

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2026



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Then he (Jesus) said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:21).

Some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by asking a tricky question, “Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:18-22). The gospels states that the Pharisee were amazed at Jesus’ answer, left him and went away.

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But Jesus' statement remains the same for us to ponder and ask ourselves, "what are the things that are Caesars' and what are the things that are God's?}" Is there anything that we have in our life that doesn't belong to God? Dorothy Day said, 'If we render unto God all the things that belong to God, there would be nothing left for Caesar'. In other words, everything that we have; ourselves, our time and possessions belong to God.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended a stewardship presentation at the synod office by Tim Brown, who is the director of Congregational Stewardship for the ELCA. I was intrigued by his description of what stewardship entails. We tend to think of stewardship around these three things; our time, talents and money or possessions. Tim expands them even more. It includes Finance, Voice, Relationship, Land, Mission Wellspring, Body, Creation, Collective Body, Praise, Time, Social Media, AI and Message. He concludes it with 'Stewardship is all that follows "I Believe"'.

We are entering a Stewardship season, even though, all seasons are stewardship season, because as Christians, we believe that stewardship is our way of life. But traditionally in our church, as in many other churches, we emphasize this time of the year as a stewardship season rooted in agrarian and historical roots. Most church members, especially in North America, were farmers and this season is a harvest season, where they gathered their crops and knew exactly what resources they had for the coming year that made it the ideal time to pledge gifts, commit to God's mission, and plan for the year ahead.

In our church, every year we pick a theme of our stewardship. The stewardship theme this year is 'The Joy of Generosity'. How can we find joy and fulfillment in giving as Jesus said in "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35). You should expect to receive stewardship publications or letters towards the end of October and the beginning of November. Starting on the first Sunday in November we will have a speaker or two on each Sunday to share the impacts of our ministry on the lives of our members, our immediate neighbors and globally. I invite you to prayerfully consider your generosity for the next year and to do it joyfully as we continue with the mission God has entrusted to us, 'Walking with Christ, We Love and Serve our Church and Neighbors'.

Blessings to you,

Pr. Bimen Limbong

October 2026

Oct 3 - 2pm Blessing of the Animals Worship - Brick House Patio

Oct 4 - 8:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship & Livestream

12:15pm Fellowship Hour, Rm 1

1:15pm Confirmation Class

Oct 5 - 12pm Prayer Meeting

Oct 6 - 9:30am Tuesday Friends, Rm 9

7pm Property Committee Meeting

Oct 7 - 9:30am Wednesday Friends

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Oct 10- 9am INKY Synod Gathering, CLC Gym

Oct 11- 8:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship & Livestream

12:15pm Fellowship Hour, Rm. 1

2pm Worship at Forest Hills Commons

Oct 12- 12pm Prayer Meeting

Oct 13- 9:30am Tuesday Friends, Rm. 9

9:30am WELCA Circle

7pm Worship Committee Meeting

Oct 14- 9:30am Wednesday Friends

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Oct 17- TBA Haunted Halloween Movie Night, Youth Event

Oct 18- 8:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship & Livestream

12:15pm Fellowship Hour, Rm. 1

1:15pm Confirmation Class

Oct 19- 12pm Prayer Meeting

Oct 20- 9:30am Tuesday Friends, Rm. 9

7pm Council Meeting

Oct 21- 9:30am Wednesday Friends

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Oct 25- 8:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship & Livestream

12:15pm Fellowship Hour, Rm. 1

Oct 26- 12pm Prayer Meeting

Oct 27- 9:30am Tuesday Friends, Rm. 9

Oct 28- 9:30am Wednesday Friends

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Oct 31- Halloween



FINANCE

General Fund Giving through March 2026

Expected Receipts: \$269,385

Actual Receipts: \$301,059

The surplus is due to advanced giving among our members.

Memorial gifts have been received in memory of Wilma Brown. An endowment fund gift has been received in honor of Maris Caibe, Silvia Schuette's brother.

Online
Giving



SCAN ME

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT



Youth of ALL ages, especially our Spirit Group kids, are invited to a **Haunted Halloween Movie Night** on **Saturday, October 17, time TBA.**

Wear your "halloweeniest" costume and join the fun. Do you dare to walk through the Haunted Hallway? A fun Halloween movie will be shown, complete with treats and popcorn.

