



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
October 4, 2026

Faith Formation Opportunities ~ *Sundays 9:20 a.m.*

	Church Hall	120 Library	Church Overflow
10/4/2026	Empathy Stephen Ministry	New Testament Survey D. Keammerer	Getting to Know CLC
10/11/2026	Empathy Stephen Ministry	New Testament Survey D. Keammerer	Getting to Know CLC
10/18/2026	Empathy Stephen Ministry	New Testament Survey D. Keammerer	Getting to Know CLC
10/25/2026 Welcome New Members	Empathy Stephen Ministry	New Testament Survey D. Keammerer	

"The Gift of Empathy" discussion group started with an introduction to empathetic vs non-empathetic words and gestures. We are learning how to listen for another's perspective and then expressing your understanding of those feelings back to them. You are welcome to join the group at any time, even if you don't complete the reading assignments. Become part of a caring community that provides mental health empowerment to those in need in your life. Sundays at 9:20-10:20 am in the church hall.

Blessing the Animals- Feast of St. Francis

All through September, we're marking the Season of Creation in worship, and it will wrap up on the Feast of St Francis with a Blessingthe Animals! Bring your pets to the back turnaround on **Sunday, October 4 at 12:30** for a brief service of blessingthese creatures, who are such a blessing!

Our Lutheran heritage and our ELCA denomination alike call us to faithful, committed participation in civic life including and especially voting:

“This church teaches that civic engagement is a vital aspect of discipleship for baptized Christians. We have a responsibility not only to fulfill our private roles and functions in life, and to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), but also to be civically engaged. We do so to act against destructive consequences but also for fair and compassionate governance.”

From the ELCA social message “[Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy](#)” (p. 13)

Indiana’s voter registration deadline is October 5. Take two minutes today to check your voter registration or register to vote: wemakeindiana.turbovote.org



**Senior October Event
Everyone is Welcome!**

Our October 22, 2026, Senior Meeting will offer a presentation by Gregg Hertzlieb, Director and Curator of Valparaiso University’s Brauer Art Museum which has now reopened. He will also have slides to show as he discusses the many wonderful art pieces Brauer has in its collection. Please join us at 9:15 for coffee and treats so that the presentation can begin at 9:30 am.

We have reached our LWR school kit goal!

Thank you for your generosity! We have reached our goal of 140 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will assemble the kits on **Sunday, October 4th** between services and we will need your help. While the Sunday School youth are great helpers, we can use your help in guiding them, especially the younger ones, or assembling a few kits of your own. Join us in the Activity Center for this quick project.

Thanks again for your donations!

October Altar Gifts

<u>Holy Communion</u>	Marilyn McGawn ~ In Memory of Malcolm
<u>Altar Candles</u>	Jeremy & Sara Long ~ In Memory of Dean Long Heather and Steve Abbring ~ Celebrating our 25th Anniversary
<u>Eternal Lamp</u>	Cheryl Watson ~ In Memory of Ken Watson

QUILTS FOR LWR

Although we make these quilts to give away to those in need if you see one in the sanctuary that you would like to purchase, the quilters are requesting a donation of \$50, which will be used for shipping the quilts overseas.

Of course if you are not interested in purchasing a quilt but would like to make a donation for shipping please do so. Make the check out to Christ Lutheran and in the memo section fill in “LWR Shipping”

Please use one of the envelopes that can be found in the Gathering Place for your purchase or donation.

Thank you!!

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

The annual youth silent auction will be held from November 1-22nd. Donations are being accepted until October 25th. Donations can be a service, certificate, craft, or item. Items should be new or gently used that can either stand alone or be put in a thematic basket. Please leave your donations on the tables in the corner of the church hall. All donations should be marked with the donor's name and the value of the item. **Please bring items by October 25th.**

Volunteers Wanted for Event

What: The Carsten & Georgia Falkenberg Meal Pack: NWI 18th Annual Event

Sponsoring Organization: Pack Away Hunger [<https://www.packawayhunger.org>]

When: Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 9-11:30 am OR 12:30-3:00 pm [two shifts]

Where: Crown Point High School, 1500S. Main Street, Crown Point< IN 46307

This annual event will attempt to pack 100,000 healthy meals with 90% of the meals going to food pantries in NWI and 10% sent abroad to a country with the greatest immediate need. There are two packing shifts to pack meals—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Church members and church youth groups from NWI volunteer their time to help pack the meals. All age levels are welcomed to participate!

