

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



JUNE 2024

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

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

It was a beautiful evening as I was sitting on the chair in our backyard gazebo, I watched the empty nests all around our gazebo. All the baby birds have flown and left their nests to venture the world unknown. I watched them as they learned how to fly and dash off. And just a week ago my two boys saw our dog Simba chase and capture a baby bird, it must have flown from the nest but its wings were not strong enough to fly and fell to the ground. We rescued it from him and let it go. We watched the mother bird with many other birds frantically flying toward us with screeching sounds trying to help and rescue the baby.

That reminds me of our second child, Samuel who is ready to leave the nest and learn to fly and spread his wings. He and with many other students graduated this year. Two Sundays ago, we recognized those who graduated all the way from Elementary school to college from our church as our way of showing our commitment to support our children in their pursuit of knowledge and vocation. And just this past Sunday also we hosted a graduation reception for Samuel and invited all our church members as our way of thanking our church family for helping to raise him. I truly believe the saying that ‘it takes a village to raise a child’. You all play an important role in the life of our children, to which we are grateful.


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AS I think of graduation, the above verse seems appropriate for all the graduates when God told those who were in exile in Babylon that indeed God does know the plans He has for them, plans to prosper them and not to harm them, plans to give them hope and a future. The same plans God has for all the graduates and for all our children for that matter. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for each and every one of them. Once again, just like the bird that fell from the nest because it was not strong enough to fly yet, it reminds us that our works are not done yet. There will be a time that they need our helping hands as they begin to spread their wings.

That reminds us also of our own graduation. We are now entering the season after Pentecost. It also reminds us that on Pentecost his disciples graduated from being disciples (students) to become apostles (the ones who are sent out). Likewise, we have learned about God and his words for all our lives. We have been filled by the Holy Spirit through our Baptism. May we too, in a means of grace, graduate or transition from being members of the church to become disciples who make disciples. Furthermore, graduating from disciples to become the apostles who go out and spread our wings to proclaim the good news in our words and deeds.

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

COUNCIL UPDATE

from Council President, Roger Miller
Visioning Process Update

It is part of our council's commitment to inform our congregation with our council's deliberations and decisions for the life and ministry of the church. As part of our visioning process, last year our church conducted another visioning exercise led by Kathleen Breitenstein focusing on what ministry activity/ies that we need to start, continue or stop by using the traffic lights analogy; Green (start), Yellow (continue) and Red (stop). We encouraged all our members to submit their inputs for those three categories.

On behalf of the council, Kathleen Breitenstein and Sarah Pryor then compiled all the data that were submitted, processed, categorized, assigned them into appropriate committees then they submitted the findings to the council.

During our council retreat on April 27, the council decided to share those findings with the appropriate committees to discuss, prioritize and adjust them with their SMART(IE) goals as necessary. They will share their top priority recommendations back to council. From their

recommendations, we hope to be able to define our church's top priorities and be able to set our short and long term goals and implement them.

We are grateful that we are still going through this visioning process, we have begun to capture God's vision and defined our new mission statement or statement of purpose, 'Walking With Christ, We Love and Serve our Church and Neighbors' with our Guiding Principles and start implementing them.

Thank you for all your feedback and cooperation throughout this process. We will inform you for any progress we make.

Serving Christ with you,

Pr. Bimen Limbong

Roger Miller, Council President

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through February 2024

Expected Receipts: \$133,432.00

[Online
Giving](#)

Actual Receipts: \$172,749.00

We thank all members for their contributions to support the church. We continue to have a "surplus" due to advance contributions. We estimate that we actually have a \$3,000 deficit after four months.



SCAN ME

An Honorarium was given in honor of Larry & Debbie Dison's birthdays. Memorials were given in memory of Martha Classon.

Thanks to our May offering counters: Pat Friedman and Marilyn & Ray Peak.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

The Social Ministry Committee is currently accepting monetary donations to purchase snack items for their upcoming Snack Pack Event. All donations can be placed in the offering plate during worship from May 26 through June 16. Please mark your donation as SNACK PACK.

On Sunday, June 16th volunteers will be needed to pack large baggies full of snacks. These "snack packs" will be distributed to Louisville's unhoused population. Packing will begin immediately following the 11am worship service.

Snack Pack Event
SUNDAY, 6/16
12:15PM
GYM

Money donations welcome. Mark for Snack Packs

We will pack snack packs for the homeless community of Louisville!

The poster features a collection of various snack items like bags of chips, granola bars, and bottled drinks arranged on a wooden surface.

As our grandmas used to say "many hands make light work". This has been such a successful ministry for the committee. The last packing event packed over 200 bags of snacks.

