



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
March 8, 2026

Faith Formation Opportunities ~ <i>Sundays 9:20 a.m.</i>		
	Church Hall	120 Library
3/8/2026	Parenting Book Discussion "The Anxious Generation" Christian Education Committee	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
3/15/26	Revisit Deepening Our Welcome	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
3/22/2026	Revisit Deepening Our Welcome	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

Revisiting Deepening Our Welcome --March 15

How is CLC doing in our quest to be a more deeply welcoming congregation? What have we learned as we have sought to live out the welcome statement we adopted in 2023? Where are we now and who is still missing? What are our dreams and visions for deepening our welcome at CLC as we move forward together in faith? Join the conversation to share your observations and dreams during this Faith Formation time.

Revisiting Deepening Our Welcome – March 22

How Do Words, Images, and Descriptions of God Affect Our Beliefs and Actions? Explore with us various images of God and Jesus. Do how we describe God and Jesus influence how welcoming we are as a congregation? Is God limited to a singular pronoun? Do how we describe God affect how we describe one another and ourselves?



CLC Social Ministry and Mission March 2026



Our emphasis is providing support for the **Lutheran Diaconal Association** www.thelda.org. Below is a message to CLC from LDA:

“Since 1919, the Lutheran Diaconal Association has formed people for ministries of service. In the early years we trained women primarily as nurses serving in missions and institutions of the church. Our ministries have changed throughout the last 105 years. Today we serve in congregations, in institutions and wherever God’s people are.

A deaconess or deacon is someone one who serves. Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and instructed them to do the same for others. Sometimes deaconesses and deacons do actual foot-washing like Jesus did; but more widely, they serve Christ by walking with those the world easily forgets; the marginalized, the poor, the powerless, the sick.

People who reach out to others in this way—with care and compassion in a hurting world—are practicing diaconal service, as all the baptized are called to do. Some of them desire to do this as a professional in ministry and enter a more formal training and formation process to become deaconesses and deacons. Since the earliest days of the church men and women have been set apart to do intentional servant ministry.

Deaconess/deacon ministry has come to mean many things: it means serving others on bended knee, and from positions of leadership. It means entering the hurt parts of society and carrying the light and love of Christ in service to others. It means telling the story of God’s love and helping others to hear God in their own story. It means welcoming the stranger in our midst.

Stories of ministry abound (pick up a copy of a LDA newsletters at CLC throughout the year). We are nurses, lawyers, engineers, musicians, social workers, chaplains, parish deaconesses, teachers, campus chaplains, missionaries, professors and so much more.

We are so grateful for our partnership with Christ Lutheran Church. Your congregation has made a huge difference in our ministry. Your prayer support and financial support are invaluable and help the LDA thrive and reach out to God’s people. Thank you! For more info www.theLDA.org We would love to talk with you! see Deaconesses Diana Iltzsche, Karen Hernes, or Kristin Lewis.”

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in March (over and above giving combined with CLC’s \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Luth. Diaconal Assoc.** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate “LDA” 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 social ministry emphasis.

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, 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 March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22.

EASTER FLOWERS

We invite you to share lilies, tulips and Hyacinths with us for the Easter morning festival services. The forms are located in the Gathering Place (put completed form in the basket in the Gathering Place or give to church office), please have your order ready by Sunday, March 22 or phone the Church Office. Thank you!

**Lilies \$14
Tulips \$13
Hyacinths \$13**

2026 Lenten Dinners at CLC!!!

During Lent, you are invited to join in Lenten dinners at **5:30 p.m.** Wednesdays at CLC, before each **7:00 p.m.** evening service. **Please sign up for each meal in advance in the East Link so that the cooks know how many to expect, and consider bringing a dessert to share.** A free-will offering will be collected at each meal. Come and join in the fellowship!

Dinner schedule:

March 11 ~ CLC Book Club (Potato Bar)

March 18 ~ CLC Choir (Sloppy Joes)

March 25 ~ Anna Zervos/Kathy Rowberg/Mary Michna (Ham and Potatoes)

LENT/EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

Mid-Week Lenten Dinners
March 11, 18, 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Services
March 11, 18, 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday
March 29
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
April 3
1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 4 @ 4:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
April 5
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.





