

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



JANUARY 2026

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“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:14,16-17)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope this Christmas brought you and your family hope, love and joy. I also hope you were able to attend one of our Christmas Eve services whether in person or online and found it to be comforting and joyful. We thank all the volunteers who helped make our Christmas Eve services meaningful; those who decorated our sanctuary, worship assistants, musicians and choir. We were grateful once again for our sisters and brothers from the Japanese church for joining us in our service and offering a special music and for our choir for offering beautiful music; all for the glory of God. Also, on behalf of our family, I would also like to thank you for your Christmas greetings, gifts, baked goods and cookies. We are grateful and blessed for having such a wonderful congregation.

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www.christlutheranlouisville.com

Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Administrative Assistant - Jeremy Rhodes

Church Office: 502-267-5082

We celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to us as a baby and grew up to become our Savior. We celebrate not only his birth but also his presence among us. The Christmas season and all the Christmas festivities may end, but Christmas is not over yet. As a matter of fact, the work of Christmas has just begun, quoting some of Howard Thurman's poem, 'To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people and to make music in the heart.'

For Jesus, the Word made flesh continues to live among us. Therefore, we continue to unwrap Christ's surprising gifts each day and all year long. From his fullness we have received and continue to receive grace upon grace.

Now by God's grace, we've made it through another year with all the joys and challenges that came with it. But through it all, God was faithful. With that, we are confident, that God will remain faithful as we enter the year of our Lord 2026. We do not know what the year 2026 will hold, but we know that God will be there with us every step of the way. May we, in a means of grace, respond to God's faithfulness and grace by striving to be faithful to God's call and fulfilling our mission of 'Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors.'

I will conclude this letter with this benediction: "May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength. May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the \pm Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always." Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Bimen Limbon, Pastor

Annual Congregational Meeting 2026



The 2025 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 18. Reports can be picked up in Narthex, and will be emailed.

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 28
12:30pm
Light Lunch will be served
1pm
Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28. Immediately following our 11am service, the only worship service this day, there will be a light lunch served. At 1pm the congregational meeting will begin.

The 2025 Annual Report will be available to all member on Sunday, January 18. Reports will be emailed to all members, however there will be reports in the Narthex as well.

Please RSVP by calling the church office. Jeremy will be collecting attendance numbers so the Council will know how many people to expect for lunch. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.,

We hope all our members will join this meeting. It is an important meeting in our church and we appreciate all our members support and interest.

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through December 2025

Expected Receipts: \$367,115

Actual Receipts: \$357,881

[Online
Giving](#)

Thank you for your contributions, support and generosity



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

SMALL GROUP @ CLC MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

A long time group of friends at Christ Lutheran continue their holiday traditions of giving back to our community. This small group led by Dave Williamson more than matched a \$250 Thrivent grant for a total of \$600.

These savvy shoppers capitalized on sales and promotions and purchased boxes and boxes of diapers...about 30 large boxes! JAM needed certain sizes and were elated with the delivery! Thank you to our small group and especially to Mike and Kathy Kull for their \$200 "pay it forward" donation.





The Social Ministry Committee collected and delivered 32 gift cards to JAM on December 15! These gift cards help families in the J'town area this Christmas. Hopefully so sweet children woke up to their most wished for present Christmas morning. Thank you to all who donated, your generosity is overwhelming.



In 2026 we will continue our mission to help J'town Area Ministries. Each month we will collect specific items for the JAM food pantry.

For the month of **January** we will collect laundry supply items:

- + Laundry Detergent
- + Fabric Softener
- + Dryer Sheets
- + Clorox Bleach & Color Safe Bleach



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!!

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

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	
Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 Last Day Finance
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour ←—————→	5	6 9:30am Tuesday Friends Pastor Bimen Out of Office	7 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir
11 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship	12 12pm Prayer Mtg	13 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle 	14 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir
18 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Gospel Songs & Stories Class 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship	19 12pm Prayer Mtg	20 9:30am Tuesday Friends	21 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir
25 8:30am No Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Annual Meeting	26 12pm Prayer Mtg	27 9:30am Tuesday Friends	28 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>ay for all 2025 cial Donations</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 COMMITTEE REPORTS to Liz Walker Deadline Pastor Bimen Out of Office</p>	<p>3 8:30am Sanctuary Clean Up</p> <p>→</p>
<p>Wednesday air Rehearsal →</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Wednesday ir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Wednesday ir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Wednesday ir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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.**

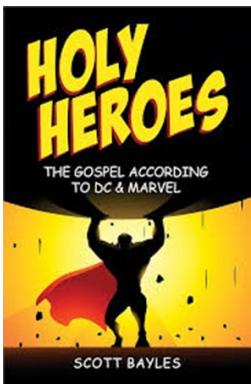
WHIRL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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 for crafts, prayers, stories, treats!



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, January 13 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=emIVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkd09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emIVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkd09)

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124
Passcode: 900074

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	EARLY	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
12/3	N/A	25	4	29
12/7	32	67	15	114
12/10	N/A	32	3	35
12/14	12	52	24	88
12/17	N/A	24	3	27
12/21	32	60	11	103
12/24	162	87	11	260
12/28	N/A	40	20	60

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
12/1	4	0
12/8	7	0
12/15	6	0
12/22	5	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
12/14/25	21

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
1/1	Kathy Armstrong	1/3	Charlise & Mark Fullmore
1/4	Logan Rush	1/4	Berliana & Pr. Bimen Limbong
1/5	Terri Kenitzer	1/5	Malissia & Jim Bell
1/6	Becky Miller	1/7	Kathy & Mike Kull
1/8	Ron Morgan		
1/10	MaryLou Miller Sara Ridgway		
1/11	Ed Greaves		
1/12	Roger Miller		
1/14	Susan Yankey		
1/18	Marilyn Peak		
1/19	Aurora Martinez		
1/20	Kathleen Breitenstein Barbara Hester		
1/22	Dave Bremner Jennifer Kemnitz		
1/23	Ashby Hallum		
1/26	Rose Straub		
1/27	Holly Ellenberger		
1/28	Earl Breitenstein Kara Funk		





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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am

Sunday School
preK—Adult 9:45am

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Christ Lutheran
Church
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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.