

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2024



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“But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” (Mark 16:7)

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

I hope you and your family had meaningful Holy week and joyful Easter. What a joy to celebrate Easter Sunday with so many of you this past Sunday. We thank those helped making our Holy week and Easter services meaningful and joyful; all the worship assistants, the choir members, those who decorated our sanctuary and those who worked in the kitchen, prepared and served our Easter breakfast.

Now after all the wonderful services leading to Easter and Easter services themselves and with the beautiful music and fellowship, now the work of Easter has just begun. After the fear and excitement about the empty tomb and the news about the resurrection of Jesus, the young man or the angel, sent his disciples to go and tell the disciples, *continued on pg. 2*

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Galilee as we may remember, is the place where Jesus started his ministry that we often call the 'Galilean Ministry'. I am sure Jesus intentionally chose to see his disciples the first time after his resurrection in the place where He and his disciples started his ministry as his way of reaffirming to them to continue the ministry that Jesus started.

Go and tell has become a resurrection charge or mission for the three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Salome to tell the rest of Jesus' disciples about the news of the risen Christ. Yes, initially they said nothing to anyone for terror and excitement had seized them. But we know that these three courageous women must have told people about that good news or otherwise, we would not celebrate Easter.

The work of Easter for us has just begun. The good news of Easter is a beginning of the good news. We are called to go and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in our words and deeds. Let not fear but excitement fill our hearts as we go and tell the good news of Jesus trusting that we are not alone. Jesus is going ahead of us where he will meet us in the place he will take and lead us. Jesus' resurrection is for us an affirmation that in him everything is possible. Because he lives, we will live also and because he lives we may face our tomorrow because he is there waiting for us. We take hold on to our mystery of faith; '*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*' So, god and tell the good news and live the Easter moment today and always! Indeed, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

With you in Christ,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

COUNCIL UPDATE

from Council President, Roger Miller

March has been a very busy time in the life of our congregation. During Lent, we had Wednesday evening services preceded by a light supper. Palm Sunday was the start of Holy Week, with a procession of Palm branches. Our thanks to the LIFT Sunday school class for making beautiful banners carried during the procession!

Evening services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Saturday. The week ended with wonderful Easter services. The chancel was decorated with beautiful lilies. The choir's singing of the Hallelujah Chorus was a wonderful ending to our worship. It takes many hours of planning and preparation and we thank everyone who had a part in making this season meaningful.

Council has planned a retreat for April 27. Our immediate goal is to discuss the results compiled from the **STOP-KEEP-START** congregational survey conducted earlier. Plans will be made to share the results with the congregation. Next, we will start reviewing the SMART(ie) goals as submitted by the committees.

Council voted to again sponsor a booth at the Gaslight Festival in September. More information will be available in the coming months.

We look forward to the use of our newly painted Pickle Ball courts as well as the Gaga Ball pit. The pit can be used indoors and out in the parking lot. Look for more information soon how to sign up for using either. Thanks to the Memorial Fund Committee for making these available!

I encourage everyone to find ways to engage in the various activities at CLC: join a committee, help with fellowship events, share ideas with council, join the Card Ministry team, help with seasonal decorations...the list is endless!

We continue to ask for your feedback, suggestions and support. Please pray for the council members as we walk with Christ to love and serve our church and our neighbors.

UPCOMING *Events*



Sunday, April 21 during the Sunday School hour join us for our class for families. Click here for monthly schedule.



Women of the **ELCA**

All ladies of Christ Lutheran Church and their friends are invited to our **WELCA Ladies Tea on Sunday, April 21**. The event will be held in the gym from 2-5pm.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the church office, 267-5082. Deadline to RSVP is April 17th. Tickets are \$5.



Scan the QR code for details (or check out page 14) for our next Thirsty Third Thursday...which happens to be on the 4th Saturday this month. Just keeping you on your toes!

Join us on April 27th @ 5pm for homemade pizza around the fire pit at Karen & Leroy Koch's Party Barn. RSVP by April 19th by texting Karen at 502-552-9766. Event is BYOB if you wish!

Everyone is invited to join in all the fun and exciting things happening at CLC!!!! Invite a friend!!!

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through February 2024

Expected Receipts: \$63,541.00

Actual Receipts: \$105,048.00

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SCAN ME

Actual Receipts are so much better than expected because some members choose to pay their entire pledge early in the year. Allowing for this, the estimate is that giving is \$3,000 behind expected after February. This is an improvement from January. We thank all members for their contributions. We will have a clearer picture after the first quarter consisting of January, February and March.

Thank you to our counters in March: Dale Breitenstein, and Jane & Tom Farrar.

MUSIC NOTES

As this is written, we are quickly coming to the end of Lent and about to begin the busiest week of the entire year with 2 Palm/Passion Sunday services, and one each on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter. Then the very next morning the church is filled with the wonderful (to those of us who aren't allergic to them!) scent of Easter lilies and sounds of Alleluias, for our Savior has conquered death and brought us all to victory! I hope all of you have a joyful Easter season!!