PALM SUNDAY ACTION

JOIN US IN WITNESS TO JESUS' CALL:

**FEED THE HUNGRY.
HEAL THE SICK.
WELCOME THE STRANGER.**

MARCH 29, 2026 | 2:00PM

**MEET AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, VALPARAISO
PROCESSION TO COURTHOUSE FOR PROGRAM**

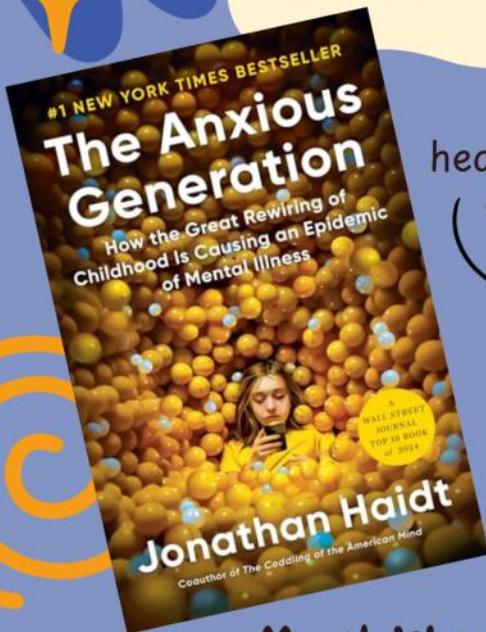
BRING YOUR OWN PALMS!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARENTING BOOK DISCUSSION

Come share
your thoughts
and questions!
Whether you've
finished the
book or are
just curious,
everyone is
welcome.



hear from the
author



March 1st and 8th during Faith
Formation hour in the Church Hall

FACILITATED BY THE
CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 103

BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026-500

KITS COMPLETED-170

MARCH NEEDS-Pants and light weight outerwear.

INTERESTING FACT-Watch for CLEARANCE CLOTHING AS THE STORES AND RESALE SHOPS change over to spring and summer outfits.

Also, ask friends and family members with little ones from 6 months to 2T to donate clothing to this project. THE NEED IS GREAT!

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-16

MARCH NEEDS-COTTON FABRIC IN 3 YARD LENGTHS PLUS 1 yard or more lengths for receiving blankets.

INTERESTING FACT-HOBBY LOBBY AND MICHAELS are stores in Valpo that have fabric by the yard/bolt.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

KITS COMPLETED-240

MARCH NEEDS-CASH TO PURCHASE REQUIRED ITEMS

INTERESTING FACT-Throughout March all cash donations will be matched. Any dollar donated means two dollars for the project. The cost of each kit is approximately six dollars.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

Keep the cans coming to the Red Ford truck or the white basket in the Gathering Area. No donation is too small. Aluminum foil food trays and regular food cans are not being taken at the local recycling centers. The centers are not buying those items any longer.

INTERESTING FACT- The more cans we collect the more soap we can buy for the LWR KITS.

We have taken the first truck load of cans for 2026 to the recycling center. We had 120 pounds at \$60. The current rate is 50 cents a pound. That money will help fund soap needed for the LWR PROJECTS.

Lent is a season when traditionally Christians make a sacrifice of some type to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. In this spirit, I am making this request for this time during lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Good Friday, I will match any contributions to the Personal Care Kit Project. Please help me help remember those people all over the world that are less fortunate than we are. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase items to be included in the kits. Thank you for your participation in this project.



Easter Bake Sale!



Hosted by CLC Youth Ministries

April 5, 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
(between and after services)



*Free Will
Donations*

All proceeds will benefit the CLC Youth Ministries and the continued opportunities for community development.

Thank you for supporting our youth!



Easter Bake Sale Sign-Up

Love to bake? Got a signature sweet treat?

