

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*“Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Matthew 21:10)*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

Even though I am writing this letter while we are still in the midst of Holy week, we know what happened after the third day, a joyous resurrection on Easter morning. Indeed, there’s no Easter without Good Friday. So, while we are going through a solemn moment to remember and contemplate upon Jesus’ sufferings and death, at the same time, we gaze towards the horizon and see that there is good coming out of that terrible Friday, that’s why we call it ‘Good Friday’. Jesus indeed conquered death and was raised from it.

On that early morning on the third day, God’s power was being displayed, where the earth was shaken by the great earthquake and the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone, and sat on it. All the power in this world could not match God’s power. The earth and all that is in it were subject to him. The earth could not hold his body in the grave. The empire’s seal that sealed the tomb was breached and the stone was rolled away. The angel sat on it signifying Jesus’ dominion over death. Even the Roman guards, who were known to have no fear, shook and became like the dead man when they saw the angel of the Lord whose appearance was like lighting and whose clothing was white like snow. *continued on pg. 2*

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But to Mary and other Mary, the angel greeted them with a gentle and comforting voice saying, “*do not be afraid, I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised as he said. Come and see that place that he lay Then go and tell his disciples. He has been raised. Indeed, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.*” On their way, Jesus met them and greeted them with peace and reminded them to not be afraid. Like the angel, Jesus sent them to go and tell his brothers and sisters to go to Galilee where they would see him.

I’m intrigued with the angel and Jesus’ command to go and tell the rest of the disciples that indeed, ‘Jesus has been raised from the dead.’ The good news of Jesus’ resurrection was indeed earth shaking news both literally and metaphorically. It was greater than any breaking news ever. Because of his resurrection, we have hope of resurrection and eternal life. Because He lives, we have life and have it to the fullest. As the refrain of the song that Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote:

*Because he lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because he lives  
All fear is gone  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because he lives*

This earth shattering news and joy is too good to keep to ourselves. As Easter people, God calls us to go and tell the good news of his resurrection and a hope of eternal life to the world that needs to hear it the most. The angel and Jesus reminded the women that Jesus was going ahead of them to Galilee where they would meet him there. Likewise, as we go and tell others about the good news of Jesus, we are rest assured that we are not alone. Jesus is going ahead of us and will meet us at the pace where he sends us to go; to our “Galilee”. So, go and tell that indeed Christ Is Risen. He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Serving Christ with You,

Pr. Bimen Limbong

## FINANCE

### General Fund Giving through February 2026

Expected Receipts: \$63,833.24

Actual Receipts: \$100,421.42

The surplus is due to pledges paid in advance with IRAs.

[Online  
Giving](#)



SCAN ME

Thank you to all our counters during the first 3 months of 2026: the Peaks, the Sarsons, the Barneys, the Farrars, Ed Schuette and Sarah Pryor.

Memorials have been received in memory of Ron Morgan, Bob Wade and Becky Zibart.

As you may know, we had to replace our existing heating system which cost around \$80,000. If you wish to donate to help cover those costs, please note on offering envelope or send donations to the office. We greatly appreciate your support!



## *Note of* **THANKS**

A note of thanks to all of you who sent cards and notes, prepared food for the visitation, came to the funeral, and most of all prayed for me and my family following Bob's death last month. I could honestly feel the love and good wishes – it meant a lot to be surrounded by my church family!

Gratefully.. ..Ann Wade





### **UPCOMING SNACK PACK EVENT**

The Social ministry Committee will plan to pack snack packs for distribution by Street Reach for food individuals in Louisville. We will pack the bags after the 11am service on Sunday, April 26.

If you would like to make a cash donation to purchase snack items and packing supplies you may do so by placing the donation in a pew envelope and placing it in the offering plate. Please notate on the envelope your donation is for the Snack Pack Event. 200 snack bags cost about \$475 to put together. Thank you in advance for supporting this initiative.



