Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
November 1, 2026

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

	Church Hall	120 Library	Sanctuary
11/1/2026			**Congregational Forum**
11/8/2026	**Annual Meeting**		
11/15/2026	**Empathy** Stephen Ministry	**New Testament Survey** D. Keammerer	
11/22/2026	**Empathy** Stephen Ministry	**New Testament Survey** D. Keammerer	

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM/MEETING AND ROOF CELEBRATION

Join us on Sunday, November 1 at 9:20 in the sanctuary for the Congregational Forum and on Sunday, November 8 at 9:20 in the Church Hall for the Annual Meeting. We will also be having cake for the ROOF CELEBRATION!!

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

The annual youth silent auction begins today. Check out all the items in the East Link! The auction will be held from November 1-22nd.

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 1

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Silent Auction Begins
Congregational Forum

9:20 AM No Faith Formation Hour
12:30 PM Potluck and Coat Drive (CH)
4:00 PM South Shore Brass Band Concert

Saturday, November 7

5:00 PM Chili Cook-off (CH)

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Continuing with our tradition at CLC, we are taking up a collection for Christmas gifts for our CLC Staff. If you are interested in contributing, please either drop off your contribution to Jen at the church office or place it in the offering plate with the designation "Staff Christmas Gift." It is our intention to divide the funds evenly among all of our CLC staff.

Christmas will be here before you know it, please have all contributions in by Sunday, December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact any Church Council Officer.

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 November 4, 18.

Help us Make the Switch!

More for less? Yes please!

We have found a way to provide better service, for less cost, with our online giving. Yes, really! We are moving from our previous Subsplash to Planning Center Online, which already holds our member records. The fees are lower, and ***the savings come to more than $4,000 a year.***

Now we need you to help us Make the Switch: recurring gifts do not transfer on their own, and the church office cannot do it for you (we don't want access to your bank account!). **If yours isn't moved, it quietly stops. Please finish by December 1**!

Everything you need is at clcvalpo.org/make-the-switch (or scan the code):

Step 1: Create your new gift. Use the left-hand blue button, "**Login to Planning Center.**" Log in with your mobile number or email, and enter your amount, fund (usually Operating Fund), and how often you wish to give. Add your bank or card information, a memo if you wish, and whether to cover the processing fees. Click "Give" and you're set.

Step 2: Cancel your old gift. On the same page, click the middle "**Subsplash Login**" blue button. Sign in the way you first set up your account (usually mobile number or email). Click your initials, then Account, then Scheduled Gifts, and choose "Delete gift." Click the gift, scroll to the bottom, and click the red "Delete gift." Confirm when asked.

Want help? Come to **Tech Support Sundays on November 15 and 22** in the Gathering Space during the Formation Hour. Or contact **Heather Budnik at heather.budnik@clcvalpo.org or 219/462-6660.**

Thank you for the generosity that makes all of this worth doing.

Peace,
-Pastor Tim

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Hospice
Eleanor (Ecklund-Baker)
Diane (Friend of Kellie B)
Irene Umbach
Jim Henderson (Friend of Becky B)
Tim (Lieske Family)

Long-Term/ongoing
Chris (sister of Donna Nerdt)
John Mapes
Richard
Josh
Caroling Bradley and family (Tammy Hofer)
Allison and Daughter, Delilah (Jeri)
Barbara (Sister of Nancy Tittle)
Rick Marshall
Karen Hug

An Invitation

Would you like to be a prayer assistant for the 8 am service? Volunteers are assigned to serve 6 times a year. If you have a conflict on an assigned Sunday, you simply switch with another prayer reader. This is a wonderful way to serve CLC. If interested or have questions, contact Paige_reichardt@Yahoo.com by December 1 when I will make out the schedule for 2027.

4TH ANNUAL CHRIST LUTHERAN CHILI COOK-OFF

FUN!

PRIZES!

MAYBE A LITTLE HEARTBURN!

