THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 2025

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"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1:43-46).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Come and See! Early in his gospel, the first chapter, John recorded about a moment when John the Baptist and two of his disciples saw Jesus. John welcomed and greeted Jesus with, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" The disciples, who heard John's greetings, followed Jesus and asked Jesus where he lived. Jesus answered, "Come and See". Jesus invited the two disciples to see themselves the place where he lived. Likewise, on the next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and asked him to follow him. Philip did not keep his excitement of meeting Jesus to himself.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.christlutheranlouisville.com Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade Church Office: 502-267-5082 Instead, he invited other to come and see Jesus. When he found Nathanael, he said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see". Despite Nathaniel's initial pessimism about Jesus, Philip invited him anyway that may find out himself who Jesus is. We should do likewise.

A long time ago, our church used that invitation phrase as our motto as well. It actually aligns with our mission emphasis this year as the year of inviting. As an intentional person, I continue to encourage you to be intentional in our invitation to "come and see". I sense momentum here in our church. We offer varieties of worship and service opportunities where people can be blessed. Since our Rally Sunday, our church is in a 'full swing'. Besides our regular services, we have a monthly service at Forest Hills Commons. We offer Sunday school classes for all ages, confirmation classes for Middle and High school students, Monday Noon Bible Study and Prayer meeting.

We are also involved in our community. We participated in our Gaslight festival this summer. This past Sunday we had our outdoor service and community picnic and on Saturday October 11 we will have the blessing of animals. We are also supporting our local and global mission of the church. Needless to say, we are a busy church. Often times, our faith grows when we serve; God's works and our hands.

A study shows that about 67% to 83% of church attendees initially come because they were personally invited by a friend or family. About 82% of unchurched people are likely to attend a church service if invited by a friend or a family member. Invite people. Tell them how you have been blessed by coming to church. Invite your friends and family members to "come and see" Jesus and let them see and experience themselves who Jesus is and how Jesus is actively working in the life of his people. So, Come and See!

Serving Christ with You,

Pr. Bimen Limbong





Mark your calendars for our annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE on Saturday, October 11 at 2pm. Details on page 11.



Thirsty third Thursday on Thursday, October 16 at 6pm.
Details on page 10.



FAMILY FUN AT THE FARM on Saturday, September 18, 2pm until ??. Details on page 9



COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT on Saturday, October 11. Details on page 13.



can be found on pages 9 & 11.
Check these out!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through May 2025

Expected Receipts: \$269,981.00

Actual Receipts: \$286,397.00

We thank everyone for their gifts.

Thanks to our counters for the month of September; Mike & Jean Barney and Becky & Roger Miller.

Online

Giving

SCAN ME

Memorials were received in memory of Earl Arnett, Colbert and Bob Strohman. Margaret

UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Be on the lookout for our upcoming Stewardship Campaign. There will be

We also we be asking for contributions of "time and talents". Volunteers are always needed for uncoming and talents. Not sure how to get involved, give the church office a call. Jeremy will get you connected with the right person for your interests.

Mary C. Metzner: A Lasting Gift in the Spirit of Christ



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."

— Galatians 5:22-23

Longtime member Mary Carlisle Winkler Metzner — known to many at Christ Lutheran as Mary C. — left a generous bequest to the church, a final act of devotion to the community that meant so much to her and her family.

Mary C. and her late husband Edward built their lives around their faith. "A majority of their social life was centered around the church," recalls their son, Mark. "They would play bridge with their friends, and Mom was active in the Women of ELCA." The Metzners could often be found sitting near the front during worship. "I think it was partly to keep me quiet," Mark jokes. He also credits them for his ongoing faith. "They worked hard and were successful, and it was important to them to give back," Mark says. "They really believed. It was in their DNA."

After Edward's passing and throughout Mary C.'s illness, the church remained a source of strength. "It meant a lot to mom to know that the church was still there for her," Mark shares. She regularly watched streamed services — "Mom used to love, love, love watching Pastor Bimen" — and received meaningful visits from him as well.