Dinner will be provided for everyone.
RSVP with Karen Lawyer, 502-744-4534.
TIME TBA!





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 **October** we will collect Personal Hygiene items:

- Soap / Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers - Size 4-5-6
- Baby Wipes
- Male & Female Depends
- Body Wipes

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 ready for pick up in the Solarium!



The filled boxes are due by November 15. Please consider donating money to help offset the shipping costs, too. Only shoe-sized boxes will be accepted. If you use a regular shoe box, please do not wrap it in Christmas paper remembering the boxes have to be opened for inspection. Rubber bands to secure your box will be available. Lists with approved items to place in the boxes will be available with the shoebox display.

WINTER GOAT DRIVE



The Social Ministry committee will sponsor a coat collection drive in October. Gently used, clean, adult-sized men's and women's coats will be collected and donated to The Healing Place. Please check your closets for extra coats you no longer wear to donate to this wonderful organization!



CARING MEALS MINSITRY delivered four meals to our recovering homebound members last month. As a group we made 5 different soups, and banana breads and muffins. All of this, once portioned and packaged, almost filled our new freezer! A huge thank you to Dale for finding us an amazing deal!

Everyone who has received these meals are very touched, especially when the group shares that it is a hug from CLC to them!

We were also given an amazing gift of \$500 from a very generous lady. This wonderful gift along with other gifts received will be added to our budget so we may carry on our work.

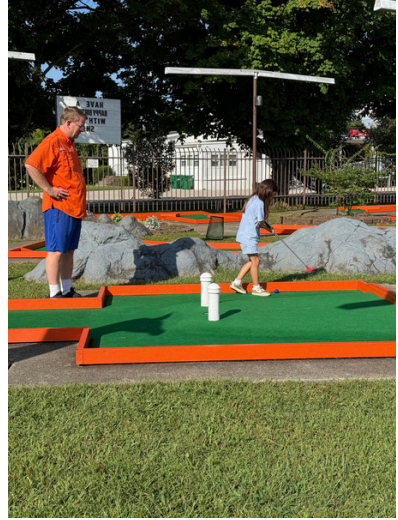
SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

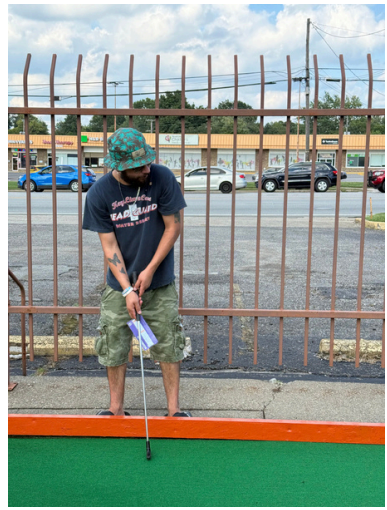
On Saturday, September 12, Christ Lutheran Church once again hosted Louisville-Metro's District 11 Community Shredding Event. Cars began lining up at our 9am start time and a steady stream of cars continued all morning. By the time the event ended at noon, we had collected 8,050 pounds of paper! Providing this service allows everyone in the community to clean out their houses and securely dispose of unwanted documents. We are grateful for our District 11 Councilman Kevin Kramer, Legislative Assistant Scott Harrington, and their crew of youth volunteers for all their hard work and organization! We look forward to partnering with them on this community event again next year!



PUTT PUTT GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 12 CLC's Spirit Group headed to the Putt Putt Golf Center in Fern Creek for an afternoon of miniature golf fun! Kids of all ages had a blast playing golf, video games and air hockey. It was a great afternoon of fellowship. While we may not be ready for the PGA we are certain we had way more FUN!!!





GOD IS OUR ROCK & GASLIGHT FESTIVAL IS OUR MISSION

Gaslight Festival 2026 is in the books! On Thursday, September 17, Christ Lutheran Church once again joined the parade. Our float theme was “God is my Rock Star”—tying together uplifting music, our much-loved painted rocks, and the theme that God is our Rock. Psalm 18:2: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. We blasted music, blew bubbles, and handed out almost 2,000 bubble wands, temporary tattoos, seed paper crosses, and other small toys, in addition to over 17 pounds of candy!

