



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
April 12, 2026

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

	Church Hall	Sanctuary	120 Library
4/12/2026		Worship Olympics	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
4/19/2026		Budget Forum	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
4/26/2026		Congregational Meeting	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

Congregational Forum and Annual Meeting Dates

Congregational Forum

Sunday, April 19 @ 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 26 @ 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary

A Musical Invitation:



The Northwest Indiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is pleased to invite our congregation to a service of *Evensong* at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University on ***Sunday, April 19, 2026.***

The service will include a collaboration of chanting clergy, local organists (including our own Brian Bartusch), composers, and congregational hymns.

Come and experience an authentic service of Vespers in the beautiful venue of the university's chapel. The concert begins at ***6:30 pm***, followed by the choral liturgy at ***7:00 pm***.



CLC Social Ministry and Mission April 2026



The Social Ministry wants to highlight a local for-purpose organization with a special giving opportunity. April's emphasis is providing monetary support to CoAction (coaction.care), main office located at 5240 Fountain Dr, Crown Point IN 46307 and housing office located at 502 Wall St #101, Valpo 46383.

For over 60 years, people in Northwest Indiana experiencing financial hardship find opportunities, resources, and respect at CoAction. We care about everybody. We keep our commitments. We believe people act with positive intentions.

We are committed to helping others succeed through financial support, nutrition programs, helping older adults and those with disabilities stay in their homes and provide affordable housing for families.

CoAction found a community partner to expand attainable housing solutions for low-income families. In 2023, CoAction merged with Housing Opportunities and combined resources to now provide over 1500 families with an affordable, safe and secure home. In addition to the many properties located in Valpo (Aurora View Apartments pictured below), CoAction has recently built new housing in Portage. New housing projects are also starting in La Porte and Hobart.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in April (over and above giving combined with CLC's \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal, CLC will help CoAction provide more services to the people of our community facing hardships.

Please use your weekly worship support giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate CoAction or contributing through Subsplash on the CLC website (clcvalpo.org) via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis.

Thank you for supporting CoAction and our social ministry emphasis.



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.



CLC YOUTH

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday, April 26
4:00 - 7:30 PM
Activity Center

- \$10 - Adults
- \$5 Kids (Ages 6-12)
- Free! Children 5 & Under

Pizza provided for dinner!

Table Packages Available!

- Mulligans Available!
- Teen-Supervised Kid Area!
- Fun for All Ages!

Volunteer Opportunities for Adults and Youth Available!

Reach out to Karina
karina.barlow@clcvalpo.org
 with any questions!

Scan to reserve your tickets!

Visit our Youth page for more information!

<https://clcvalpo.org/youth>





WEED WRANGLE VOLUNTEER DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 ◆ 9:00A - 12:00P CST

ROGERS LAKEWOOD PARK

5320 N CAMPBELL ST, VALPARAISO, IN 46383

Join us for a hands-on volunteer day removing invasive plants and helping native habitats thrive. Volunteers will learn how to identify invasive species and gain practical experience removing them to improve local ecosystems.

No prior experience needed – we'll provide guidance and tools!

What to Expect:

- ◆ Learn to identify common invasive plants
- ◆ Help remove invasive species threatening native habitats
- ◆ Support healthier ecosystems for birds, pollinators, and wildlife
- ◆ Connect with others who care about the environment. This event is a great way to learn something new, meet like-minded people, and find out how to get involved. We can't wait to see you there!

What to Wear/Bring:

- ◆ Sturdy close-toed shoes or boots
- ◆ Long sleeves & pants
- ◆ Work gloves
- ◆ Water bottle
- ◆ Tools & lunch will be provided

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Indiana

Register Today



<https://tinyurl.com/WeedWrangle26>

Movers For Moms List



The Caring Place CENTER FOR CHANGE

Items requested by The Caring Place

- After School Snacks**
- Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap
- Shampoo (Recommended Brands: Pantene, Suave, Dove, Garnier)
- Conditioner (All in 1 as well)
- Infant/Children's Tylenol
- Spray Disinfectant/ Clorox wipes
- **Paper Towel and Toilet Paper****
- **NEW** Twin Sized Comforters
- **NEW** Twin Sized Sheets
- **NEW** Bras/Underwear and Women's Socks
- Sharpies
- Adult Coloring Books
- **NEW** Collapsible Hampers
- Sensory Toys and Play-Doh
- **City of Valparaiso Bus Tokens**
- **Gift Cards: Gas Cards, Walmart, Aldi, Stracks, Uber, Meijer**

Bolded and underlined items should be given to employee of collection site.
If you are interested in donating outside of a donation site or being a collector site please email Kyle.Brown@twomen.com

Box for donated items is located near the church office. You can donate until Sunday, May 3. Thank you in advance!!