MILK WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Chili Drop-Off
Starts @ 4 PM

Chili Tasting
5 PM to 7 PM



DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
LOCATION: CHURCH HALL



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Christ Lutheran CHURCH

Quarterly Statements

THANK YOU for your commitment to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! Your contributions to the operating fund support our mission to be the heart and hands of Christ in our community: here in this congregation, in Valparaiso, and beyond – and we have been busy!

Christ Lutheran is investing in our mission, locally and globally:

- We responded to neighbors in Lake and Porter Counties, within and beyond our own congregation, with helping hands, financial support, companionship and prayers after widespread destruction from a historic derecho.
- Little Lamb Preschool nurtures the faith and curiosity of 113 young children.
- We Make Indiana, Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, grief support group, Stephen Ministry and other groups rely on our generosity for meeting space.
- The Indiana-Kentucky Synod supports ministries throughout Indiana and Kentucky, funded almost entirely by mission support gifts from congregations like ours ($3,047 in the third quarter).
- ELCA Global Missions (Arusha Lutheran Hospital), AMOS, Global Refuge, Lutheran Braille Workers, Compass International, and Project Neighbors – Freedom Recovery Fund serve our neighbors globally and right here in northwest Indiana, supported in part by our donations ($9,142 in the third quarter).

Christ Lutheran is caring for our space and our people:

- Popcorn Fest brings our entire congregation together to support our youth as they raise money ($1,726) to attend Quake, confirmation camp, and the National Youth Gathering
- Sunday School, Fusion, Circle, and Confirmation welcome new and returning students.
- Faith formation hour classes, book groups, and Bible studies provide more opportunities to nurture our commitment to our faith.
- Vacation time is always appreciated by our hard-working staff.

Christ Lutheran is joyfully worshipping our Lord:

- We worshiped together as one congregation in one service during the summer.
- Our Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, and Treble Makers have begun to rehearse and prepare music to present in worship.

Christ Lutheran is committing to good stewardship of our resources:

- Our Sheltered in Grace special appeal raised $214,700 to fund the new roof over our sanctuary and significantly reduce the balance of our mortgage.
- During the second quarter, we repaid $2,850 borrowed from our restricted funds.
- Julie (from our synod office) and Chris Walda performed a review of our financial processes, noting no significant weaknesses and suggesting potential improvements.

- We began to transition our giving, livestreaming, and website services to new providers who will give us better service for less cost.

YOUR GIFTS to our ministry help us to accomplish all this and more - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Please check your email for your third-quarter giving statement. Statements were sent electronically on Tuesday, October 27; look for an email from Subsplash Giving (noreply@secure.subsplash.com). If you do not receive your statements electronically and would like a paper copy, please call the church office or email our Business Manager, Heather Budnik (heather.budnik@clcvalpo.org). Thank you for being an important part of changing lives through the work of Christ Lutheran Church!

Christian Growth is a group of different ministry opportunities here at CLC. Each opportunity is led by different individuals and offers a way for people to serve with their many different gifts. These activities and programs include; Faith Formation Hour planning, Bread Breakers fellowship groups, Caring Meals, Annual Retreat PlanningCommittee, Grief Support Group, Funeral Meal Ministry, Stephen Ministry, and Christ Caring Visitors, Please see Pastor Erica or myself for more information and group contact information. Jeri Simms: jlsimms72@yahoo.com.

Pastor Erica, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and if I need to change anything.

Regards, Jeri Simms An Invitation

ELCA Endowment Fund for Christ Lutheran Church ending balance as of 9/30/2026 = $175,081.43.

The account balance is reflective of the market value as of 9/30/2026. The balance remains invested and is subject to market fluctuations.

Initial investment as of 1/25/2025 = $135,034.53.
Additional deposit made in November 2025 of $10,000.
2026 Total Endowment Distributions = $6,467.00.

Thank you, The Endowment Committee

SOUTH SHORE

BRASS BAND

Fall Side by Side Concert

(Heroic Music of Bizet, Sousa, Bernstein, Freddie Mercury)

Featuring Student from Area Middle Schools

November 1, 2026 at 4 PM

Christ Lutheran Church

2610 Campbell St, Valparaiso, IN

Tickets can be bought at the door or from our musicians:

Adults $10 Seniors $8 Students $5