Our booth opened on Friday evening but unfortunately had to close early as we nearly floated away with very heavy rain and some truly crazy lightning. The sun was back on Saturday and Sunday, when we handed out more candy, along with blessing bracelets, sunglasses, painted rocks, and new this year, fabric hearts of love created by our Tuesday Friends, Renate Fish and Susan Runke! Thank you to all of the volunteers who prepped, planned, and created before the festival, and those who walked, rode, and waved in the parade, and those who greeted, prayed, and handed out treats and church flyers at the booth. You were all rock stars making connections with one another and the Jtown community as we shared how God is our Rock!



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





WEDNESDAY FRIENDS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

Our members on the Property Committee and Wednesday Friends have been busy, busy, busy. Check out all the things they have been working on at Christ.

- A new chest freezer was purchased for the Brick House to hold the food that the Caring Hands Meal Ministry group has made, and for other frozen needs.
- We have changed our trash company to Anytime Waste Systems for a \$90 monthly saving.
- A pickup load of soil was purchased and put on a sunken grave at the cemetery. Dale continues to mow and trim the cemetery.
- The Barneys check the emergency lights monthly and have become experts at fixing them when they are not working. They also are responsible for changing the HVAC filters in our units every quarter.
- Much thanks and appreciation to Rod Hester for his many years of mowing our church property. This is no small task as the amount of trimming and mowing takes many hours every week.
- Thank you to Wednesday Friends Raymond Peak and Roger Miller for their continued work mowing, trimming and blowing off the parking lot and sidewalks.
- Thank you to Pat Friedman, Jennifer Kemnitz, Berliana Limbong and Marilyn Peak for their never ending battle with the weeds. Their weekly efforts keep our flower beds looking beautiful.
- Dale Breitenstein, Mark Davis, Kyle Fletcher and Randy Hesler are always fixing or repairing anything that is in need. The water fountain in the hallway was not draining, and may not be able to be fixed. It is a work in progress.

If you are inspired to help out, please join us whenever you can. Wednesday Friends start working about 9:30 most every Wednesday and work until 11:30 or when we get tired! Property meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month.

Women of the ELCA will
Tuesday, October 13th at
9:30am.

All women of Christ
Lutheran are invited to
come and participate in
the monthly Bible study.



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 Rooms 1 & 2. Individuals are invited to attend in person or online. Pastor Bimen leads this weekly worship opportunity. All are welcome.

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays		October Anniversaries	
10/2	Margaret Andrews	10/10	Yvonne & Larry Gallahue Sherri & Randy Hesler
10/3	Liz Dawson	10/13	Liz & Scott Walker
10/7	Mallory Cord	10/19	Robinn & Barry Barmore
10/13	Rebecca Cord	10/20	Terri & Keith Kenitzer
10/14	Nora Turpen	10/27	Peggy & Gary Stephens
10/19	Tony White	 The right side of the table features decorative graphics. It includes two strings of colorful triangular bunting flags (pink, blue, orange, and yellow) and two celebratory text elements. The first is a banner that reads 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' in colorful, blocky letters. The second is a stylized graphic that reads 'HAPPY Anniversary!' in a mix of bold, script, and sans-serif fonts, surrounded by yellow stars and confetti.	
10/21	Jane Farrar		
10/22	Germaine Overstreet		
10/24	Kayla Cord Sinclair Palmiter Emory Wells		
10/25	Mary Glasscock		
10/28	Pam Ballinger		
10/30	Katherine Koeppel Emily Richardson Hannah Richardson		
10/31	Ginny Hallum		

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday / Mid-Week Worship Service

DATE	8:30AM SERVICE	11AM SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
9/6	28	50	14	92
9/13	37	61	15	113
9/20	NO SERVICE	77	14	91
9/27	NO SERVICE	81	NO STREAM	81

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
9/7		
9/14		
9/21		
9/28		

Forest Hills Commons Worship

DATE	TOTAL
9/13	

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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.

Nursery: Infant to 6 years old in Room 3 during 8:30am & 11am services.