

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026



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“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.” (Genesis 1:1-3). “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:1-5)

Both Genesis and the gospel of John, start with the same words, “In the beginning...” and the presence of ‘light’ as a symbol of new life. They both tell the story of creation in different forms. We can also sense the presence of the Triune God there right from the beginning. Both readings also indicate that the acts of creation did not happen once. God in Jesus continues to create and procreate and brings new life. In the creation story in Genesis, we learn that each time God finished creating something, it also ends with the words, “God saw that it was good!” But as we know it, God’s creations are not as good as God made them in the beginning. Our sinfulness and negligence have destroyed them. As the Apostle Paul said, *“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time”.* (Romans 8:22)

Indeed, the whole creation seems to be groaning as in the pains of childbirth even in our own present time. We have been experiencing extreme and unpredictable weather and natural disasters around the world, including here close to home. Last month itself there were great earthquakes in Indonesia, Philippines and Columbia. The storms and strong winds that destroyed many houses, businesses, including churches in Indiana. Just several days ago, we heard and watched the news about the landslides in Nepal

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triggered by a huge section of a glacier and underlying rock that destroyed everything on its way; houses, infrastructure and the loss of many lives. Our prayers and support go to those people affected by those disasters and tragedies.

Climate change and global warming are real. I am sure some of the disasters are beyond our control, but some of them are being contributed by human negligence. We fail take care of the earth that God entrusts us to take care. We tend to imply on the first part of the story of creation when God says, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have *dominion* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26). But we ignore the second part of the creation story where it says, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to *till* it and *keep* it.” (Genesis 2:15). We tend to dominate or exploit God’s creations rather than to till and keep or take care of them.

I am glad that the global church wakes up to this reality. For the first time in more than 500 years, the Western church (the Roman Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation where we are part of) joined the Eastern Orthodox church agreed and decided to observe September 1 as the Feast of Creation in Christ for the ecology concerns. This year’s formal adoption of Creation in Christ (or the Feast of Creation) by the Consultation on Common Texts marks the first addition of a new festival to our liturgical calendar since the formation of the Common Lectionary in 1983.

Our ELCA has adopted the month of September as the month of ‘God’s Works. Our Hands’ by offering our service to the community. I hope our church next year and beyond we can start observing the Feast of Creation in Christ and to tangible actions to care and preserve the earth and all God’s creations around us. We all are God’s partners to care for the earth and help restore God’s creations as God intended to be from the beginning.

Blessings

Pr. Bimen Limbong

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through June 2026

Expected Receipts: **\$232,103**

Actual Receipts: **\$261,035**

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

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

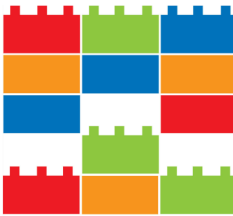
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SCAN ME

DREAM TEAM MAKING DREAMS HAPPEN

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



**DREAM
TEAM UPDATE**

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](#)

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

There will be a special congregation meeting held on Sunday, September 20th following the 11 AM service to give congregation members a chance to discuss the proposed changes to the church. There will be **NO 8:30 AM service** that day.



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 **SEPTEMBER** WE will collect Lunchbox items:

- + Granola Bars
- + Apple Sauce Pouches
- + Fruit Cups
- + Snack Crackers
- + Individual Snack Packs- Goldfish, Pretzels, Fruit Gummies

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

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



The Social Ministry committee is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child and will have Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes to fill and information about this initiative on Sunday, September 27, our official kick off day!

All shoeboxes will need to be filled and delivered to church no later than November 15th. Shipping for each shoebox is approximately \$10. The Social Ministry committee is asking for Thrivent grants or cash donations to help with shipping costs and purchasing items to fill boxes. Any help is greatly appreciated.

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



Caring Hands Meal Ministry had a successful soup cooking day. We loaded up the freezer with four different soups, breads and muffins. We have delivered meals to the Kemnitzs & the Sarsons. We have another delivery planned in the near future.

This is a great group of ladies and we welcome anyone who wants to join. If you are interested simply reach out to Sherry Davis, 502-608-9534.