Now, her legacy of faith continues. "The church has always meant comfort," Mark says. "We're really lucky to have a church like this." Though she wouldn't have wanted recognition, Mary C. would be quietly touched to know her gift is helping sustain the church she so deeply loved.

CELEBRATING a LIFE & LEGACY



Gaslight Festival Gets Bigger & Better in 2025!

Christ Lutheran recently returned for the 3rd consecutive year to the J-town Gaslight Festival. Every year, we learn a little bit more and get a little bit better. And this year, we went a little bit bigger by adding the Gaslight Festival Parade to our schedule of events!

We started on the Sunday prior to the Gaslight Festival, as all ages gathered in the gym on Rally Sunday to begin creating our parade float—painting the bottom of our feet and strolling across cloth banners to illustrate how we are "Walking with Christ." Kyle Fletcher generously provided a tractor and trailer, so another group gathered on Wednesday evening to assemble our float. Karen Lawyer donated mini beach balls that said "Walking with Jesus" to hand out along the parade route in addition to lots of candy. With the beach balls, the footprints on our sandy-colored banners, and the cool sunglasses we were handing out at our booth, a "beachy" theme to our float naturally emerged. Thursday was parade day, and Kyle was our captain, driving the tractor through the streets of J-town, with a float full of waving riders—including a beautiful mermaid princess (aka Avery)—and a great group of walkers handing out treats to the crowds.

Friday through Sunday was the Gaslight festival itself, where our members once again hosted our booth. Steve and Rita Sarson helped with the booth set up on Friday and breakdown on Sunday. In between, we broke in a brand-new tent canopy, and our Plinko game drew in the crowds to win prizes—our "Come & See" CLC sunglasses, blessing bracelets, and of course, our perennially popular painted rocks—as well as bags stuffed with information about our church. Rita once again coordinated our rock painting efforts throughout the past year, providing us with a stockpile of over 450 rocks to give away! It's amazing to see how excited people are to win a rock as their prize and watch the thought and care they take to select their very own rock. So many truly appreciated the creativity and inspiration our members put into our painted rocks.

It was a busy, fun week, and it would not have been possible without a <u>lot</u> of volunteers sharing their time, talents, and treasures. I hope we helped sow seeds of the Spirit in the J-town community, and I'm so thankful to everyone who supported this effort to love and serve our neighbors this year, and I invite you to join the fun at Gaslight 2026!























IT Was a Beautiful Day for a Church & Community Picnic



The sun was bright and the breeze was refreshing, it was a beautiful day for a picnic. About 80 people, with several new faces, were in attendance for a wonderful outdoor service. Immediately following, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch grilled up by Kyle Fletcher and Dale Breitenstein. The burgers & hot dogs were sizzling and the fellowship was

fulfilling! Thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered, participated, and visited...making this another wonderful CLC picnic. A special thank you to Wendy Gonzalez from Thrivent, the J'town Fire Department & the J'town Police Department for spending the day with us. Thank you Mike Barney & Friends for the wonderful music that filled the air all afternoon! Enjoy just a few photos of our special event. More can be found in the Photo Gallery on our







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



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 18th 2:30pm – ?

Fun for <u>all ages!</u>

(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!



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 kidfriendly, 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, October 16, 6pm-ish at:



Noah's Kitchen

9850 Von Allmen Ct #101 Louisville, KY 40241 https://eatatnoahskitchen.com/

Noah's Kitchen is an elevated casual restaurant offering madefrom-scratch dishes in a warm and welcoming environment. At Noah's Kitchen, every meal contributes to changing lives for the better and helping to make the world more loving by donating 100% of profits to organizations dedicated to:

- Make known the love of God.
- Fight human trafficking, with a focus on child sex trafficking and support recovery.
- Support foster care and adoption.
- · Combat alcohol and drug abuse, and aid recovery.

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 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.

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. Volunteers will be on hand to take your documents, no need to exit your car. They will do the heavy lifting!