We recently added (and heartily welcome) Ken Schneider to our Celebration Service rotation. We need more singers for all three of our groups – Celebration, Senior Choir and 8:30 Kyrie Choir. There are varying time commitments for these groups, so if you'd be willing to give it a try please talk to me and we'll work something out. The Senior Choir is in particular need of voices – we're down to eleven members when everyone is able to be there!



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music



ATTENTION LUTHERAN HILLS CAMPERS



Did you know we offer scholarships to all of our campers? Yes, you read that correctly! All campers are eligible for scholarships on behalf of the Christian Education committee. If you plan to attend summer camp at Lutheran Hills this summer please sign up by **Sunday, May 5th**. We need to know how many campers we are sending from our congregation. There will be a signup sheet located in the Narthex at church. This is separate from camp registration (which you will do online through LOMIK).

By letting us know you plan on going to summer camp we can plan on the allotment of funds you will receive. We will be sending out more information on how to inform LOMIK of your scholarship soon.

Thanks for your help and your interest in experiencing God in new ways while at church camp. You never know where he will lead you!



WELCA Tuesday Circle will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 12pm. Lunch will be provided for all in attendance, therefore please let Bonnie Kroening know if you will be there.

Tuesday Friends would greatly appreciate donations of sheets, thread, and yarn. These items are used to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

OUR FIRST FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD RECIPIENT

Any successful organization - including CLC - needs dedicated leaders. In 2024 an award was established to recognize members who have served the congregation throughout the years.

The Faithful Servant Award is an opportunity for members to nominate people who have contributed to our congregational life in significant ways.

Sarah Pryor is the **FIRST** member to win the Faithful Servant Award. Sarah has played many roles in our congregation; she is a professional communicator who has helped publicize CLC and served as our Council President in 2023. Sarah has been a "lifelong" Lutheran growing up in Lutheran churches in Louisville.

She and her family joined Christ Lutheran 22 years ago during the pastorship of Pastor Ron Poisel. The reason she remains at CLC is because of our members, who are truly disciples of Christ.

Sarah shares that she feels a need to keep her faith alive, growing and developing. She thrives upon relationships with others in the congregation. She remembers the fun social experiences ... helping with kids and youth Sunday school, the Spirit Group and other activities as her two children grew. She relished the former adult Sunday school for Busy Women.

In serving she feels fulfilled, experiences growth in faith, and is able to share herself. This sharing is vital to Sarah! Congratulations Sarah! We are beyond blessed to have you as a faith servant of Christ!

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GAGA BALL IS HERE!

Thanks to a group of hard-working individuals, our Gaga Ball pit has been completed. Please be sure to thank Randy Hesler, Marilyn Peak, Raymond Peak and Luke Dawson for unpacking and assembling the pit and adding rollers to make the system easier to move and set up.

More information will be coming soon as to requesting a time to use the equipment, proper set up and storing the equipment. Currently, the pit is stored in the gym. Stop by and take a look!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Memorial Fund receives donations as memorials or honorariums for loved ones. These monies are spent on lasting items for our church. Past purchases from this fund have included new paraments, linens for the altar, landscaping, playground equipment and other items.

The committee welcomes suggestions for the use of these funds. If you have a suggestion, please place a note in the Memorial Committee mail slot in the hallway near the church office. Becky Miller is the chair of this committee.

A NEW CLC TRADITION IS BORN!

Thanks to Steve and Rita Sarson a NEW Christ Lutheran tradition is born. Steve Sarson shared with us that a Sarson family tradition is ice cream sundaes on Palm Sunday - a sweet tradition that began when Steve's mom would visit from the Northeast. The tradition has continued with Rita and Steve's children & grandchildren. This year they shared this sweet tradition with their church family and we couldn't be happier. Here's to Sundaes on Palm Sunday!!!



APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue
	<p>1 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>2 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Property Cmte Mtg</p>
<p>7 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>8 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Christian Ed Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>9 9:30am Tuesday Friends 12pm WELCA Circle Mtg (Lunch will be provided) 6:30pm Social Cmte Meeting</p>
<p>14 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 2pm Forest Hills Worship</p>	<p>15 12pm Prayer Mtg 6:30pm Dream Team Mtg</p> <p>MESSANGER articles to Liz Walker Deadline</p>	<p>16 9:30am Tuesday Friends 7pm Council Meeting</p>
<p>21 8:30am Worship In-person 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am LIFT Class 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class 2pm WELCA Ladies Tea</p>	<p>22 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>23 9:30am Tuesday Friends</p>
<p>28 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>29 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>30 9:30am Tuesday Friends</p>



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
10 9:30am Wednesday Friends NO Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
17 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 WELCA Tea (SET-UP)
24 9:30am Wednesday Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 5pm Thirsty Third Thursday @ Koch's Party Barn

EASTER SUNDAY...A DAY OF REJOICING

After a 40 days of preparation for Jesus's death and resurrection Easter Sunday is such a blessed and beautiful time at Christ Lutheran. Our chancel & altar are adorned with white lilies, our sanctuary is filled with members and friends, our voices raise in joyous "hallelujahs!", and our songs are joyous and loud.

