

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2026



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“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (I Corinthians 12:27)

Grace and peace to you my sisters and brothers in Christ, One of my favorite camp or Sunday school songs is the ‘Church Song’ by Jay Beech. Though it is a children’s song, but it has a profound theological description of what is the church and what it not:

Chorus: *We are the church, the body of our Lord; we are all God's children. We have been restored.*

- 1. The church is not a building where people go to pray; it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay.*
- 2. You can go to worship, but you cannot go to church; you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search.*
- 3. The church is not a business, a committee or a board; it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.*
- 4. The church, it is the people living out their lives, called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.*

We just finished our Vacation Bible School last week. We broke the record of the children’s participation since pandemic. We had forty kids registered plus helpers or volunteers. We had great number of children from our neighborhoods. Not only participants, but also the VBS decorators.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Administrative Assistant - Jeremy Rhodes

We are grateful for the great artists in our church who shared their time and talents to decorate our church, classrooms and gym. We decided to leave the VBS decorations until last Sunday for our congregation members to see the beautiful decorations hoping to have a sense of excitement we had in our VBS.

Indeed, it felt like the setting of our worship was held in the Rainforest as together we explored the nature of God and in unison we exclaimed repeatedly ‘Wow God!’ Indeed, our God is an awesome God! At the same time, we appreciated our congregation’s flexibility to adapt to the change in our worship style or mood. I was very pleased to see that many people on both services, especially on the second service. It was wonderful to see some new guests.

Reflecting on the verse and the song above, knowing that the church is not a building made out of sticks, stones or clay, but the church is the people living out their lives, called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ, would it be great if we too are more receptive to the changes in our church including in our building that will accommodate the needs of our ministry and to make our church building to be more welcoming and hospitable? We want to make our church more welcoming not only to our guests, but also our children, grandchildren and the generations after us.

Our world is changing and so is our church. Our willingness to adapt to all the changes will open more opportunity to implement our mission of ‘Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors’ more effectively and to grow God’s kingdom, our church. Most importantly, to let the Holy Spirit continue to form, reform and transform our church for the sake of God’s mission.

Serving Christ with you

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through June 2026

Expected Receipts: **\$201,145**

Actual Receipts: **\$227,369**

We thank everyone who has contributed to the mission of our church.

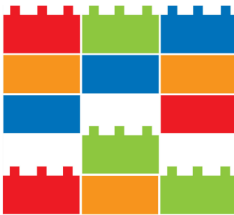
A memorial was received in July in memory of Bubbie Kull.

Thank you to all our offering counters. We appreciate your time and talents.

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DREAM TEAM UPDATE

DREAM TEAM MAKING DREAMS HAPPEN

The Dream Team has been working hard and they have a clipboard full of plans.

Our church facility is going to be getting a facelift that dreams are made of. Some things that will be happening include plumbing problems solved, new flooring, main entrance enhancements, church office relocation.

Have we peaked your interest? Check out the full list of projects on the Dream Team page on our church website.

[**Dream Team Page**](#)



We 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 **August** we will collect Laundry supplies:

- + Detergent
- + Fabric Softener
- + Stain Spray
- + Color Safe Bleach
- + Bleach
- + Dryer Sheets
- + Laundry Bags

Thank you for your continued donations. Every donation helps a neighbor in need.



The Social Ministry committee is sponsoring a **toilet paper collection drive August 23 thru August 30.**

The collected toilet paper will be delivered to JAM in September. Please consider a Thrivent grant to assist with purchases for this event.

*Walking with
Christ,
to love and serve
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Caring Hands Ministry food group met again July 8th, with all six members present to discuss our next meal prep. We have 3 meals still available from our last group cooking.

We made 12 meals for \$44, which included purchasing a ham at 75% off and a pork butt at 50% off. Rita Sarson has ordered our containers for the meals.

The next scheduled group cook will include soups to freeze and Berliana will bake mini banana bread loaves. All food items will be frozen until needed. We will also provide full meals as needed; these meals have been donated by Rita Sarson & Sherry Davis. Pastor Bimen notifies Sherry Davis when there are individuals who may need or like a meal. Sherry then contacts the individual to coordinate the need and delivery. Kathleen Breitenstein has created beautiful cards that we include with our meals.

Interested in helping? Have questions? Contact Sherry Davis at 502-608-9534.



CLC IS HEADING BACK TO GASLIGHT FESTIVAL IN 2026!



If you're interested in volunteering to help with the building of the parade float, riding/walking the parade route or helping with the festival booth, please sign up on the board in the Narthex or signup online by scanning the QR code.

There are all kinds of ways you can share your time and talents to make this weekend a success!

Gaslight Signups





BACKPACK BLESSING 2026

Pastor Bimen will be blessing backpacks for the upcoming 2026-27 school year on Sunday, August 9 at both the 8:30am and 11am worship services.

Students young and old, in fact anyone that uses a backpack, are encouraged to bring them to worship for a special blessing.



LET'S "GLOW" BACK TO SCHOOL

Wear your neon, put on your dancing shoes and join us on August 15 from 7-9pm in the CLC Gym! We are "glowing" back to school with our neon glow dance party.

The dance vibe will be electric! The ice cream sundaes will be beyond cool! All youth are invited. Bring a friend or two!

