

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2024



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“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Summer greetings to you my siblings in Christ, Our current bishop Bill Gafkjend recites the verses above quite often over for the last at least thirteen years of his ministry as bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky synod. Those words are God’s Words spoken through the prophet Isaiah calling his people to not dwell in the glory of the past, but to

focus on the present and future that God is doing and continues to a new thing. The same message our bishop calls our attentions to throughout his tenure as bishop of our synod. God indeed is doing a new thing and will continue to do so, whether we see or perceive it. To see and perceive what God is doing is a privilege and blessing. To see and perceive what God is doing need intentionality by taking our time to dwell in his word, prayer, meditation, contemplation, discernment and action.

In our synod assembly this year focused on just that. The theme for the assembly was, ‘Waiting, Watching and Working’. We had three keynote speakers that talked about each topic. Each topic is also in a right order. It is interesting that ‘working’ is the last in that order. We often jump into action without first waiting and watching. The first thing is to wait and to wait patiently, actively and purposely. In waiting, as the speaker said, needs practice and discipline but it also builds trust and gives us hope. The speaker shared about the wisdom of waiting, just like the early Christians who waited patiently even through their struggles with persecutions and yet, the church continued to grow. The second important step is to watch and watch attentively.

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Lead Pastor - Rev. Bimen Limbong

Director of Music - Ann Colbert Wade

Church Administrator - Heather C. Harding

The Bible is full of God's signs for his people watch as his way of bringing his message to his people such as the rainbow, the burning bush, the valley of the dry bones, the stars of Bethlehem etc., God's signs are also all around us that we need to open our eyes to see and watch what God is doing. That leads us into the last step, 'working'. One thing that was being emphasized that was not included in that theme was the word 'together'. Together is a key word. We wait, watch and work together as congregation or synod. In fact, the word 'synod' means 'walk alongside together'.

As the result of our 'waiting, watching and working' together, we were able to elect our new bishop; Pr. Tim Graham. The process indeed required those steps. It took five ballots to have an election. The election of the bishop is quite interesting. It is called 'ecclesiastical ballot'; a process that our early church used to elect their leaders that distinguished them from secular process of electing a spiritual leader. We used that model to elect our council president too. Below is the description of the process as stated in our synod's constitution for your own records:

S9.04. *"The bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths of the votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of votes on the second ballot, and two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of votes on the third ballot, and 60 percent of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. On subsequent ballots a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) that receive the greatest number of votes on the previous ballot."*

If you wish to know more detail, you may check at: [Process for Election of a Bishop, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA - Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA \(iksynod.org\)](#) If you also wish to know more about our newly elected bishop, it was sent to you in one of our Synod's eNews on June 13.

So invite you to wait, watch and work together here at Christ, as we continue to live out the mission that God entrusts us to do, "Walking with Christ, we love and serve our church and neighbors".

Serving Christ with You,



Pr. Bimen Limbong

Thank You!

THANK YOU!



The Social Ministry along with our congregation would like to extend gratitude to **Bonnie Kroening** and **Renate Fish** for their ongoing ministry to the Ronald McDonald House. This past month these two wonderful cooks headed down to the Ronald McDonald House to provide a delicious meal for the families staying there. Thank you for living out our mission.



A HUGE thank you to all our members who dedicated their time and talents to our VBS program this past month. We are so grateful for you as you shared your gifts with children from our community. Led by **Liz Dawson, Pastor Bimen, Sarah Pryor, Rita Sarson, Berliana Limbong, Nancy Walsh, Bonnie Kroening, Hannah Limbong, Samuel Limbong, Petra Limbong, Kylie Timmel, Michael Kratt, Ella Kratt, Ken Schneider, Steve Sarson and Roger Miller** shared their love of Jesus. We are all so thankful for you.



Thank you to our most recent Faithful Servants for the month of July...**Kathleen Breitenstein, Sherry Davis,** and **Luke Dawson**. We will be sharing their stories in August. We are so grateful for their love, time, talents and love of Jesus and Christ Lutheran Church.