CLC IS HEADING BACK TO GASLIGHT FESTIVAL IN 2026!

If you're interested in volunteering to help with building the parade float, riding/walking the parade

route or helping with the festival booth, please scan the QR code below and sign up to volunteer in any of the areas of need!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Pryor (spryor@bellsouth.net) or the Church Office (church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com)





FAITH AROUND THE FIRE

All middle & high school students are invited to a camp out at Kyle Fletcher's farm on Sunday, September 6 - September 7. Bring your sleeping bag, love of s'mores and Jesus and spend the night under the stars building faith and friendship connections. RSVP with Kyle @ 502-309-6500.



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SPIRIT GROUP
Putt Putt
Golf Outing
Saturday,
September 12
4-6pm
Putt Putt Fun Center
5720 Bardstown Road
\$10/person

PUTT PUTT GOLF OUTING

Calling ALL Spirit Group Youth (Kindergarten- 5th Grade) and their families! Join Karen Lawyer for a Putt Putt Golf outing on **Saturday, September 12 from 4-6pm**. Meet at **Putt Putt Fun Center**, 5720 Bardstown Road in Fern Creek (across from Papa Johns). Cost is \$10 / person. Funding available if cost is prohibitive. If you are interested in attending, RSVP with Karen @ 502-744-4534.

CLC YOUTH IS BOWLED OVER BY JESUS' LOVE



What a great time we had at King Pin Lanes. Once again kids and adults spent time together bowling and sharing in fellowship. It has been such a blessing watching this group grow. Did you miss the fun? Don't worry - check out the upcoming events on page 6.



SEPTEMBER 20

DerbySun	Mon	Tue	
		1 10am Tuesday Friends 7 pm Property Committee	2 9:30am We Friends
6 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour TBA Faith Around the Fire Camp Out	7  Church Office CLOSED	8 10am Tuesday Friends 7pm Youth Committee	9 9:30am We Friends
13 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1pm Gaslight Float Construction	14 12pm Prayer Mtg	15 10am Tuesday Friends MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16 9:30am We Friends 6pm Gasli Constructi
20 8:30am NO SERVICE 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12pm CLC Booth @ Gaslight Festival All Day 12:15pm Congregation Meeting	21 12pm Prayer Mtg	22 10am Tuesday Friends	23 9:30am We Friends
27 8:30am NO SERVICE 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Church Picnic	28 12pm Prayer Mtg	29 10am Tuesday Friends	30 9:30am We Friends



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday	3	4	5
Wednesday	10	11	12 9am to noon Shredding Event 4pm Youth Putt-Putt Outing
Wednesday Light Float ion	17 6pm Gaslight Parade	18 7pm CLC Booth @ Gaslight Festival	19 10am CLC Booth @ Gaslight Festival All Day.
Wednesday	24	25	26
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FOOD ~ FRIENDSHIP ~ FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

Food ~ Friendship ~ Fellowship Fridays formerly Thirsty Third Thursdays...still the SAME event, just on a different day with an updated name. Join us the third Friday of each month for food surrounded by friendship and fellowship! Due to the Gaslight Festival, Food, Friendship & Fellowship Friday will return in October.



RALLY DAY SWIM PARTY

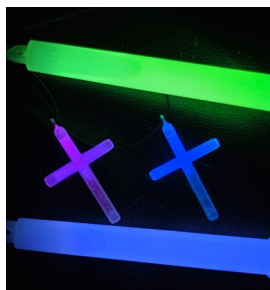
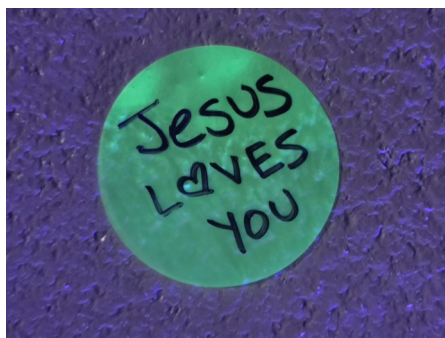
A big Thank You to Sami & Odette Salman for opening their home to host our Rally Day Swim Party! The Salman's provided lunch for all the guests along with pizza to wrap up what was a fun and hot August afternoon.