MUSIC NOTES

It occurred to me you might be interested to know how we come up with the hymns for our services. Unlike what some might suspect, we don't put a big chart on the wall and throw darts! We use the same sources for all the Sunday services – the main being a book called *Indexes* which lists suggested hymns for a particular day, eg. the third Sunday after Easter in Year B. (Our lectionary is on a three year cycle - A, B or C - and we're currently in a B year.) We also use other sources such as *Sundays and Seasons*, and occasionally suggested music from Augsburg-Fortress or Concordia publishers.

Pastor Bimen and I serve on both groups, of course, and the Celebration Services are also currently planned by Joyce Anderson and Mike Barney. The traditional service planners include Becky Miller and Shirley Williamson. We usually manage to choose hymns for two to three months at a sitting, which takes a couple of hours, so you can see that thought and discussion go into each Sunday's plans.

Note: Some of the above information comes from Paul Westermeyer's *Hymnal Companion to mEvangelical Lutheran Worship* published by Augsburg Fortress in 2010.

The Celebration Service musicians bid thanks and Godspeed to Mike Hajnik who been one of our guitarists for several years as he and Kim move to Michigan!



Ann Colbert Wade
Director of Music



SUMMER CAMP

Don't forget to sign up your favorite kiddos for summer camp at Lutheran Hills. This is a gift the keeps on giving for their entire life. Sign up at [LOMIK](#)

FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD

OUR BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR



Do we have a Building Administrator on staff? Well, I've never seen this position listed, you may think. While not in an "official position," our Property Chairman, Dale Breitenstein has served as head of the committee for a long time! As such, he delegates tasks to his committee members, keeping our building free from leaks, cracks, and malfunctioning equipment so we worship safely and comfortably.

A life-long Lutheran, Dale transferred into CLC in 1995 from First Lutheran. CLC "fit" with his family, he had friends attending and activities he liked. He fondly remembers the large Lutheran Men's Bowling League of 18 teams.

Dale was quickly elected to the Church Council and agreed to chair the committee which "no one wanted." Through years of working with the building he's learned there are many things the committee can fix. And, importantly, there are times to call in a specialist. Dale enthusiastically credits the dedication of his committee members, describing them as "task driven... passionate about fixing things...and competent in the upkeep of a large, older building." We are so grateful to the committee AND THE CHAIR for sharing their skills.

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FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD

A CHRISTMAS EVE VISITOR

In 2020 Christ Lutheran had a visitor for the Christmas Eve service. The “visitor” and his wife continued attending and joined Christ Lutheran in May of 2021. Filled with enthusiasm and leadership talent, Steve Sarson and Rita generously share with our congregation.



Steve is the most recipient of the Faithful Servant Award. Currently Vice-President of our church council, Steve participates in worship services and helps prepare the chancel for the services. He participates in the adult Sunday School class and has substituted as leader.

One thing which attracted Steve to CLC was our COVID response and the streaming of the 11:00 Sunday service which is such an outreach to our congregation and community. Steve is an ardent bicyclist. He participates in short rides (maybe 6-8 hours) and in longer rides consisting of a few days. In addition, he assists others as they ride and have needs. However, he comments, “Sunday is my day for church. I don’t ride then.”

As a fairly new member, Steve has become acquainted with many members of the congregation. He always has a friendly hand extended with a ready smile and offer of help, if needed. We are blessed to have Steve and Rita in our midst.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING



Kids and families of ALL AGES are invited to our second Family Movie Night. Join us in the gym on Friday, July 12 at 7pm for an evening of fellowship and a classic baseball movie ... "You're killing me smalls!".

Wear your jammies, bring your pillows, blankets, camping chairs and enjoy the fun.

Let's Play **PICKLEBALL!**

GET LESSONS OR PLAY A GAME:

BEGINNING IN JUNE: 12pm-2pm

REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE

Available Days: Tues, Thurs, & Sat
(if there are events scheduled Pickleball
Courts will not be available)



Did you know that Christ Lutheran, with funding from the Memorial Committee, has purchased pickleball courts that can be set up in the gym.

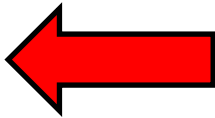
Open courts are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12pm-2pm, unless there is a scheduled event in the gym.

Open to members and the public. Call the church office to come and play, 267-5082.

BASEBALL IN JULY



Join us for an all ages fellowship event on **Saturday, July 13th**, at **Slugger Field to watch the Louisville Bats take on the St Paul Saints**. Game time is 7:15pm. **Please sign up so we can secure a group rate of \$14/person**. This event will serve as our July Thirsty Third Thursday event, so don't strike out and miss the fun!



Scan QR Code to head over to the SignUp link

Send payments to office or drop in offering plate (make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church, clearly note payment is for Baseball).