Hallelujah! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

We also enjoyed an wonderful Easter Breakfast hosted by our Fellowship committee. It truly is one of the BEST days to be at Christ.



More photos can be found on our FB page.



VISITS PETE PETERS

Pete Peters is probably one of the most joyful people around! CREW visited Pete in March and his joy is evident! This great group of youth shared the Word, songs of praise and communion with Pete in March. What a great mission these young adults are sharing. Please keep them in your prayers that they may continue to share their faith with our homebound members and members in nursing facilities! Way to go CREW!



Left to Right: Berliana L. Kathleen B. James P. Jay P. Nate R. Samuel L. Anna M. Petra L. Gavin K. Pete P. Kyle M. Sarah M. Kent M.

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THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS

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

Whatever you thirst for, join us for one of our monthly gatherings - the aim is to have an easy, fun way to connect with each other - men & women, young & old, married & single.

We're keeping you on your toes and mixing it up again by having our 3rd Thursday event on the 4th Saturday in April soooo...

Join us Saturday, April 27,
starting at 5pm at:



**The Koch's
Party Barn**
2057 Harrington Mill Rd
Shelbyville, KY 40065

The Kochs have volunteered to host April's Thirsty Thursday Saturday. It will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Koch's Party Barn, beginning at 5pm.

The menu is homemade wood-fired pizza and soft drinks. Everyone is welcome to BYOB if desired. Looking forward to a night of socializing and sitting around the fire pit.

Questions or suggestions? Contact
Sarah Pryor, 758-5108 or
spryor@bellsouth.net.



FUN & FELLOWSHIP IS RIGHT UP OUR ALLEY

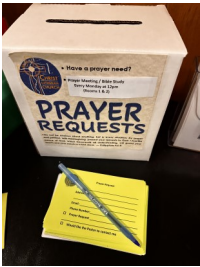


Our 3rd, I mean 2nd, Thursday all-ages Fellowship event in March was another fun night! A group of 15 gathered at Kingpin Lanes in J-town to bowl and munch on some fine, fried cuisine. We knocked down some pins, knocked back a couple of brews, and perhaps popped a few Tums later. I don't think any of us will be joining the PBA tour anytime soon, but Samuel definitely got points for style, and I was happy to make everyone else's game appear elevated with my frequent gutter balls.



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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88673354124?pwd=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7335 4124

Passcode: 900074

ONGOING SOCIAL MINISTRY WORK

Please remember to place your gently used shoes in the WaterStep bin in the Narthex. This is an ongoing project to help Third World countries obtain water filtering equipment. Thank you for your donations that made this happen.



JAM Donations MARCH

This month JAM is accepting donations of soap, body wash, razors, shaving cream, male & female Depends (adult diapers), deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, etc.

Please consider dropping off these items at our church for families in the Jeffersontown area. You may also drop off at JAM directly, but please call first to make sure they are open. Their number is 267-1055.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
4/5	Dylan Kissling	4/1	Jennifer & Robert Kemnitz
4/6	Bruce Alder	4/3	Susan & Stephen Yankey
4/7	Nancy Walsh	4/13	Marilyn & Raymond Peak
4/9	Leroy Koch	4/16	Sherry & Mark Davis
4/11	Jackson Phillips Alice Spaulding	4/28	Taren & Scot Winskye
4/12	Sarah Pryor	 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">happy birthday!</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: blue; text-align: center;">HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</p>	
4/14	Wilma Brown		
4/17	Melissa Turpen		
4/19	Barry Barmore		
4/20	Anne Hernandez Karen Westbrooks		
4/23	Luke Dawson		
4/24	Hannah Gibson		
4/27	Kinsley Hoehner		
4/28	Lucas Selch		

Don't forget to share your
 special dates with us!
 We would love to celebrate you!

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE
Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
3/3/24	42	54	14	110
3/6/24	No Service	33	Not Recorded	33
3/10/24	32	62	11	105
3/13/24	No Service	30	11	41
3/17/24	29	59	18	106
3/20/24	No Service	25	8	33
3/24/24	39	83	20	142
3/31/24	66	117	22	205

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC	TOTAL
3/10/24	13	10	23

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
3/4/24	9	0
3/11/24	6	0
3/18/24	9	0
3/25/24	6	0

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please fill out the attendance cards that are handed out at each worship service. These cards capture important information that helps us keep our records up to date. Attendance is recorded every Sunday and this data is included in our Annual Report.



2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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CLC JOB OPENING

Job Title: Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Supervisor: Lead Pastor

FLSA Status: non-exempt, part-time, 30 hours per week

Christ Lutheran Church is seeking an enthusiastic servant leader to join our staff as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This part-time position will play a pivotal role, both as a leader and an example, in nurturing the faith development and spiritual growth of our youth and young adults, fostering a strong sense of community, and working collaboratively with other church leaders to support the overall mission and vision of the church.

Click here to view the detailed job description on church website.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a resume to church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com.




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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.