

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2026



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Bishop Tim's Notes from the Miami Correctional Facility Prayer Vigil

Friends in Christ, beloved neighbors, grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ.

We had hoped to gather in person for this prayer vigil today, but the weather prevented us. Even so, the moral and spiritual question before us remains: How will we treat the stranger in our midst?

The Gospel does not allow us to look away. In Matthew 25, Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was in prison and you visited me." And when people ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you?" Jesus answers, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

That means Christ is present among those who are detained, among migrants and immigrants who have been feared, neglected, or forgotten. Christ stands at the gate as the stranger waiting to be welcomed.

Even though we are not gathered in one place today, we are still joined in prayer, grief, and witness. No one is forgotten by God, and no suffering is hidden from Christ's sight.

This has become personal for me. Dear friends of mine, Phyllis and Tom, have walked closely with an immigrant family for years, loving them deeply and standing by them in difficult times.

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Through their witness, I have been reminded that welcome is not just something we speak about. It is something we practice.

Last Friday, I joined a prayer vigil with Bishop John Stowe and others in Lexington. I was deeply moved by the stories that were shared. We did not see abstract issues or political talking points. We saw human beings made in the image of God, carrying both joy and pain, courage and hardship.

That witness challenged me personally. It reminded me that solidarity requires humility, listening, and relationship. It asks us not only to speak, but to draw nearer to our neighbors.

Matthew 25 comforts us, but it also confronts us. It calls us to welcome the stranger, protect the vulnerable, visit those in prison, speak truth about suffering, and honor the dignity of every human life. Our worth does not come from status, nationality, or citizenship, but from the grace of God.

So we speak today not because we have all the answers, but because faith compels us not to turn away. Silence is a choice.

To those who are immigrants, migrants, detained, or living in fear: you are not forgotten, and you are not alone. The church stands with you, prays with you, and seeks a world where your dignity is honored and your humanity is protected.

Though we could not gather physically today, this witness still joins us across denominations and communities. We are united in this conviction: no person is disposable, no family should be dehumanized, and no system should be beyond moral scrutiny.

Let our prayer be more than words. Let it become courage, compassion, truth-telling, and action.

The one who meets us in Matthew 25 still speaks: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." May God give us the courage not only to hear these words, but to live them with mercy, justice, and love.

Amen.

God's peace be with you,

**Bishop Timothy Graham, Indiana-Kentucky Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through April 2026

Expected Receipts: **\$133,706**

Actual Receipts: **\$167,194**

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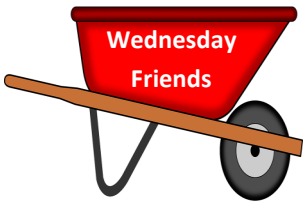
SCAN ME

We thank everyone for their contributions. The surplus is because of advance giving.

Memorials were received in April in memory of Ron Morgan, Evelyn & Thomas Palmer, Ted Potts and Bob Wade.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATES & THANKS

The Property Committee sub committee, **Wednesday Friends** has been busy this spring sprucing up the church grounds. You may have noticed some new plants/trees. Wednesday Friends would first like to thank the Memorial Committee for the funds to purchase new shrubs replacing the old over-grown shrubs.



With two Thrivent grants the group was able to purchase lantana and mulch for around the building and playground. Thank you Thrivent for the grants that made this possible. (See page 12 if you have want to apply for a grant for a special project at church.)



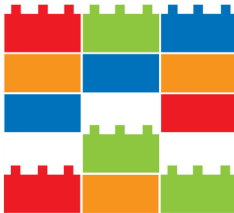


We continue our mission to help J'town Area Ministries. Each month we will collect specific items for the JAM food pantry.

For the month of **June** we will collect Kid Friendly Food (no peanuts):

- + Microwavable Meals / Snacks - Shelf Stable
- + Granola / Fruit Bars
- + Snack Crackers
- + Jelly
- + Cereal
- + Pop Tarts
- + Protein Bars

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



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 relocating.

