class is for our youngest students - **PreK through 5th grade**. This class will meet in Room 7 each week. This class is being led by Karen Lawyer and is sure to be a lot of fun! We hope to see all our elementary kids each Sunday.



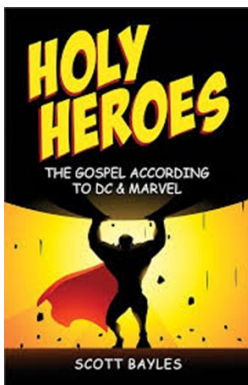
WHIRL CLASS

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 Gospel Songs & Stories class.

Come and find out all about this engaging curriculum focusing on the Gospel according to DC & Marvel.



Join the **Women of the ELCA** on Tuesday, November 11 at noon. Bring your own lunch and join the Bible Study, while enjoying warm fellowship.



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.



Have you wanted to connect with our members but not sure how? Why not send a card or two to our home bound members or those in assisted living and nursing homes. Send a birthday card or two. These cards bring joy and smiles to so many and is such an easy ministry. Address labels and cards are available in the Solarium. Drop your cards off at the church office for mailing if you would like or mail on your own.

Our church property is well maintained and overflowing with beautiful flowers because of Wednesday Friends!. They mow, weed eat, plant, pick up sticks & gumballs, all in the name of Christ! If you see a Wednesday Friend, please thank them for their dedication to our property, inside & out!



MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
10/5/25	28	65	9	102
10/12/25	30	57	11	98
10/19/25	15	52	10	77
10/26/25	33	60	3	96

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
10/6/25	7	0
10/13/25	8	0
10/20/25	10	0
10/27/25	8	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
10/12/25	20



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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays		November Anniversaries	
11/2	Sarah Brace Zeke Kenitzer	11/25	Rita & Steve Sarson
11/5	Norma Kuerzi		
11/10	Joyce Anderson Mike Kull		
11/13	Colin Selch		
11/14	Alexandra Kenitzer Kenneth Overstreet		
11/15	Amanda Ribble		
11/16	Tom Farrar Jacob Murphy		
11/18	Pat Friedman		
11/21	Bennett Bruederle Barb Morgan Molly Pryor		
11/26	Jamie Richardson		
11/30	Rod Hester Fran Kilgore		





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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.