GLOWING BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY WAS ELECTRIC!

18! That is how many Spirit Group youth donned their neon and danced the night away under the black lights at our Glowing Back to School Party. The neon was hot and the ice cream was cool. We had such a great time together. It's sure be a repeat event in the future. Thank you to everyone who came and make the evening an electric success!



Christ Lutheran Church is hosting District 11's FREE Paper Document Shredding Event! Sat, Sept 12th, 9am – Noon

This will be a no contact, drive-through event so residents can remain in their vehicle while volunteers remove documents needing shredding from your trunk or rear seat. Your confidential documents will be shredded onsite and then taken to a recycling facility by their contract company, Shred-It. There's no limit to the number of personal documents that you may bring; however, no businesses are allowed.

What cannot be shredded?

- ✦ anything containing metal like 3-ring clip binders (staples can be shredded)
- ✦ electronic items
- ✦ anything plastic like grocery plastic shopping bags excluding credit cards (credit cards can be shredded)
- ✦ extremely hard plastic items
- ✦ anything possibly containing magnets
- ✦ matches, lighters or anything flammable including batteries
- ✦ fabric materials like shirts and hats
- ✦ boxes will be returned





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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
8/2	30	75	13	118
8/9	34	51	20	105
8/16	37	48	14	99
8/23	35	70	Not Recorded	105
8/30	31	65	14	110

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
8/3	10	0
8/10	11	0
8/17	8	0
8/24	NS	0
8/31	8	0

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	TOTAL
8/9	22

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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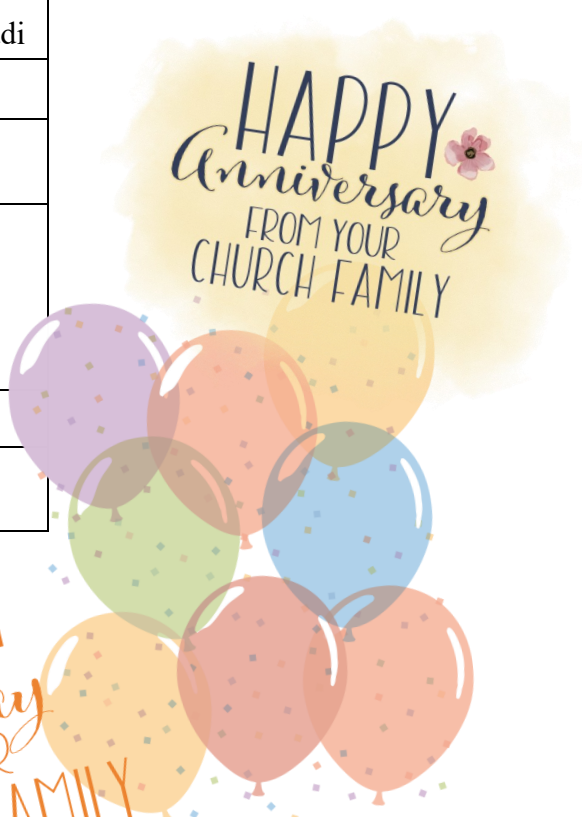
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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
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9/4	Jashan Komdamudi	9/3	Yuki & Greg Moeck
9/6	Todd Brace Robert Nix	9/10	Kathy & Curt Sigdestad
9/7	Scott Walker	9/12	Tom & Beverly Gilmore
9/8	Taren Winskye	9/14	Shirley & David Williamson
9/9	Laney Pfalzgraf	9/23	Barb & Rod Hester
9/13	Alex Casey Lashone Komdamudi		
9/16	Sharon Coombs		
9/23	Robinn Barmore Ginny Jones		
9/24	Betty Graff Nina Hallum Petra Limbong Rick Uhl Chloe Winsky		
9/28	Nate Ribble		
9/30	Buck Murphy Shirley Williamson		

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY





9212 Taylorsville Road
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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.