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 WELCOME GUEST PASTORS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Pastor Bimen's sabbatical will continue through June 15. During this time we will host several guest pastors. We hope you will welcome them during their time with us. Below are the dates and names of our guest pastors.

Please pray for Pastor Bimen as he takes this time to recharge, relax, reset and spend time with his family after a very busy first half of 2026.

- ✦ **June 7** Pastor Priscilla Geerdes, Assistant to the Bishop – Ministry Transition
- ✦ **June 14** Pastor Melissa Schroeder Assistant to the Bishop – Director of Evangelical Mission



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!

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



SUMMER NIGHTS Kick OFF SUCCESS



Aloha! Eighteen youth attended a luau themed summer kickoff event. It was a SWEET night filled with dinner, candy, treats, the limbo, relay games & free play. Pinatas were a “hit” and showered our kids with candy. Thank you everyone who made the night great. .





Our next Summer Nights event will be held on Friday, June 12th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm for movie night. Bring a friend and wear your PJs. Snacks will be provided. RSVP with Karen Lawyer (502-744-4534) or the church office.

JUNE 2026

DerbySun	Mon	Tue	
	1 12pm Prayer Mtg Pastor Bimen's Sabbatical continues	2 7pm Property Cmte	3 9:30am We Friends 7pm Choir
7 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	8 12pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg	9	10 9:30am We Friends 7pm Choir
14 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hr. 	15 12pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16	17 9:30am We Friends
21 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 	22 12pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg	23 7pm Council Mtg	24 9:30am We Friends
28 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour	29 12pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg	30	



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Rehearsal	4	5	6
Wednesday Rehearsal	11	12 6:30pm to 9:00 pm Summer Nights Movie Night 	13
Wednesday	18	19 	20
Wednesday	25	26	27



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



**SIGN UP YOUR YOUTH TODAY
TO ENJOY A MAGICAL VBS!**

Thirsty Third Thursdays



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

SCAN QR CODE
FOR DETAILS!



THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY IS BACK!

On Thursday, May 28, Thirsty Third Thursday made a summer come-back and it was GREAT!

Held on the patio behind the Brick House, Dale B. cooked up burgers and hot dogs. Members young & old arrived with side dishes and camp chairs and enjoyed a beautiful evening outside in fellowship.

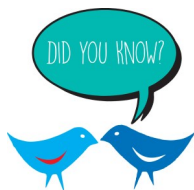




STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER

THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP FUND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Did you know as a Thrivent member you can help fund activities? If you or a family member have products with Thrivent, you can apply for a \$250.00 grant twice a year.



For example, in the past, the grants have been used for landscaping materials, VBS dinner food, VBS decorations and materials, items for the snack packs, purchased yarn to knit scarves for the unhoused population, items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

The application is on the Thrivent website and easy to complete. If you need additional information or help, a few folks have completed this process and are willing to help you: Pam Ballinger, Roger Miller, Becky Miller, Liz Dawson, Marilyn Peak. If you know of an upcoming event that could use funds, please contact the person in charge of that activity.

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
5/3/26	27	54	14	95
5/10/26	28	79	11	118
5/17/26	30	45	10	85
5/24/26	21	50	12	83
5/31/26	23	56	13	92

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
5/4/26	6	0
5/11/26	5	0
5/18/26	4	0
5/25/26	NS	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
5/10/26	NS

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
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06/01	Silvia Schuette	06/01	Lisa & Chris Huber
06/07	Megan Fjelstad	06/08	Marty & Pr. George Mercer
06/08	Rita Sarson	06/12	Sarah & Jay Pryor
06/12	Robert Kemnitz	06/18	Silvia & Dr. Fred Schuette
06/13	Frederick Schuette	06/26	Nina & Rich Hallum
06/15	Bud Goss		
06/18	Randy Hesler Zoe Kenitzer Sheryll Pierce		
06/21	Nora Bruederle		
06/23	Noelle Winskye		
06/24	Jay Pryor		
06/30	David Loetz		





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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.