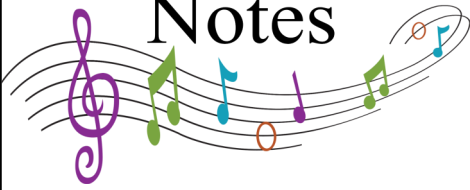
In 2026 we will continue our mission to help J'town Area Ministries. Each month we will collect specific items for the JAM food pantry.

For the month of **April** we will collect Household Cleaning products:

- + Kitchen Cleaners
- + Bathroom Cleaners
- + Sponges
- + Cleaning Wipes
- + Air Freshners
- + Glass Cleaners
- + Dusting Clothes
- + Floor Cleaners

*Walking with Christ,  
Go in peace to love and serve our  
church and neighbors*

# MUSIC Notes



A big thank you to our hard-working choir, especially since we've had a couple of them out recovering from major surgeries. Shirley Williamson and Jane Farrar are both doing well and we look forward to their speedy return to the choir loft!

It is with both gratitude and sadness that I announce that Mary (Jackie) Glasscock has retired from the choir after many decades of using her voice, talent and time to help *Make Christ Known* through music. She will continue to sing God's praises downstairs with the rest of the congregation. Thanks, Contrary!

## LENTEN SERIES RECAP

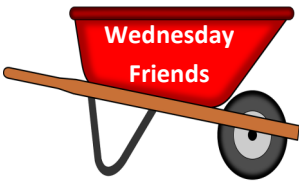
So many songs, so many stories and so much singing! Our Lenten series, "Songs we love to sing and the stories behind them" has come to a close.

Over five Wednesdays, we covered 16 songs and learned that many of our favorites didn't begin as songs at all, that many have mystery verses and that a good refrain can really bring the message home. Many of our favorites had a personal tragedy as its inspiration, some used scripture as a starting point but all reminded us that we are indeed beloved children of God and loved, just as we are.



I want to thank Pastor Bimen for asking me to participate in this project, Ann Wade for being open to my many requests, and those attending in person or online for coming along for the ride. So, as the song says, "God be with you till we meet again."

-Kathleen Breitenstein



## **NEITHER SNOW, NOR RAIN, NOR WIND OR SLEET WILL KEEP WEDNESDAY FRIENDS FROM THEIR DEDICATION TO CLC!**

The property committee has been busy during March and continuing into April making arrangements to have our broken boiler removed and a new HVAC system installed. That entailed removing some old storage cabinets and shelving to make room for the new units. Then we prepared the basement for aqua lock to come and install tile under the floor to help alleviate the water problem on the basement floor that has been there for many years. The water could cause the new units to rust, which we cannot have!

We purchased 2 heavy duty wire shelves with wheels to use to replace the old shelf that was in the way and very dirty.

Since the pipes for venting and the Freon connection needed access to the outside, it seemed the best and most practical way was to drill up through rooms 1 & 2 and out under the window cabinet, using some of the wood taken out of the basement, was built to cover those pipes to make the room more presentable.

And outside, Wednesday friends are busy fertilizing, trimming bushes, and hopefully weeding. It has been a wet several weeks!

We thank everyone for their help and patience while progress continues.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

**PALM SUNDAY** - MARCH 29

@8:30AM & 11AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**- APRIL 2 @ 7PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**- APRIL 3 @ 7PM

**EASTER VIGIL**- APRIL 4 @ 7PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**- APRIL 5 @ 8:30AM & 11AM



### WHAT TO EXPECT AT HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The **Maundy Thursday worship service** commemorates the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Christ Lutheran's Maundy Thursday service features Holy Communion, foot-washing, and the solemn stripping of the altar, symbolizing Christ's abandonment and the betrayal before his crucifixion.

The **Good Friday worship service** is a solemn Christian worship service held on the Friday before Easter to remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. At Christ Lutheran we focus on the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth.

The **Easter Vigil service** is held after sunset on Holy Saturday. It features the Service of Light by lighting the Paschal candle, readings and Thanksgiving for Baptism by lighting our Baptism candles and singing.