Walking with Christ, we love and serve
our church & neighbors

FINANCE

General Fund Giving through February 2024

Expected Receipts: \$162,574.00

[Online
Giving](#)

Actual Receipts: \$200,269.00

Thanks to everyone for their gifts to the church. The surplus is due to some members giving in advance. It is estimated that we are even with where we expected to be.



SCAN ME

Thanks to our June offering counters: Jean & Mike Barney.

UPCOMING *Events*



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



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.



CLC is participating one again in the J'town Gaslight Festival. Volunteers will be needed to man a booth the week of **September 13th-15th**. See page 14 for all the details.

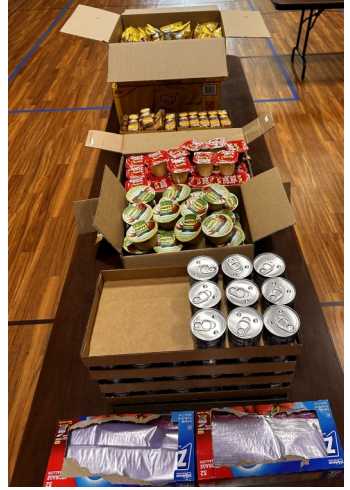


August's Thirsty Third Thursday will be at 80/20 @Kaelin's on **August 15th**. Check out page 12 for details and links to menu.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Snack Pack Initiative. On Sunday, June 16th we were able to pack 200 snack packs. **TWO HUNDRED packs**....that means 200 hundred individuals will receive a pack of snacks to help relieve feelings of hunger. Think about that number...200. Two hundred one gallon Ziploc bags filled with 1 can of Vienna Sausages, 1 cup of apple sauce, 1 cup of pudding, 1 fruit bar, 1 package of peanut butter crackers, 1 bag of chips, a spoon and a wet nap. What a blessing to those who struggle with less than this every day.



With your donations and help from Thrivent Grant cards Roger Miller was able to purchase all the supplies. The total cost was just around \$400, which works out to \$2 per snack pack. Just \$2. Think about that, just \$2 is able to help someone in need. Wouldn't it be awesome to increase the number of packs assembled in the future? For every \$20, 10 packs are assembled and 10 people are helped!

We partner with the United Methodist Church of Fern Creek for this initiative. They come and pick up our boxes of packs and head out to the homeless camps.



Something so simple...snacks, the same snacks that we go to our pantry for without thinking about is having an impact on someone's life. This initiative is definitely living up to our church's mission....walking with Christ, to love and serve our church and NEIGHBORS!



What a fabulous week at VBS!! Twelve children (of various ages), four youth helpers, and eight volunteers had a blast during Stellar



VBS. We enjoyed wonderful food, danced & sang our hearts out, played fun games, admired artwork in each classroom, made awesome gadgets & helped with experiments. Best of all, we made new friends and learned different ways to "Shine Jesus' Light!" Thanks to

all who made this week such a success and one to remember. The children expressed thanks all week long and gave hugs to us all after closing. It was amazing to see their love of Jesus and hear what they learned and enjoyed during VBS. It is uplifting to know they will be shining Jesus' light for all the world to see.

LIFT Sunday school class is on break for the summer but we looking forward to the fall. Be on the look out for more information in future announcements. There are some fun summer events coming up and hope to see you there. Please join us for our second Family Movie Night featuring *The Sandlot* on Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. There will be light refreshments. Please feel free to bring chairs, blankets, pillows to keep comfy while you watch. We ask that you contact the church office and let Heather know if you plan to attend, 502-267-5082. This helps us plan refreshments and which space to relax and enjoy the movie in. We hope you all are having a fun, safe summer!



Check out all our photos on our [website](#)!!

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. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact the church office to RSVP to this event, 502-67-5082.

A graphic of a pickleball court with a blue background and white lines. A yellow pickleball is in the foreground, and a black paddle is below it. The text is overlaid on the graphic.

Let's Play
PICKLEBALL!

PICKLEBALL
GET LESSONS OR PLAY A GAME:
BEGINNING IN JUNE: 12pm-2pm
REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE
PICKLEBALL TIME FOR 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.