It's a GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY!

All youth in Kindy through 12th grade and young adults are invited to a Great Pumpkin Party on Saturday, October 25, 12:30 - 3:30pm. A pizza lunch will be served complete with spellbinding drink potions. It will be an afternoon full of

pumpkin decorating and spooktacular games like Rat Toss and Eyeball Bounce just to name a few. Costumes are optional, but encouraged to complete the vibe. Pumpkins will be provided and parents are welcome to say for the fun. RSVP by October 19 by calling church office or email Karen Lawyer @

karenlawyer419@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2025

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12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1pm Mary Lou Vaughn

11am Worship

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> **HAPPY** HALLOWEEN



SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS 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 mid October. 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".

JAM TOILET PAPER DRIVE

Woo hoo!! Thank you to all who donated toilet paper for our TP Drive for JAM. Our total roll collection was 726!





The Social Ministry Committee will begin collecting gifts cards for JAM for families to provide gifts for their children beginning mid-November through December 14.

Preferred gifts cards include Target and Meijer. Please considering picking up a gift card or two.

More details will be shared soon.

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 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=emIVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09

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 **OCTOBER** donations of Body Care items are being collected. Please consider donating items like:

- + Soap, Body Wash for men & women, Shower puffs
- + Body Lotion
- + Diapers (4-6), Depends male or female, Baby wipes
- + Razors & Shaving Cream for men & women
- + Feminine hygiene products
- + Deodorant

GOSPEL SONGS & STORIES

Gospel Songs & Stories - Led by Kathleen Breitenstein

The first session of **Gospel Songs and Stories** had 36 people learning, sharing and singing! "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was

the focus song and we learned that this beloved hymn was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27, as a comfort to two men who had lost their wives. We also learned about some characteristics of gospel music and will continue to explore it throughout this series. Attendees shared personal experiences with gospel music, we talked about how "the leaning song" supports us in our daily lives today, and how we as a congregation can provide support and encourage others to lean on us when they need support and comfort.

The next session of Gospel Songs and Stories may have you saying "I'll Fly Away!" So, on Sunday, October 19th, join us in Room 5 and please remember, the ability to sing is not required, only the ability to make a joyful noise!

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.





CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Join us for Holy Heroes: The Gospel Ac-CORDING 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.



WEDNESDAY FRIENDS found 3 purple plum trees on a bargain sale, so they were purchased and planted on the playground. The purple plum tree that is in the corner appears to be on its last life. With loving care and God's blessings, we are hopeful that they may grow into beautiful trees.



Join the **Women of the ELCA** on Tuesday, October 14 at noon. Lunch will be provided and there will be wonderful fellowship with 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.





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 birthday cards. 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.

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
9/7/25	35	62	11	108
9/14/25	33	64	13	110
9/21/25	25	66	16	107
9/28/25	No Service	75	No Livestream	75

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering Forest Hills Worship

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
9/8/25	8	0
9/15/25	10	0
9/22/25	8	0
9/29/25	8	0

DATE	TOTAL
8/14/25	25

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OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays			October Anniversaries
10/3	Liz Dawson	10/10	Sherri & Randy Hesler
10/14	Nora Turpen	10/13	Liz & Scott Walker
10/17	Kate Selch	10/19	Robinn & Barry Barmore
10/19	Tony White	10/20	Terri & Keith Kenitzer
10/21	Jane Farrar	10/27	Peggy & Gary Stephens
10/22	Germaine Overstreet		
10/24	Sinclair Palmiter Emory Wells		
10/25	Mary Glasscock		IIADDV
10/28	Pam Ballinger		HAKKI
1030	Emily Richardson Hannah Richardson		Rirthday

10/31

Ginny Hallum







9212 Taylorsville Road Louisville, KY 40299 Sunday Worship 8:30am & 11am

Sunday School preK—Adult 9:45am We will be a constant of the constant

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Worship Times: Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am.

Nursery: Infant to 6 years old in Room 3 during 8:30am & Sunday School: Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday.

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