

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



MAY 2024

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"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17-18)

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

We are approaching the end of our Easter season. We are now starting to focus our attention on Pentecost and the Sundays after Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word πεντηκοστή (*pentékosté*) which means "fiftieth." In Hebrew, it's called 'Shavuot', which means "weeks." Jewish Pentecost falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On this day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. In ancient Palestine, there were two harvests each year: an early harvest in May and June, and a final harvest in the fall. Pentecost celebrated the beginning of the early wheat harvest. It always fell sometime during the middle of May or early June.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

For us as Christians we celebrate Pentecost in a new way. For us Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Easter Sunday as described in the book of Acts. During Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples like tongues of fire while they were gathered in Jerusalem. They began to speak in other tongues or the languages of people who gathered in Jerusalem that day from different parts of the world and they all heard them speaking in their own languages.

If during the construction of the tower of Babel, God confused the people with languages so they would not be able to communicate with each other to build the tower. During the Pentecost however, God did just the opposite; God used the languages to unify people and to understand the good news of God. Pentecost is often referred to as the birth of the church because it marked the beginning of God's universal or global mission.

The Sundays after Pentecost is the longest season of the church. The season is often called 'Ordinary' season or 'Green Sundays'. The color of the paraments during this season is green, and signifies the growth of the church. Throughout this season, all our Scriptural readings especially the gospels will focus on Jesus' public ministry; teaching, preaching and healing.

The verses above remind us that in Pentecost and beyond, God pours out his Holy Spirit to all people; young and old, slave and free. In our baptism, God sustains us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; 'the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in God's presence, now and forever'. During this season we focus not only the growth of the church, but our individual growth as we live out our baptismal promises.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

COUNCIL UPDATE

from Council President, Roger Miller

The past month, our congregation has completed the Lenten season and Holy Week. We had a joyous Easter Sunday celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped make each of the services happen.

Our committees have been very active carrying out their roles to guide our congregation. I continue to encourage each of you to find your place to serve within our congregation.

At the April council meeting we received Alice Alvey's resignation from council due to health concerns. This leaves council with 8 lay members. Our constitution states council shall have a minimum of 9 members up to a maximum of 18 members, plus the pastor(s). Council needs at least one more person to maintain the constitution requirement. Two or three more members would be most welcome! If you would be interested in serving on council, please talk to Pastor Limbong or any council member.

Next month I will share about the council retreat held April 27.

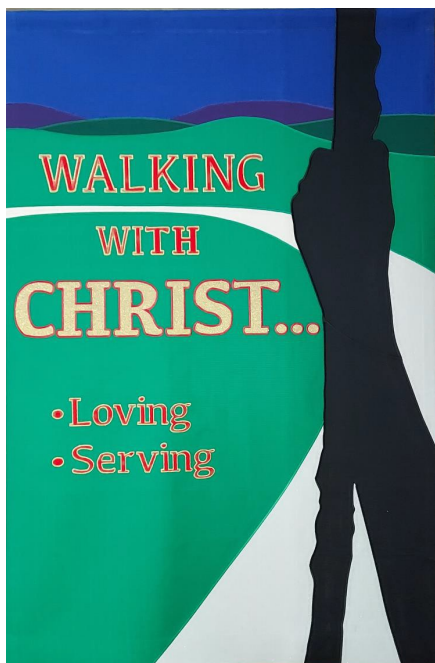
We continue to ask for your feedback, suggestions and support. Please pray for the council members as we walk with Christ to love and serve our church and our neighbors.



WELCA Tuesday Circle will meet Tuesday, May 14 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.

WALKING WITH CHRIST



Artistically, a banner could be compared to a billboard. It should offer in a few words and symbols a meaningful message to the viewer. It should be bold, direct and visually easy to read.

It was the hope of the artist that the congregation would be willing to shorten the newly adopted mission statement to read "Walking with Christ...loving serving". It should be understood that this is not to change the statement but only to condense it for the sake of impact and instant reading.

We are reminded in the Easter story that upon meeting his followers Jesus was not recognized until an explanation had been given.

Remembering that, Jesus has been portrayed on the banner symbolically. With a hand on a staff we are reminded of Jesus the Shepherd leading his sheep as they walk down a path. The path is white representing the Light of Christ guiding the way. The image is rather austere giving the feeling of a shadow.