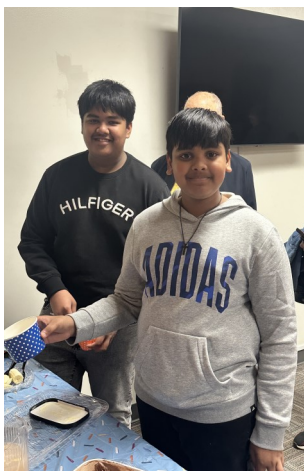




## RITA & STEVE SARSON'S ANNUAL PALM SUNDAE SOCIAL

Rita & Steve Sarson opened up their ice cream shop once again on Palm Sunday, March 29 in the Room 5 immediately following the 11am service and treated every one to a **Sarson Palm Sundae!**

This has been a beloved Sarson family tradition for years and now it is CLC's family tradition too. What a sweet way to be in fellowship as we enter Holy Week.



# A SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY

## A BROTHERLY BAPTISM

On Palm Sunday, March 29 Lashone and Jashan Kondamudi, brothers who are active members of our youth group, were baptized together. It was such a special day to welcome these two young men into the CLC family. Lashone and Jashan were supported and sponsored by their parents Syam Kondamudi and Manasa Gurram as well as Karen Lawyer, Liz Dawson and Kyle Fletcher, our dedicate youth leaders. These young men share the bond of brotherhood through blood and through Christ, a bond that will never be broken.



# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	
			1 9:30am We Friends
5  <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Easter Pastries & Easter Egg Hunt <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	6	7 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte.	8 9:30am We Friends 7pm Choir
12 <b>8:30am NO SVC</b> 9:45am Sunday School <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	13 12pm Prayer Mtg	14 9:30am Tuesday Friends 9:30am WELCA Circle 7pm Youth Cmte. 7pm Worship Cmte.	15 9:30am We Friends 7pm Choir  <b>MESS</b> <b>Articles to</b> <b>De</b>
19 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am Gospel Songs & Stories Class <b>11am Worship</b> 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Cls	20 12pm Prayer Mtg	21 9:30am Tuesday Friends	22 9:30am We Friends 7pm Choir
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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday	2 7pm Worship 8pm Choir Rehearsal  	3 7pm Worship  	4 7pm Worship  	
Wednesday Rehearsal	9	10	11	
Wednesday Rehearsal <b>SENGER</b> by Liz Walker headline	16	17	18	
Wednesday Rehearsal	23	24	25	
Wednesday Rehearsal	30			

Sunday morning, 3/22, CREW 2.0 went out to visit with Wilma Brown. Molly Prior, Hannah Gibson, and Hanna Limbong were part of the original CREW program and were excited to hear that Wilma was open to having a return visit. Jay Pryor and Kathleen Breitenstein were always there as adult partners and didn't want to miss out on the fun.



We shared communion, stories, sang gospel songs that we've been singing during the Wednesday night Lenten series, and enjoyed cupcakes and tea. Beverly, Wilma's friend, also joined in and said that the songs and energy brought by our group was a blessing. God be with us till we meet again!



### Meals for the Recovering & Homebound



In March, the first official meeting for the meals outreach group was held. This group, still working on a name, is part of our church's caring ministry. This group of individuals will provide meals for members who are recovering from illness, surgeries, loss.

Currently, the group is made up of four CLC members; Sherry Davis, Rita Sarson, Karen Lawyer, and Kathleen Breitenstein. Sherry has been doing this for quite a while now with the help of our pastors. A couple of years ago, Rita joined the mission and both ladies can testify that it has been a wonderful ministry that reaches out to our members.

The next meeting will focus on group cooking, prepping meals that can be frozen and ready to be delivered in a moments notice. Does this ministry seem like something you want to be a part of? If so, contact Sherry Davis at 502-608-9534, call or text.

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION INTO JERUSALEM!

