

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2026



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“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Grace and peace to you my sisters and brothers in Christ,

I cannot believe that it has been two weeks now since I returned from my sabbatical. Indeed, my five weeks of sabbatical went by so fast. But I am glad I was able to get some rest and recharge and some learning as part of it. Thank you for allowing me to take that time. I appreciated our leaders and members who stepped up and did what needed to be done in our church during that time.

My first two weeks I spent travelling. My wife, Hannah and I traveled to Europe to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this year and Hannah's graduation. Then my wife and I traveled to Wisconsin for couple of days to attend a memorial service and preside a commendation service for our dear friends like family George and Gerene Olson. Otherwise, I spent the rest of my time at home resting, riding my bike, playing with my tools and things that I enjoy doing.

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Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

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For the learning part of my sabbatical, traveling to Europe, especially to Rome was a good learning experience for me. At one point in the earlier century, Rome was the center of Christendom. It was like a pilgrimage to me. I was able to visit the place where Apostle Paul was imprisoned, St. Peter's tomb, Pontius Pilate's palace, just to name a few. It is rich with church's history that helps me understand the Bible even better and personal. Martin Luther's trip to Rome was a turning point for his reformation movement.

Here at home, I did some readings focused on church's growth, evangelism and mission. On Sundays I visited several growing and vibrant churches in town to worship, observe and learn. My basic objectives were to try to find out what attracts people to joining their church, what we are missing and what are the things that we need to apply here at our church.

The common threads that I discovered were their strong emphasis on prayer, scripture, evangelism and especially in discipleship based on Jesus' Great Commission as stated in the verses above. I shared some of my reflections in my sermon two weeks ago and I will continue to do so in the future and offer some practical suggestions for our appropriate committees. I'm still planning to share my sabbatical experiences and reflections sometime in near future.

The Great Commission of Jesus is still the primary call of the church and every Christian. As believers, we all are called to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach. By doing so, we grow the kingdom. Josh Hush in his book Disciple-Making teachers, How to Equip Adults for Growth and Action, describe nine critical traits of being disciples of Jesus that are consistent with the scriptures, especially the Great Commission of Jesus in the verses above based of the nine Letters in the word 'D-I-S-C-I-P-L-E-S':

1. D - A disciple is a disciplined in his or her daily life
2. I - A disciple enjoys intimately friendship with others
3. S - A disciple's self-esteem reflects God's view of him or her
4. C - A disciple is involved in corporate worship
5. I - A disciple experiences an intimate family life
6. P - A disciple feels true and compelling passion for God
7. L - A disciple is involved in in some sort of lay ministry
8. E - A disciple has an evangelistic interest
9. S - A disciple is committed to sacrificial giving

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God has given us a vision to connect with God, one another and the world and our mission of Walking with Christ, We Love our Church and Neighbors. Walking with Christ, is a form of discipleship. God has gifted us with gifts needed to make our vision a reality by implementing our mission.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through May 2026

Expected Receipts: **\$170,987**

Actual Receipts: **\$201,057**

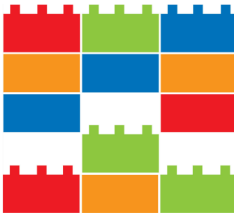
We thank everyone who has contributed to the mission of our church. We are half way through 2026, we appreciated all the giving. The second quarter giving statements will be out for your review very shortly.

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Giving](#)



SCAN ME

A memorial was received in June in memory of Bruce Barney, Mike Barney's brother.



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 in some areas that dreams are made of.

On the list to accomplish include new flooring, main entrance enhancements, church office relocation, room 5 updates and new furniture for the solarium.



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 **July** we will collect Personal hygiene items:

- + Soap
- + Body Wash
- + Deodorant
- + Diapers Sizes 4-6
- + Baby wipes
- + Feminine hygiene products
- + Adult size Depends
- + Razors
- + Shaving cream

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
our church and*

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TOILET PAPER DRIVE

A SMALL DONATION.
A big difference.

HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Your donation of toilet paper will help stock shelves at Jeffersonstown Area Ministries and support neighbors in need.

WHAT TO DONATE:
Any size. Any brand.
Every roll helps!

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
Donation bin in the Solarium (church entry)

Together, we can make a difference.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
GALATIANS 6:2

ANNUAL ST. THOMAS MASS

We hope you will join us on **July 12 at 11am** for our annual **St. Thomas Mass**. This is a unique, interactive worship service led by Pastor Bimen.

Join us for a faith filled discussion during the homily and then participate in reaffirming your faith while you visit several interactive worship stations.

This will be the **ONLY** worship service on this date. Tentatively plan for a luncheon following the service - details to follow!



The Memorial Fund Committee works with Pastor Limbong to search for meaningful expenditures of donated Memorial funds. In the past, some of these funds have been used to purchase Pickleball equipment, the Gaga ball pit, mats for the playground, Communion sets, linens for the altar and Paraments. This list is just an example of uses of the Funds. If you see a need or have an idea to make a purchase using the Memorial Funds, please give your idea to Pastor Limbong, Becky Miller, Marilyn Peak, Randy Hesler or Marty Mercer.

Thank you to all who donate to the Memorial Fund in memory or honor of loved ones.



The 12:15 pm Sunday Social Hour location has been moved to Room 1. The Keurigs, coffee pods, creamer and cups have been moved to the counter near the kitchen. Treats are also available and furnished by volunteers weekly.

Please stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee, treats, friendship, fellowship and hospitality.

The Dream Team is currently discussing new tables and chairs for Room 1 to make the space more comfortable for fellowship times and meetings. Stay tuned for more information.