All the colors used on the banner are the ecumenical colors of the church calendar. The calendar being a day by day account of the entire year so Christ loves and serves all of His children daily. Thus, we must follow His example and Walk in His ways loving and serving every day. Artistically all the colors used on the banner are those of the paraments and other cloths used on the altar throughout the church year. Thus, no matter the season all of the colors are always coordinated.

"Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me". The Shepherd used the rod for a two fold purpose. It was used to gently tap the sheep and assure them they were on the right path. In that way it was used as a tool of comfort. The staff was also used to discipline the sheep. If the sheep strayed off course they were quickly and sternly grabbed by the staff and pulled back on track. The sheep knew they were either doing well or needed to get back to task. "Spare the rod spoil the child" so to speak! None the less both served to make the sheep feel secure in what they were doing.

It is hoped that many of you would find it rewarding to meet and carve or paint your own walking stick. It would serve as a reminder of the joy of "walking with Christ". You need not be talented, just eager. I recall when we worked together making the stations of the cross, many thought we could never accomplish that, but we did and had a good time doing it. Tell me if you are interested. Let's see if we can't get a group together and Walk With Christ by way of making our own walking stick to remind us of our daily mission. Thank you for your interest while being given a brief explanation of the thought process for this particular banner. Anything you may have read into it would be fun to hear.

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through February 2024

Expected Receipts: \$103,290.00

Actual Receipts: \$151,301.00

We thank all members of the congregation for their gifts during the first quarter. We are "ahead" because of advance payments by some members. When advance contributions are considered we are probably about 1% behind where we expected to be after the first quarter. This is something to be pleased about, while at the same time remembering this budget has a deficit.

[Online Giving](#)



SCAN ME

We are advertising to hire a part time Director of Youth. With this position filled for the entire year the budget has a deficit of \$76,000. Without the director of youth the budget has a deficit of \$41,000. Either way your contributions are being put to good use in our congregation, community, and around the world. We do have a reserve to cover a shortfall, but wish to conserve this reserve as much as we can.

Thanks to our April offering counters: Becky and Roger Miller.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Dear Christ Luther Family, Thanks to everyone for their cards, calls, words of encouragement and prayers during my recent two surgeries. They were appreciated. In Peace, Mike Kull



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ATTENTION LUTHERAN HILLS CAMPERS



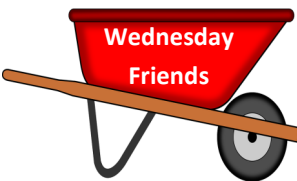
Did you know we offer scholarships to all of our campers? Yes, you read that correctly! All campers are eligible for scholarships on behalf of the Christian Education committee. If you plan to attend summer camp at Lutheran Hills this summer please sign up by **Sunday, May 5th**. We need to know how 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!

PROPERTY UPDATES

Wednesday Friends want to thank Thrivent for the grant that enabled us to get one nandina and three cryptomeria shrubs for the landscape near the gym entrance. The boxwoods that used to be there did not survive that harsh winter over a year ago.



Wednesday Friends have also been busy weeding and mulching around the building. And we thank those that previously donated money in memory of Doris Henry to help keep the landscape looking great.

FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD RECIPIENT

A Lifelong Ministry of Worship

Becky Miller - recipient of the May Faithful Servant Award currently chairs the Worship and Music Committee. When we enter our sanctuary and settle into its quiet beauty as we wait for worship to begin, we experience the behind-the-scenes work of Becky and her committee.

First we see the colorful paraments and hangings which are changed several times a year as we move through the church seasons and festival days. The altar draped with linen cloth covering the communion ware, the preparation of Communion each Sunday, the extreme decorating activity in Advent leading to Christmas and in Lent, leading to Easter...all these ingredients which make us feel we are IN CHURCH are provided by Becky and her assistants.

Becky grew up in Christ Lutheran...Baptism, Confirmation, youth activities, Sunday School teacher, adult discussion class, WELCA, Council President...the list goes on. How blessed we are to be recipients of the tireless hours spent behind the scenes helping our congregation become a "worshipful congregation." Thanks to you, Becky!



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A MINISTRY OF MAINTENANCE

Ministry takes many pathways. Jesus described the body as made of many parts - each of which are vital to a healthy ministry. One persistent and crucial ministry task has been faithfully performed for many, MANY years by Rod Hester.