Game promotions:

- Wined-Up Saturday - Enjoy \$4 6oz red or white wine pours
- Postgame Fireworks Show
- \$4 Craft Beer Special - Every Saturday, we will offer a new \$4 craft beer special with one of our local breweries here in Louisville!
- Dime Dog Night - Hot Dog themed promotions will run all night long, including the 10 cent Dog! Limit of 6 hot dogs per transaction.

Questions? Contact the church office, 502-267-5082
or church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com

JUNE 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>2 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 1:15pm Confirmation Class (with refreshments)</p>	<p>3 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>4 9:30am Tues Friends 7pm Property Committee Mtg</p>
<p>9 Synod Assembly 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>10 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>11 9:30am Tues Friends</p> <div data-bbox="700 867 1055 922" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> 2024 VACATION </div>
<p>16 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm Snack Pack Event</p>	<p>17 12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Worship Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>18 9:30am Tues Friends 7:00pm Council Meeting</p>
<p>23 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>24 12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>25 9:30am Tues Friends</p>
<p>30 8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>		



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 (gym rental 8a-4p)</p>
<p>5 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 7pm DIY'ers Mtg (Dave Bremner)</p>	<p>7</p> <div data-bbox="576 623 1008 675" style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>In-Person Synod Assembly</p> </div>	<p>8</p>
<p>12 9:30am Wed Friends 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <div data-bbox="0 867 355 922" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <p>BIBLE SCHOOL</p> </div> →	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">MESSENGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline</p>
<p>19 9:30am Wed Friends</p> <p style="color: brown; text-align: center;">*JUNETEENTH*</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Thirsty Third Thurs "Pig Beach BBQ"</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>26 9:30am Wed Friends</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 (gym rental 1p-3p)</p>

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 hope we will see you.

**Join us Thursday, June 20, starting at
6pm at:**



Pig Beach BBQ

1201 River Rd.,
Louisville, KY 40206

<https://www.pigbeachnyc.com/location/louisville/>

[Louisville Menu](#)

Pig Beach is an exciting foray into the Smoked Meat Universe. We experiment with tried and true BBQ technique, adding worldly influences and forward thinking cooking.

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



UPCOMING Events



STELLAR VBS is blasting off on June 10th! Register now. Don't miss out on an out of this world experience. All the details can be found on page 14.

Snack Pack Event SUNDAY, 6/16 12:15PM GYM

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After 3 weeks of collecting monetary donations, the Social Ministry Committee will need volunteers to pack SNACK PACKS. **Join us in the gym on June 16th** immediately following the 11am worship service. All packs will be given to Louisville's unhoused population.



Family Movie Night - **July 12th** at **7pm**. See page 8 for details.

BASEBALL IN JULY



Baseball in July - CLC Night at Louisville Slugger Field on **Saturday, July 13th**. See page 9 for all the details. This event will be in lieu of our Thirsty Third Thursday for July.

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.

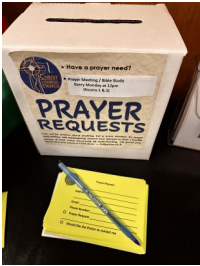
The Christian Education committee will purchase the food for each night. Our goal is for teachers to worry about teaching, not cooking. If you would like to host or need more information, please contact Pastor Bimen, or Liz Dawson. Volunteer via email and this sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

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=emlVSUdLeXVPNVVXYUhhJd3dDNIRkdz09>

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
JUNE

This month JAM is accepting donations of kid friendly foods: mac-n-cheese, non-refrigerated microwavable meals, granola bars, gummie snacks, crackers, cookies, snack packs, goldfish, Cheez-Its, 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.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
6/1	Silvia Schuette	6/1	Lisa & Chris Huber
6/7	Megan Fjelstad	6/8	Marty & Rev. George Mercer
6/8	Laura Haaland Rita Sarson	6/12	Saray & Jay Pryor
6/9	Todd Brace	6/13	Bonnie & Will Kroening
6/11	Chester Evans Kaitlyn Hoehner	6/15	Ann & Bob Wade
6/12	Robert Kemnitz	6/18	Silvia & Fred Schuette
6/13	Fred Schuette	6/20	Anne & Phil Hernandez
6/15	Bud Goss	6/26	Nina & Rich Hallum
6/18	Randy Hesler Zoe Kenitzer Sheryll Pierce		
6/21	Nora Bruederle		
6/23	Noelle Winsky		
6/24	Jay Pryor		
6/30	David Loetz		

happy
birthday!

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

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
5/5/24	29	60	19	105
5/12/24	33	76	12	121
5/19/24	38	56	11	105
5/26/24	29	62	6	97

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
5/12/24	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	17

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
5/6/24	10	0
5/13/24	No Meeting	No Meeting
5/20/24	8	0
5/27/24	No Meeting	Memorial Day

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.