

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2025



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“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord; ‘Make his paths
straight.’” (Matthew 3:3)

Happy Advent to you all!

I cannot believe that we are now entering the second week of Advent. As I write this letter, I am looking out through my office window and seeing the snow.

Indeed, it begins to look a lot like Christmas. Even though for quite sometime now all stores and malls have been decorated with Christmas decorations even as early as Halloween.

The word ‘Advent’ comes from the Latin word ‘*adventus*’ which means ‘the arrival’ or ‘the emergence’ of a notable person, thing or event. We are waiting and anticipating the coming of Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and at the same time we are waiting and anticipating for his coming again in glory. We can also understand the meaning of advent to wait or anticipate the one who is already here among us, Jesus Christ, as we encounter him through hearing his Word and partake in the Holy Communion, when ‘God is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.’

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

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Advent season is a time of hope, waiting, reflection and preparation. We do so by providing fellowship and worship opportunities in our church. Throughout Advent, our church provides midweek Advent service every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. The theme for our midweek Advent series this year called, “The Gifts of Advent”. As we all know that in the weeks before Christmas, especially during Thanksgiving weekend and after, we often race around finding just the right gifts for friends and family. But at the same time, let us not forget the true meaning of this season. The season of Advent is itself a gift—a time set apart to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We give thanks for God’s gift to us in the baby of Bethlehem; a gift given freely and offered in love.

For the next three Wednesdays, starting this Wednesday, we will consider three sub themes for the Gifts of Advent: ‘The Gift of Patience’, ‘The Gift of Speech and Silence’ and ‘The Gift of Hope.’ We will use our Holden Evening Prayer for our Liturgy.

Another reflection and worship opportunity during this season of Advent is our Blue Christmas on December 21st. We usually do it on the 21st being the longest period of darkness of the year (Winter Solstice). This is a contemplative service, offered especially for those hurting during this holiday season; those who lost their loved ones, including those who are suffering from illness, addiction, violence, loneliness, financial hardship, conflict, etc., to remind us that indeed God arrives by way of deep darkness and that God, the maker of the cosmos, chose to lovingly draw near to our broken world by way of a human birth on the longest night of the year.

I invite you to journey with me during this Advent season to reflect and experience God’s gifts given to us so freely and lovingly through those opportunities.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

UPCOMING *Events*



MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP will begin on Wednesday, December 3 at 7pm. Advent Suppers will be at 6pm. Details on page 15.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT will be held on Saturday, December 6, 4-8pm. Details on page 7.



MEGA PROGRESSIVE DINNER will be held on Saturday, December 13, 1-6pm. Details on page 6.



CAROLING AT FOREST HILLS COMMONS ASSISTED LIVING will be held on Sunday, December 14 @ 2pm. Details on page 15.



KENTUCKY KINGDOM WINTER EVENT will be held on Saturday, December 20, 5-9pm. Details on page 6.

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through October 2025

Expected Receipts: \$329,319.00

Actual Receipts: \$330,912.00

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SCAN ME

Thanks to our counters for the month of November;
Rita & Steve Sarson, Jane & Tom Farrar, Mike &
Kathy Kull, Dale Breitenstein & John Schmitt

Memorials were received in memory of Earl Arnett
and MaryLou Vaughn.



SHARING THE LITURGY WITH OTHERS

For almost a year now we have been blessed with volunteers serving as the Liturgist at our worship services. This position truly helps Pastor Bimen with our two services each week, allowing him to focus on his Gospel and sermon. This is such a blessing to Pastor and our congregation, but I dare say also to those individuals who have dedicated their time and talents to this role.

At this time we have about 6 individuals who have graciously served these past 12 months. We would love more folks to volunteer so that we have a larger rotation. **We will train you on how to serve in this position and there is no required singing.** The entire liturgy can be spoken.

After prayerful consideration, if you feel called to help, let Pastor Bimen know. This is another way to live out our mission of walking with Christ to love and serve our church!

WELCOME, JEREMY RHODES!

If you've stopped by the church office on a weekday morning, you may have already met our administrative assistant, Jeremy Rhodes. With a background that blends music, hospitality, and bookkeeping, Jeremy has been keeping the office humming (literally and figuratively) since June.

Growing up in Breckinridge County, Jeremy is a longtime UK basketball fan. He also attended UK, graduating in 2009 with a degree in music education. In college, Jeremy performed in all the choirs and led the a cappella group for several years. Today, he is a staff singer at

Calvary Episcopal Church downtown. "Music has always been an important part of my life," he says, "and the Episcopal church has a great musical repertoire."

When his family moved to Louisville, Jeremy worked at Doc Crow's Smokehouse, where he became general manager. He later shifted to a bookkeeping position when his daughter Quinn was born. Now, he works remotely for GamePlan Associates, which serves the restaurant industry among others.

But working remotely left a void in Jeremy's day. Then he came across the administrative job at Christ Lutheran, which happens to be conveniently located near his house!

"It's been really nice to be back around people," Jeremy says. "Everyone's been super nice, and Becky Miller was especially awesome with my training and answering all my questions."

Jeremy's daughter is in the 4th grade at St. Matthews Elementary, and his wife Katie is the assistant curator for 21C Hotels. While his family, plus his two cats and a dog, and his three jobs keep him plenty busy, Jeremy wants everyone in the congregation to feel welcome to drop in and say hello.

"I might be a little frazzled," he says with a smile. "But I'm always happy to help."





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

We are bringing back all the "retro" fun! **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** is back with a MEGA twist. On **Saturday, December 13 (please note the date change)** 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, Japanese, 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!

Middle & High school 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!