Having a lawn maintenance business, for years Rod has worked in and around J'town. He owns extremely efficient equipment which makes grass beautiful. Christ Lutheran has been blessed by Rod's ability and willingness to care for our grounds - cutting and trimming and leaving our lawn constantly manicured. Rod does all this as a volunteer, thereby saving the congregation dollars and dollars.



Rod says he comes to church to be with our Lord. He is a lifelong member - baptized, confirmed, married, and attending. Even though "no church is perfect," he's willing to "go with the flow." He loves God and His church; going to church has always been part of his life. Rod describes himself as quiet and reserved; however, he also uses the descriptors "Tall, Dark and Handsome!" Women BEWARE!

Our congregation is vital and deeply rooted in J'town. When people pass by our building, we want to be seen as a church which is proud of our place in the community. Nothing says this better than well-manicured grounds showing we are open and welcome to all. Thank you, Rod.

FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD RECIPIENT


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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Spring has sprung and we have been bursting with lots of awesome events! Our LIFT sessions have been growing in number each time we have met. So much so we have outgrown Room 7 and are moving to Room 5. Last month 34 participants of various ages joined our new family style Sunday school class. We have made valentines for our friend at Forrest Hills Commons, banners for Palm Sunday, studied together, broken bread together and shared our faith in numerous ways. If you haven't had the chance to join in the fun, please consider joining us on May 26th!

Graduations are right around the corner and with that comes much celebration. **We would like to celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 19th during the Sunday school hour 9:45-10:45am.** **If you have a graduate you would like to recognize please let Heather, Pastor Bimen or Liz Dawson know by May 13th.** We will serve light refreshments and wish them all the best in their life's next chapter.

Calling all campers!! Registration is open for summer camp at Lutheran Hills, new or returning campers... they would love to see you there. Please register on their website LOMIK.org.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our first ever campfire service. We hope those who attended got a taste of what camp has to offer for those who have never been. For those who are former campers, current campers, or staff we hope this experience brought back fond memories. I think we can all agree that Lutheran Hills is a special place. 

Finally, summer is right around the corner and VBS will be here in a matter of weeks. Make sure you register to attend or volunteer at myvbs.org/CLC2024. We need teachers, meal hosts and youth! Please spread the word to attend June 10-14th from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be served from 5-6pm daily.

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Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class LOMIK scholarship deadline</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Christian Ed Mtg</p>	<p>7 9:30am Tues Friends 12-2pm Pickleball 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day</p> <p>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>13</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Dream Team Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm WELCA Circle 12-2pm Pickleball 6pm Communications Cmt Mtg</p>
<p>← JAM TOILET PAPER DRIVE →</p>		
<p>19</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45am Graduation Celebration 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class TP Deadline</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELECTION DAY</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am "LIFT" Family Sun School 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12-2pm Pickleball</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2 12-2pm- Pickleball	3	4 12-2pm- Pickleball
8 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9 12-2pm- Pickleball	10	11 12-2pm- Pickleball
15 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal MESENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline	16 12-2pm- Pickleball 6:30pm Thirsty Third Thurs “Third Turn”	17	18 12-2pm- Pickleball
22 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 12-2pm- Pickleball	24	25 12-2pm- Pickleball
29 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30 12-2pm- Pickleball	31	

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 and **heading back to the third Thursday in May**. We hop we will see you.

Join us Thursday, May 16, starting at

6pm at:

Third Turn Oldham Gardens

6300 Old Lagrange Road
Crestwood, KY 40014

<https://3rdturnbrewing.com/>

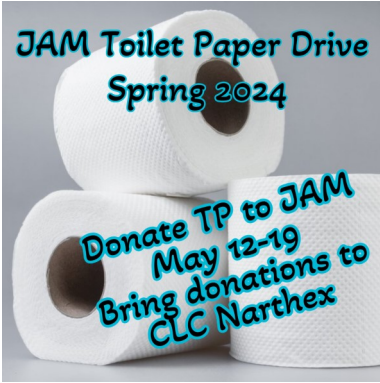


Come and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while enjoying cold IPAs, lagers and ciders; wine and cocktails are also available. Their food menu has been expanded. Check out the link to view the menu.

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



UPCOMING *Events*

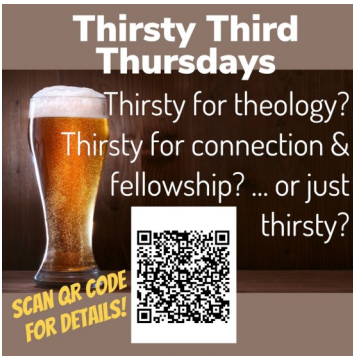


JAM Spring Toilet Paper Drive

The Social Ministry committee is sponsoring a toilet paper drive for JAM. The collection dates are May 12 thru May 19. Please place your donations in the Narthex.