CLC Endowment Fund Corner

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CLC Mission Endowment Fund

Proper stewardship is being diligent to faithfully manage what God has given us — our time, our health, our relationships, and our finances. James 1:17 says, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above . . .” Because every gift comes from our Heavenly Father, pray for God’s wisdom in managing His gifts to be a good and faithful steward.

Tax law changes in 2026 offer opportunities for wise stewardship and impactful generosity. Scan ELCA foundation QR code to read *Tax Law Changes for 2026: What They Mean for Your Giving* to learn more about these changes.



Senior Group
Thursday, April 23, 2026
9:30 am
CLC—Church Hall

Please see below regarding our presenter's topic of Monarch Butterfly Conservation. Please join us! Questions: Beth Bigham 847 323 2512.

Jim Starin is a retired professional, having earned respect as a successful business entrepreneur and leader. He launched Starin Marketing in 1988, an Audio-Visual Equipment distributor across North America. After 30 years as its CEO, he sold it to his employees and began looking for different opportunities to bring that same energy and passion. Jim has accomplished that with his role on the executive team at CoAction, a community action agency serving approximately 50,000 people and in his primary focus of gardening, educating and campaigning for the conservation of the Monarch butterfly.

April Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Sara and Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of Allen & Helene Bauer

Altar Candles Michael and Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Arnie & Rick Felten

Eternal Lamp Given to the Glory of God



A Musical Thank You:

A special thank-you to the members of our sanctuary choir, Celebration Ringers Handbell Ensemble, and our instrumentalists for all of their *many hours* of rehearsals and preparation time before and during Holy Week to make our Easter Sunday Celebrations so memorable and 'musically beautiful'. I truly appreciate their commitment and dedication to our music ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church and continuing to help make it a vital part of our worship services.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Brian Bartusch

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS



QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 140

BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL- 500

KITS COMPLETED-185

APRIL NEEDS-GIRL AND BOY PANTS AND SLEEPERS.

INTERESTING FACT-The Portage Resale Shop is a real gift to our project. All clothing any day is \$1.00.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-24

APRIL NEEDS- COTTON FABRIC IN 3 YARD LENGTHS FOR CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION AND 1 YARD OR MORE LENGTHS CAN BE USED FOR RECEIVING BLANKETS.

INTERESTING FACT- 100 per cent Cotton fabric is much better than a blended fabric. Cotton fabric is a natural fabric that can breathe. Blended fabric can include wood chips, polyester, bamboo, plastic, and other items not listed. This can cause the fabric to be too HOT. No longer fleece clothing/ blankets will be accepted by LWR. CHECK THE END OF THE BOLT TO SEE WHAT IS LISTED IN THE FABRIC.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

KITS COMPLETED-240

APRIL NEEDS-CASH TO PURCHASE REQUIRED ITEMS-toothbrushes, heavy duty combs, nail clippers, 4 ounce bars of soap, and medium weight dark color bath towels.

INTERESTING FACT- Watch Penny's sale brochure for their sale on medium weight towels. It can be a lower price than WALMART.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

FIRST 2026 Truck load taken-\$60

APRIL NEEDS- MORE ALUMINUM CANS OR ANY ALUMINUM PRODUCTS such as gutters. We can not use aluminum foil or trays. If a magnet sticks to a metal, it is not aluminum and we can not use it.

INTERESTING FACT-The RED FORD TRUCK HAS A LONG BED SO WE CAN GET MUCH IN. Fill it every Sunday!

Thank you to all who contributed to the personal care kit project during Lent. Your generosity provides adequate funding for approximately 190 kits. I will be packing them soon.