RSVP with Liz Dawson, Karen Lawyer or Kyle Fletcher.

Liz D.-502-541-2223

Karen L. - 502-744-4534

Kyle F. - 502-309-6500



All students - K through college - are invited to our annual **Rally Day Celebration Sunday, August 30**. During our Sunday school hour, 9:45am-10:45am, there will be a youth planning session - we want to hear your ideas for youth events! Starting at 1pm to 6pm youth are invited to Sami & Odette Salman's house for lunch and an end of season pool party. Tracy Richardson will provide supplies to make cards to be used in our church's Card Ministry program.

The day is sure to be a great time. Bring your bathing suits, sunscreen & towels and join us for a day of fun fellowship to kick off our 2026-27 Sunday school year!

Please RSVP for the pool party by contacting Jeremy Rhodes in the church office, so we can have an accurate count of attendees.



Join Rita Sarson on Sunday, August 9 & August 23 to paint rocks. These rocks will be given away at our Gaslight Festival Booth in September. Our rocks are LEGENDARY in J'town. Come and paint Jesus' love on a rock to share with our community.



AUGUST 2026

DerbySun	Mon	Tue	
AUG 30 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adults Only & preK-5 th Fellowship Hour 11am Worship 1pm Youth Pool Party 	AUG 31 12pm Prayer Mtg		
2 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adults Only & preK-5 th Fellowship Hour 11am Worship 12:15pm Gaslight Planning Meeting 12:15pm Fellowship Hour - Room 1	3 12pm Prayer Mtg 1:15 pm Social Ministry	4 10am Tuesday Friends 7 pm Property Cmte.	5 9:30am We Friends
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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ednesday	6	7	8
ednesday	13	14	15 7-9pm Let's "Glow" Back to School Youth Party MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline
ednesday	20	21 6pm Food, Friendship & Fellowship Friday	22
ednesday	27	28	29

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICKS OFF!

Rainforest Falls VBS kicked off on Monday, July 27 with **40 registered campers** (our biggest camp since Covid). Our church has been transformed into a magical rainforest ready for our campers to explore as they learn about Jesus' love. More photos will be shared on our church website.



Women of the ELCA will be on summer hiatus during the months of June, July & August. Monthly meetings will resume Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30am.

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 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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUHjd3dDNlRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

Thirsty Third Thursdays

Thirsty for theology?
Thirsty for connection &
fellowship? ... or just
thirsty?

SCAN QR CODE
FOR DETAILS!



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY CONTINUES!

Odette & Sami Salman hosted July's Thirsty Third Thursday at their home. The weather was beautiful, the fellowship wonderful and the hospitality simply outstanding. Thank you Odette & Sami for such a great night!



TUESDAY FRIENDS...ALWAYS SPREADING JESUS' LOVE

The heart is the symbol of love. The heart of our church is the love of God and our neighbor. Tuesday Friends have been making hearts to give away so we can be reminded of that love. These hearts can be used as a small gift for shut-ins, hospital patients, or maybe someone who needs a reminder of that love. A basket of hearts is in the Solarium for you to take...one for yourself or one to give away.



If you would like to be a part of this project, please join us any Tuesday morning between 10am - 12pm in Rooms 9 & 10. No experience necessary.

If there is another community project that you have in mind and it takes a team effort, join us to see if we can make it happen together.

Tuesday Friends are also making quilts and lab robes to give away. This has been an ongoing project for many years. New helpers are always welcome. Come learn a new skill, one that helps keep our homebound members & members in nursing & rehab facilities wrapped in Jesus' love.



BAPTISMAL BLANKETS BY TUESDAY FRIENDS

Are you familiar with CLC's tradition of giving a newly baptized child a small, hand crafted blanket? This is our tangible way to "wrap the child in God's Love".

These blankets are lovingly made with prayer by our Tuesday Friends ladies, and are well received and appreciated by the families.

Would you like to help with this ministry? Do you crochet or knit? Our blanket stock is running low. If you are a knitter or crocheter simply making ONE baby blanket will allow us to continue this cherished ministry. If the spirit moves you and you want to make more, Tuesday Friends will happily accept them. This is such a great way to love our newly baptized, wrapping them in God's Love made by the hands of Christ.

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
07/05/26	18	57	14	89
07/12/26	NS	74	0	74
07/19/26	34	53	4	91
07/26/26	31	70	19	120

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
07/06/26	10	0
07/13/26	7	0
07/20/26	7	0
07/27/26	NS	0

DATE	TOTAL
07/12/26	20

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
08/02	Sami Salman	08/03	Bruce & Cynthia Alder
08/03	Mike Barney Matthew Stephens	08/08	Allen & Belinda Porter
08/07	Braylon Garr	08/26	Earl & Carol Breitenstein
08/08	Kathy Sigdestad		
08/09	Sheryl Glasscock Grant Stephens Scot Winskye		
08/10	Abby Ribble Tracy Richardson		
08/11	Anna Mertz		
08/12	Kolbie Garr		
08/16	Henry Nixon		
08/18	Ian Walker Sara Zavagli		
08/19	Keith Kenitzer		
08/21	Pr. George Mercer		
08/24	Doris Jetton		
08/29	Cynthia Alder Shannon Morrison		



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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.