Sunday, May 26 during the Sunday School hour join us for our LIFT class for families.



Mark your calendars for our Thirsty Third Thursday in May. We are going to meet at Third Turn Oldham Garden in Crestwood. Food, fun and fellowship will begin at 6-ish on Thursday, May 16th.



STELLAR VBS - June 10-14, 6pm-8pm.

Scan QR Code to register!



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



We are excited to announce and invite children to **Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus' Light!**

Stellar VBS will be hosted at Christ Lutheran Church during the evenings of **Monday, June 10 to Friday June 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.** An optional dinner will be hosted from 5-6 p.m.

During our **Stellar VBS**, children & families will discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life! We will participate in memorable Bible-learning adventures & activities, sing catchy songs, engage in team games, test out fun science gizmos and meet some Bible buddies! Additionally, we will learn to look for evidence of God all around us through something called God Sightings.

Stellar VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade and will run from **6 to 8 p.m.** each evening with an optional dinner beforehand (5-6 p.m.) Youth in grades 6-12 are eligible to be VBS helpers. We also need adult volunteers to help teach, as well as meal hosts!! Please make sure to register and secure your spot for an epic weeklong mission to Shine Jesus' Light. Signup here: myvbs.org/CLC2024. We can't wait to see you there!!!



ALL are WELCOME!!!
Invited your friends!



VBS MEAL HOST VOLUNTEERS

Stellar VBS needs your help, please consider helping prepare and serve a meal or meals during VBS the week of June 10-14th. All meals will be served before VBS begins from 5-6 p.m.

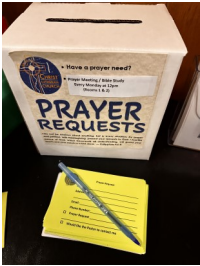
The Christian Education committee will purchase the food for each night. Our goal is for teachers to worry about teaching, not cooking. If you would like to host or need more information, please contact Heather Harding, Church Office, or Liz Dawson. Volunteer via email and this sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

If you are not able to help in the kitchen, but still want to help, there are other areas where volunteers are needed. Please register online myvbs.org/CLC2024. Thank you for your willingness to serve our church, youth, and neighbors.

DATE:	MENU:	NAME:
6/10-MONDAY	Chicken Nuggets, tater tots, apple sauce cup	
6/11-TUESDAY	Taco bar, cinnamon crisps	
6/12-WEDNESDAY	Spaghetti, coleslaw, garlic bread, pudding cup	
6/13-THURSDAY	Sloppy Joes, chips, cutie/halo oranges	
6/14-FRIDAY	Cookout: Hot dogs, chips, popsicle	

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
MAY

This month JAM is accepting donations of Oral Health item: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, & dental picks.

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.

May CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
5/1	Carol Breitenstein	5/8	Marti & Bill Gibson
5/3	Hannah Limbong	5/9	Becky & Roger Miller
5/4	Emelyn Merchant	5/11	Kathleen & Dale Breitenstein
5/5	Barbara Rowland	5/15	Deborah & William Scott
5/7	Walker Bell	5/18	Jean & Mike Barney
5/8	Mark Davis	5/22	Wendy & Larry Glenn
5/11	Indiana Dawson Pr. Bimen Limbong Linda Reiter	5/29	Jessica & Matt Bruederle
5/12	Pamela Howard Lisa Huber Nick Zavagli	5/31	Tammy & Roger Kissling
5/15	Beth Allgeier		
5/16	Dale Breitenstein		
5/17	Amy Schneider		
5/19	Alex Paul Emily Paul		
5/20	Sherri Hesler Liz Walker		
5/24	Ron Coombs Hayley Glenn		
5/25	Betty Payne		
5/27	Florence Bright		

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service

DATE	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	ONLINE	TOTAL
4/7/24	No Service	54	20	74
4/14/24	29	65	12	106
4/21/24	36	55	13	104
4/28/24	28	59	11	98

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
4/14/24	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	20

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
4/1/24	9	0
4/8/24	7	0
4/15/24	4	0
4/22/24	8	0
4/29/24	7	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.



ATTENDANCE

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.