PARENTS Night Out

**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, 4-8pm**. Kids 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 @ ka-renlawyer419@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!



**CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH!**



WORSHIP TEAM



100 WHITE
FLAGS

SPEAKER



TRAVIS
HARTJEN

CINCINNATI

JANUARY 9-11, 2026

COST: \$129

CONTACT: Liz D. & Kyle F.

DEADLINE: December

15th



REGISTER TODAY AT
QuakeEvent.com

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YOUTHQUAKE is back and CLC is planning on attending. More details to follow, but if you are interested text Liz Dawson @ 502-541-2223 or Kyle Fletcher @ 502-309-6500.

The event is taking place in Cincinnati, OH January 9-11, 2026! Registration is \$129/ person due by December 15.

QUAKE

FRIENDSGIVING LOCK IN & BREAKFAST

The kitchen and gym of CLC was filled with the laughter and fellowship of 7 young boys on Saturday, November 15! Kyle Fletcher, Liz Dawson & Karen Lawyer chaperoned an evening of breakfast making, pickleball playing and lots of laughter. On Sunday, November 16 the boys served up the breakfast casseroles they prepared to our congregation. I think Liz D. said it best..."Who knew making sausage balls could be so much fun!" This is sure to be an annual event!





DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	1	2	3 9:30am W Friends 6pm Adv 7pm Adv 7:45pm C
7 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class	8 12pm Prayer Mtg	9 9:30am Tuesday Friends	10 9:30am W Friends 6pm Adv 7pm Adv 7:45pm C
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28 LESSONS & CAROLS 8:30am No Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	29 12pm Prayer Mtg	30 9:30am Tuesday Friends	31 9:30am W Friends 7pm Cho



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Parent Supper</p> <p>Parent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>4-8pm Parents Night Out - Youth Event</p> 
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Parent Supper</p> <p>Parent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>1-6pm Mega Progressive Dinner</p> 
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Parent Supper</p> <p>Parent Worship</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>5-9pm KY Kingdom Winter Event</p> 
 <p>Christmas Light Service</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Worship</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	26	27
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>			

FRIENDSGIVING THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pr. Bimen & Berliana Limbong, two people who were not born into our American holiday of Thanksgiving, have exemplified exactly what this holiday means. Along with their 3 adult children, they hosted a friendsgiving dinner on Thanksgiving day at our church for anyone who wanted to come...those alone for the holiday, those who didn't want to cook, those who just wanted to join in on the Limbong fun. The kitchen was full of amazing food and Room 1 was overflowing with love, laughter and fellowship we have come to associate with Thanksgiving! What a great day!







SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



The Social Ministry Committee thanks the congregation for participating in Operation Christmas Child.



113 shoeboxes were shipped with the help of \$590 in monetary donations and \$250 in Thrivent grants. What a great way of loving and serving our friends and neighbors.

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



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



On **Sunday, December 21st**, we will hold our special Blue Christmas service at 7:00 PM. This service is offered especially for those who are hurting during this holiday season.

Held on the longest period of darkness of the year, this is a reflective service for those living through dark times, offering connection, comfort and the promise of hope found in Christ.

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

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS HERE



The first Sunday of Advent was 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.

A-CAROLING WE WILL GO...

Join us on Sunday, December 14 at 2pm as we continue our caroling tradition at Forest Hills Commons Assisted Living. This has become a beloved tradition not only for the residents of Forest Hills Commons, but for our members and confirmation students. Please join us as we fill the halls with holiday cheer singing some of our favorite Christmas carols.



The CLC Property Committee invites you to come and join the fun. Their group will be cleaning up our Sanctuary following all the holiday festivities on Saturday, January 3rd.

The cleaning will commence at 8:30am and will be finished by noon. Cleaning supplies will be provided, but if you have a favorite cleaning rag or mop, bring it along. The more the merrier!!

GOSPEL SONGS & STORIES



Gospel Songs & Stories - Led by Kathleen Breitenstein

"Amazing Grace" was our focus song for the November session of Gospel Songs and Stories. Over 20 participants learned that one of the best known gospel songs had a turbulent and stormy start, was written as a sermon and not a song, and the most beloved verse "When we've been there ten thousand years...", was not original! This and so many other gospel songs impact our lives in ways we're exploring so we'd love to have you join us for the **next session on January 18th**.

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.

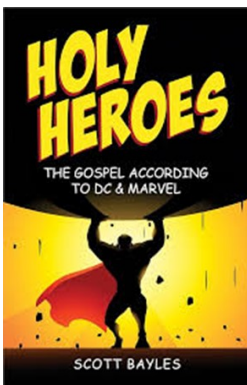


CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Join us for **HOLY HEROES: THE GOSPEL 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.

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
11/2/25	28	76	7	111
11/9/25	28	43	13	84
11/16/25	39	65	Not Recorded	104
11/23/25	No Service	91	16	107
11/30/25	33	50	11	94

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
11/3/25	10	0
11/10/25	6	0
11/17/24	8	0
11/24/25	NS	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
11/10/25	20

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DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries
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12/01	Renate Fish	12/19	Hannah & Casey Veatch
12/02	Trish Ferris		
12/05	Jim Bell		
12/07	Ed Schuette		
12/08	Heather Rush Rebecca Zibart		
12/09	Berliana Limbong		
12/11	Kyle Mertz		
12/12	Tyler Murphy		
12/13	Larry Glenn		
12/14	Donna Heinicke		
12/15	Jean Barney		
12/19	Stephen Yankey		
12/20	Jaclyn Werder		
12/23	Beverly Gilmore		
12/25	Yvonne Gallahue Jenny Nixon		
12/28	Kim Jordan John Schmitt		





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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.