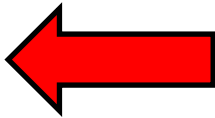
Open courts are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12pm-2pm-unless there is a scheduled event in the gym.

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:

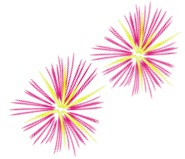
- Wined-Up Saturday - Enjoy \$4 6oz red or white wine pours
- Postgame Fireworks Show
- \$4 Craft Beer Special - Every Saturday, we will offer a new \$4 craft beer special with one of our local breweries here in Louisville!
- Dime Dog Night - Hot Dog themed promotions will run all night long, including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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue
	<p>1</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm Pickleball 6:30pm Social Ministry Cmte Mtg 7pm Property Cmte Mtg 7pm Finance Cmte Mtg</p>
<p>14</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>15</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg 7pm Christian Ed Cmte Mtg</p> <p>MESSANGER Articles to Liz Walker Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm Pickleball 6pm Rock Painting for Gaslight Festival</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour</p> <hr/>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm Pickleball 7:00pm Council Meeting</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:30am Worship In-person 9:45am Sun School All Ages 11am Worship & Live-stream 12:15pm Fellowship Hour 12:15pm Gaslight Festival Planning Mtg</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Tues Friends 12pm Pickleball</p>

NATIONAL YOUTH



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:30am Wed Friends</p>	<p>4  FOURTH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>10 9:30am Wed Friends</p>	<p>11 12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>12 7pm Family Movie Night </p>	<p>13 12pm Pickleball 7pm Thirsty Third Thursday Event -Bats Game </p>
<p>17 9:30am Wed Friends</p>	<p>18 12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 12pm Pickleball</p>
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<p>24 9:30am Wed Friends</p>	<p>25 12pm Pickleball</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 12pm Pickleball</p>
<p>31 9:30am Wed Friends</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, August 15, starting

at 6pm at:

80/20

@Kaelin's

1801 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40205



<https://www.8020atkaelins.com/>

Menu

Join at the original site of the “birthplace of the cheeseburger”. While 80/20@Kaelin’s boasts an awesome burger, the menu doesn’t stop there. Come check out it out, be a part of Louisville history.

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



JAM Donations JULY

The Social Ministry Committee continues its ongoing collection of items for JAM. We thank you in advance for any donations you can provide.

For the month of July we are collecting personal hygiene items: soap, body wash, deodorant, diapers (sizes 4-6), baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, depends, razors, & shaving cream. The dollar store is a great resource for these items.

Place all donations in the JAM box in the Narthex. You may also drop off directly at JAM, 10607 Taylorsville Road, 40299, 502-267-1055. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 10am-1pm.

Curious about the impact JAM is having on our community - zip codes 40299, 40023 and part of 40220? [Check out their impact by the numbers.](#)

WHAT ARE WEDNESDAY FRIENDS UP TO

The most recent work (besides weeding, weed-eating, and picking up sticks and trash) was mulching the playground. A Thrivent gift was used to purchase 7 cu yards (which is 7 pickup loads) of mulch. It was spread in areas where it was most needed!





CHRIST LUTHERAN IS HEADED BACK TO THE GASLIGHT FESTIVAL!

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a booth again this year at the Gaslight Festival starting in the evening on Friday, Sept. 13, and

going through to Sunday evening, Sept. 15.

We encourage everyone to take just a couple of hours of your weekend to love and serve our J'town neighbors by handing out some fun giveaways, sharing some smiles, and inviting people to check out all that Christ Lutheran Church has to offer. It's easy, it's fun, and you can enjoy checking out the rest of the booths and Gaslight festivities before or after your "shift"!

If you want to help plan the details—such as what our giveaways will be—join us at the planning meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 28th, after the late service. But you don't have to attend any planning meetings to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be posted in August, and like last year, we're shooting to fill 2-hour timeslots with 2 people at a time to man the booth. (Of course, if you want to stay longer or have a bigger group in the booth, that's fine too!)

For questions or suggestions, please contact Pastor Bimen or Sarah Pryor.