SUMMER NIGHTS, SUMMER FUN CONTINUES



Family Movie Night continued our Summer Nights series on June 12.

26 kids, young and old, came and watched “The Goat”. There were some new faces who joined from outside our membership, and they had a great time.

Karen Lawyer’s son created “popcorn” nightlights and all kids received one. Thanks to Liz Dawson, Sherry Davis and Kyle Fletcher for helping with the popcorn and refreshments.

On July 12, the youth are invited to go bowling at Kingpin Lanes at 1 pm. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch and shoe rental.

RSVP to Karen Lawyer or Kyle Fletcher by July 8.



CLC YOUTH GIVING BACK



Anna Mertz would like to serve our church and neighbors by creating an herb garden at the church property. Pots are located near the worship doors (back parking lot) and you may take as many of the individual rosemary, oregano, basil, and lavender plants as you would like. Please leave the pots.

On July 26 from 8am to 12:30pm, Anna will be hosting a bake sale using the herbs from the garden to raise money for the youth programs.



On Wednesday, June 17 Wednesday Friends had some new volunteers working to keep our church clean and looking beautiful.

Several of our youth, led by Karen Lawyer, helped with cleaning the church nursery by washing toys, organizing and vacuuming.

They also helped with the weeding and landscaping outside around the building.



JULY 2026

DerbySun	Mon	Tue	
			1 9:30am We Friends
5 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adults Only & preK-5 th Fellowship Hour 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour Room 1	6 12pm Bible Study / Prayer Mtg	7	8 9:30am We Friends
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday	2	3  OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 4TH OF JULY	4 4TH OF JULY  GOD BLESS AMERICA
Wednesday	9	10	11
Wednesday SENGER to Liz Walker deadline	16	17	18
Wednesday	23 6pm Thirsty Third Thursday @ The Salman's	24	25
Wednesday	30	31	



We hope to spot YOU at VBS this summer!!



Mark your calendars for July 27-31, 2026 from 5-8p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with thrilling adventures to follow at the Tune Lagoon.

Youth ages K- 5th grades are invited to step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys we will plunge into daily adventures to discover the nature of God. Join us as we navigate through wild games, rooted bible adventures, and the imagination station! Together we will learn what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God our creator.



Please RSVP here:

www.myvbs.org/clc26



**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR KIDS &
GRANDKIDS AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS
TO ENJOY RAINFOREST FALLS!**

Thirsty Third Thursdays

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

SCAN QR CODE
FOR DETAILS!



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY CONTINUES!

On Thursday, July 23, Thirsty Third Thursday will be hosted by Odette & Sami Salman at their home at 6pm!

Come & enjoy a beautiful summer evening around the pool. Odette & Sami will provide the meal.

Enjoy some photos of our June T3 held again at church! The atmosphere is relaxed and the fellowship is awesome.



STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER



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 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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUHjd3dDNlRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
06/07/26	36	57	6	99
06/14/26	26	45	14	85
06/21/26	38	80	No Live Stream	118
06/28/26	41	58	11	110

Monday Weekly Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
06/08/26	5	0
06/15/26	5	0
06/22/26	7	0
06/29/26	8	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
06/14/26	No Service

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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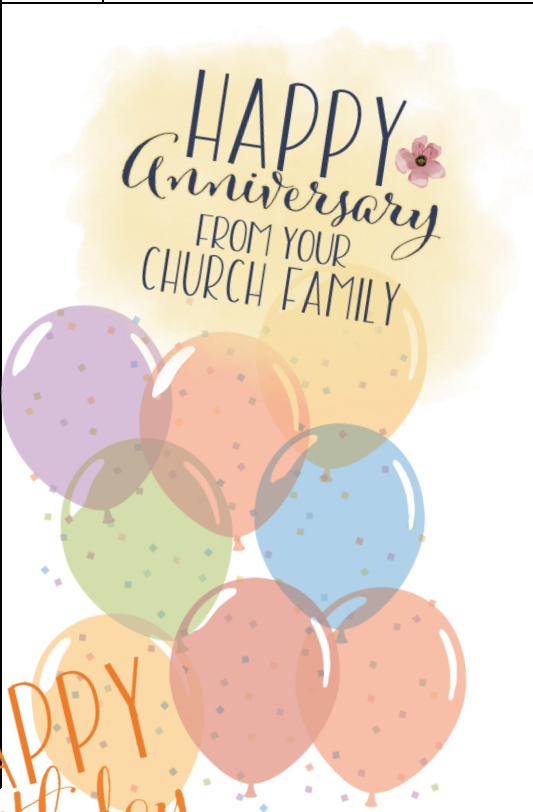
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JULY CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
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7/02	Sherry Davis James Pryor	7/01	Randy & Trish Ferris
7/04	Janet Kull	7/02	Tom & Jane Farrar
7/05	Susan Runke	7/06	Ron & Sharon Coombs
7/06	Natalie Rawlings	7/12	Ed & Karen Schuette
7/08	Marti Gibson	7/13	Nick & Nurliana Zavagli
7/09	Ann Wade		
7/14	Marty Mercer		
7/15	Samantha Brace Rich Hallum		
7/16	Sharon Nix Peggy Stephens		
7/17	Alex Huber		
7/18	Ron Tolle		
7/19	Nathan Pfalzgraf		
7/25	Jessica Bruederle		
7/27	Karen Schuette Gary Stephens		
7/29	Eliza Stephens		
7/30	Jennifer Brace Keaton Walker		





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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.