Christ Lutheran Church celebrated Palm Sunday with a traditional procession into Jerusalem. Our youth handed out palms and led our congregation in a special procession to begin our worship. The youth, young and old, followed the cross waving their palms in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. This has been a long standing tradition of CLC and one the continue to bring joy and smiles. This year, Jesus arrived on a donkey and made the procession even more special.



## GOSPEL SONGS & STORIES

Gospel Songs & Stories - Led by  
Kathleen Breitenstein



Our next hymn to explore is *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. We hope you will join us as we learn how this special gospel song impacts our lives. We hope we see at our **next session on April 19th** at 9:45am in Room 8. We may find that God loves you and me, "Just As I Am."

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## 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!

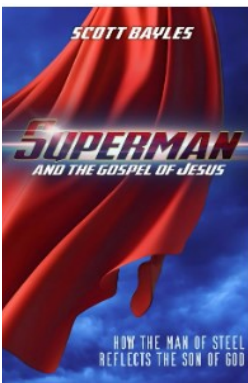


WHIRL CLASS

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

Join us for **SUPERMAN & THE GOSPEL OF JESUS**



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 "how the Man of Steel reflects on the Son of God". This class is led by Liz Dawson & Kyle Fletcher.

Join the **Women of the ELCA** on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30am for Bible Study, while enjoying meaningful 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](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=emlVSUJdLeXVPNVVXYUHjd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074





## Calling all volunteers: Youth grades 6-12 and adults of all ages!!

The Christian Education committee is happy to announce we will be hosting evening VBS July 27-31 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. To make this year another awesome success we need your help in the following areas:

**Meal hosts-** Will help prepare and serve the meals prior to VBS. Please note you would need to be available in the late afternoon to be able to prepare the meal to be served by 5:30 p.m. Meals will have been planned and items purchased in advance.

**Opening & Closing Hosts:** This group will work with Pastor Bimen helping host the opening *Sing & Play Tune Lagoon* and *Canopy closing* sessions. "Start the evening with high-energy music and introduce a new Bible Memory Buddy each day. Wrap up the evening with cool science experiments, skits, and music that all tie to the daily Bible Point."

If you are interested in helping, please mark your calendars for our first VBS team meeting on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. We will discuss and plan for another fun year! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Liz Dawson, [fabuliz10@yahoo.com](mailto:fabuliz10@yahoo.com) with your intent to commit to VBS by Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR  
VBS A MAGICAL SUCCESS!!!**

**MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service**

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
3/1/26	32	64	13	109
3/8/26	32	67	10	109
3/15/26	31	62	10	103
3/22/26	36	67	14	117
3/29/26	42	71	16	129

**Monday Prayer Gathering**

DATE	IN PERSON
3/2/26	3
3/9/26	6
3/16/26	8
3/23/26	8
3/30/26	9

**Midweek Lenten Services**

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
3/4/26	30	8
3/11/26	25	4
3/18/26	33	5
3/25/26	28	5

**Forest Hills Worship**


DATE	TOTAL
3/8/26	26

**2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays	April Anniversaries
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04/04	Emmanuel Korgar	04/01	Jennifer & Robert Kemnitz
04/06	Bruce Alder	04/03	Susan & Stephen Yankey
04/07	Nancy Walsh	04/13	Marilyn & Raymond Peak
04/09	Leroy Koch	04/16	Sherry & Mark Davis
04/11	Jackson Phillips Alice Spaulding	04/28	Taren & Scot Winskye
04/12	Sarah Pryor		
04/14	Wilma Brown		
04/17	Melissa Turpen		
04/19	Barry Barmore		
04/20	Karen Westbrooks		
04/23	Luke Dawson		
04/24	Hannah Gibson		
04/26	Marjorie Hill		
04/27	Kinsley Hoehner		
04/26	Lucas Selch		

**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*  
 FROM YOUR  
**CHURCH FAMILY**






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Sunday School  
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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.