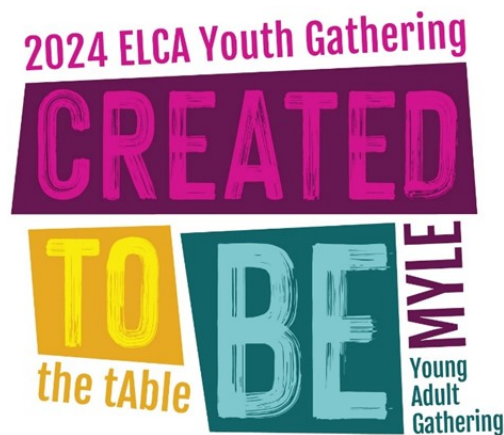


ROCK PAINTING EVENT FOR GASLIGHT FESTIVAL

Last year at the J'town Gaslight Festival we handed out painted rocks with inspirational words on them. They were a HUGE hit, so many people loved them.

Join us on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm in Room 1 & 2 for a rock painting event. Rocks and supplies will be provided; so come and join the fun to create rocks for CLC to hand out again this year. If you have acrylic paint and brushes, please bring with you to share. Label your bottles and brushes so they can be returned to you at the end of the evening.

This is a great way to be a part of bringing our mission to life.



CLC YOUTH ARE HEADED TO NEW ORLEANS

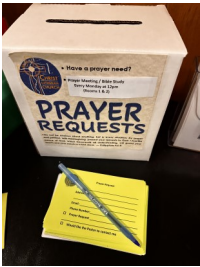
From July 15th – 21st, tens of thousands of youth will descend on New Orleans for several days of worship, sight-seeing, and service at the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please keep our youth (Gavin Kissling, Samuel Limbong, Anna and Kyle Mertz, James Pryor, Noelle and Chloe Winskye), youth leader Hannah Limbong, and chaperones

(Pastor Bimen and Tammy Kissling) in your prayers for safe travels and a spirit-filled experience.

Our region (region 6) is collecting AA batteries for disaster relief kits that we'll assemble at the gathering. Click the Amazon link below if you'd like to support this project with a donation. The batteries will ship directly to New Orleans! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref_=wl_share

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

This month JAM is accepting donations for personal hygiene items: soap, body wash, deodorant, diapers (sizes 4-6), baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, depends, razors, and shaving cream

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.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
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7/2	Sherry Davis James Pryor	7/1	Trish & Randy Ferris
7/4	Janet Kull	7/2	Jane & Tom Farrar
7/5	Susan Runke	7/6	Sharon & Ron Coombs
7/6	Natalie Rawlings	7/12	Karen & Ed Schuette
7/8	Marti Gibson	7/21	Heather & Andy Rush
7/9	Ann Colbert Wade		
7/14	Marty Mercer		
7/15	Samantha Brace Rich Hallum		
7/16	Sharon Nix Peggy Stephens		
7/17	Alex Huber		
7/18	Ron Tolle		
7/19	Nathan Pfalzgraf		
7/25	Jessica Bruederle		
7/27	Karen Schuette Gary Stephens		
7/29	Eliza Stephens		
7/30	Jennifer Brace Keaton Walker		

**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
6/2/24	38	66	20	124
6/9/24	31	52	15	95
6/16/24	50	44	No Internet	94
6/23/24	32	55	13	100
6/30/24				

Forest Hills Worship

DATE	RESIDENTS	CLC MEMBERS	TOTAL
6/9/24			No Service

Monday Weekly Prayer Gathering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE
6/3/24	7	0
6/10/24	5	0
6/17/24	9	0
6/24/24	6	No Zoom

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



ATTENDANCE

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor Bimen Limbong, 502-553-6025, pastor_bimen@christlutheranlouisville.com
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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.

Worship Times: Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am.

Sunday School: Age 3—adults at 9:45am every Sunday.

Church Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

If you wish to contact Pastor Limbong
please call the church at (502-267-5082)
or his cell phone: (502-553-6025)
His scheduled days off are Friday and Saturday
Except during an emergency

Office Email Address:
Church_office@christlutheranlouisville.com

Visit our church website:
www.christlutheranlouisville.com
Or scan the QR code