Help us make the Easter Bake Sale a success! On Easter Sunday (April 5), CLC Youth Ministries will be selling goodies between and after services — and we'd love your delicious donations.

Sign up below to let us know what you're bringing, so we can plan our tasty lineup!

Questions? Reach out to Karina, Director of Youth Ministries.
(karina.barlow@clevelandpo.org)

Thank you for supporting our awesome youth!



Easter Bake Sale Sign Up

Music at Christ Lutheran Church

Thursday (6:00 – 7:10 pm): Celebration Ringers Handbell Ensemble

Thursday (7:30 – 9:00 pm): Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

If you enjoy singing or interested in ringing, we'd love to have you join one of our musical ensembles! Contact our music director Brian Bartusch (brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org) or speak to him after a worship service if you are interested or have any questions.



A Note of Thanks...

I would like to thank Amy Knauff & those who volunteered to provide me with meals following my back surgery while I was recovering & healing. It was a great help! Meals were great! Y'all are good cooks! Sherry Taraskiewicz

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Back by popular demand!

Please bring in any donations of candy or small toys during the month of March.

Please drop your donations off at the CLC office. Thank you!



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, April 5 after 10:30 service

Times are approximate, depending on when worship wraps up:

12:00– pre-k-k (near the Memorial Garden)

12:10– 1st– 4th grade (out in the field) 12:15- 5th-8th grade (in the woods)

We will have some plastic bags, but you may want to bring your own collecting container. Emptied eggs will be collected back afterwards to be recycled for next year.

CoAction & Aviva Memory Café

What is a Memory Cafe? A Memory Cafe is an informal social gathering for those living with early-stage memory loss and their care partner. CoAction is proud to serve our community as the only registered Memory Cafe. **Register at 219-531-2484**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM CDT

Aviva Valparaiso; 1300 Vale Park Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46383-2722

Thanks to our Red Cross Blood Drive volunteers!

You made a difference for the 53 donors who wanted to give whole blood units to help save lives.

Unofficial results of the blood drive are: 47 registered donors (7 were deferred, there was 1 first-time donor), 40 units of whole blood received (4 were power reds donating 7 units), 9 CLC members were among the donors. We had 16 CLC volunteers (3 on "back up") willing to help register & offer refreshments to the donors.

CIRCLE Dinner Providers Needed for 2026

Meals are needed for the high school youth group. Circle meets every Sunday from 6-8pm, with a meal to start at 6:00. Would you be willing to cook a meal and share it with the kids? You would be cooking for about 15 people and are welcome to stay for fellowship. If you are interested, please scan the QR code.



March Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Sara and Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of Floyd and Pearl Long

Altar Candles Given to the Glory of God

Eternal Lamp Given to the Glory of God

Senior Group

On March 26, we are planning a visit to Schmidt-Marken Designs, a Pottery Gallery & Gift Shop, located in Pinhook, near LaPorte, Indiana. It is owned and operated by Christ Lutheran Church members, Doug Schmidt and Karen Marken. Doug & Karen will be showing us how their pottery is made. (You may have seen it at the Youth Silent Auction in the Fall - It is beautiful.) If you want to carpool, please meet at the church parking lot (planning to leave church at 9:30 am). Or we can get you their address, if you prefer to drive to the Pottery Gallery directly. We plan to arrive at the Gallery at 10:00 am.

Please RSVP to Judy Haalboom at 309-368-9536 or mbboom@comcast.net, if you will be carpooling, so we don't accidentally leave someone behind.

We will stop for lunch on the way back, at a location to be determined.
(More information on that will follow.)

LLP Registration

2026-2027 Registration is now open for everyone! We have plenty of Beginner AM and PM classes left.

- Beginners Tuesday/Thursday AM 8:45-11:15 (\$225/month).
3 & 4 years old. Must be 3 by August 1, 2026
- Beginners 3 Session AM Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00-11:30 (\$275/month).
3 & 4 years old. Should be 3 by Feb. 1, 2026
- Beginners 3 Session PM Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30-3:00 (\$275/month).
3 & 4 years old. Should be 3 by Feb. 1, 2026