If you want to make a monetary contribution toward the supplies used in the meals you may do so at: www.givebutter.com/NWIN2026 If you would like to volunteer to participate as a “packer” you are asked to register for the event using the same website previously given.

Christ Lutheran Church offers a Grief Support Group every other week on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 am in the Conference Room. (209). The group serves adults who have experienced a loss of a spouse, parent, child, friend, sibling, or neighbor. The core group of peer support welcomes others to walk together in our grief journey .

Come when you can. Coffee and Kleenex available.

The group is facilitated by Cheryl Slack, a Stephen Minister. You may contact her at 219-241-0677 or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

Upcoming dates are October 7, 21, November 4, 18.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS



QUILTS

2026 GOAL-389

Quilts Completed: 278

BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED 505- GOAL ACCOMPLISHED September 17, 2026

OCTOBER NEEDS ARE SLEEPERS, HATS and LIGHT WEIGHT JACKETS.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-64

OCTOBER NEED IS FUNDS TO PURCHASE COTTON FABRIC FOR CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION. Funds can be designated for the Fabric Project and put in the offering plate.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

KITS COMPLETED-624

OCTOBER NEED IS CASH TO BUY ITEMS.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026-GOAL \$250

April 2026-\$60.00

June 2026-\$60.00

September-\$72.00

October Needs are MORE CANS. No amount of cans are too small. Keep the cans coming in! Let's go over our 2026 Goal.

Save money and do more? Sounds good!

Our church office is always looking for ways to be good stewards of our gifts, and we've discovered that by changing providers we can **Do more Lower fees**. We are changing away from SubSplash that you've heard us mention, to new providers: Planning Center Online and The ChurchCo. means adjusting our online giving, but it will be worth it to pay less overhead! for instructions and "Tech Support Sundays" to come.



House Cleaning Service

Busy work week? No time to clean?
Overwhelmed with catching up?
We can help!

Our Services

- Vacuum, Dust, & Mop
- General Tidying
- Kitchen Counters, Sink, etc.
- Bathrooms
- Bedrooms & Living Areas
- **1st Visit:** In-person to provide estimate.
- **2nd Visit:** Scheduled cleaning date.

SCHEDULE TODAY!

Text: 219.309.5499
luzemeri23@gmail.com

Christ Lutheran Faith and Justice Pilgrimage

We are continuing to plan for the CLC Faith and Justice Pilgrimage which will take place February 10-15, 2027. Registration for the Pilgrimage will begin in early November. More information to come!



COMPASS IFC'S THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONALLY-THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT

OCT 8

6-9 PM

**1325 Evans Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383**

Fundraiser to support Compass International Family Center: Welcoming and equipping international neighbors of all ages with the educational services and support needed to thrive in their new home

Event Sponsorship and Participation Levels

Event Sponsor		
Event Sponsor	\$500	Special sponsor signage and recognition at the event; recognition and promotion on social media and in our newsletter; table for a team of 8 is included
Send a Team/Buy a Table	\$300	Table for a team of 8 (\$35 per person + 20) - must purchase a complete table even if you don't have a complete team of 8. Tables of a complete team of 8, however, are eligible for special team prizes. Tables are exclusive to that team.
Single Ticket	\$35	You will NOT be placed with pre-existing teams who bought tables. There will be tables reserved for single ticket buyers who will be teamed up with each other on the night of the event.

Sign up, buy a table for your team, or sponsor the event by scanning the QR code. No payment needed at this time!



AMOS

A Mission of Service is so grateful for Christ Lutheran Church's faithful support. Due to our congregation's involvement with AMOS since September 2016, two of our congregants, Christiana McLean NP and Gail Mannington RN (BOD) are in the process of fundraising and preparing for our November 6 medical mission trip to Guatemala and Copan, Honduras. The Guatemalan government has made changes to how we bring medications into the country and because of this, instead of our AMOS drop box, we graciously request visiting the AMOS website to see how you can make a difference.

Kindly continue to use the AMOS drop box for the newborn baby hats and bags (15'x18" cotton bags with casement and ties) sewn by the ladies in our congregation. We use these for the Helping Babies Breathe program where we teach the midwives how to resuscitate newborn infants, and for the Teenage Hygiene Program and for many other projects. Our programs have now become sustainable due to your support of AMOS and the people of Central America.

AMOS website: <https://amissionofservice.org> and find us on Facebook.



YOUTH TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

QUAKE

Quake is a weekend youth event where middle and high school students gather for worship, learning, service, and fun.
Wisconsin Dells, WI
February 12-14, 2027
Grades 6-12

This is a show of interest only. More details and registration information will be shared later.
Please complete the form by **Oct. 15**
Scan the QR code to let us know you're interested!



QUAKE 2027



Dear Christ Lutheran Church,
Thank you for letting me worship with you in July and giving me the opportunity to share more about my ministry in South America. I just visited our companions in Chile, the sister church to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. They send their regards to you all in the "other" Valparaiso. If you would like to stay in touch, please feel free to write me at erin.brown@elca.org. I'd love to stay in contact and share updates with you all.

Many blessings,
Deaconess Erin Brown

Social Ministry Monthly Emphasis October 2026

As you do it for the least of these, you do it for Christ. (Matthew 25:40)



Social Ministry Emphasis for October. The focus this month is to provide volunteer time and monetary support for **Lutheran World Relief** www.lwr.org and **ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response** www.elca.org/hunger and www.elca.org/disaster

Lutheran World Relief is affirming God's love for all people, working with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. LWR vision is to be empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, envisioning a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity, and peace. Also, there is a volunteer opportunity in October: helping with the annual northern Indiana Lutheran congregations in-gathering collection day at CLC (Sat. afternoon Oct. 24, 2-5pm) - loading a semi-truckload of items to be delivered to LWR for shipment overseas. Many items come from CLC: quilts and baby/fabric/personal/school kits. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Becky Fry at justplainbecky@gmail.com

ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response two hunger/disaster response programs (plus Luthn World Relief) work closely together on world humanitarian issues, providing relief and hunger assistance, as well as providing opportunities for hunger education and advocacy activities. 79% of funds are used around the world, 12% in the U.S. (including some in I-K Synod), and 9% for education and advocacy.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in October (over and above giving combined with CLC's \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Luth. World Relief** and **ELCA Hunger/Disaster Relief** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate "LWR/ELCA Hunger" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website <https://clcvalpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

Life Line Screening Special screening package for \$129

When: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Where: CLC Activity Center

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 6:0 p.m.

Please call number schedule your appointment 800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



Lutheran World Relief Annual Ingathering

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Truck packing day is Saturday, October 17 from 2 - 5pm. The semi-trailer will be arriving around 2pm. Whether you are able to assist with or ready to move boxes, we could use your assistance that afternoon. Baked goods to share with our guests that will be bringing their boxes would be appreciated. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky Fry 219.241.6854.

YOUTH TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

We're beginning to plan for the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering. This incredible event brings together thousands of Lutheran youth from across the country for worship, service, fellowship, and faith-filled experiences.

June 28-July 2
Minneapolis, MN
Grades 8-12

If your student may be interested in attending, please complete our interest form by **Oct. 15**



Learn more about the Gathering at:
<https://www.elca.org/gathering>

Ministry Fair October Committee

Christian Education committee works with children ages Pre K through Fourth Grade. We recruit teachers and youth helpers to teach Sunday School each year. In December there is a Christmas program. In the Spring for the last two years, we have held parenting session. During the summer we hold multigenerational activities for the congregation. One is a service project to give back to the community. If you would like to join us, please let me know at eswayne50@gmail.com.