



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**April 19, 2026**

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

	Church Hall	Sanctuary	120 Library
4/19/2026		<b>Budget Forum</b>	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
4/26/2026		<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
5/3/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience		<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
5/10/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience	Getting to Know CLC Pastor Tim Knauff	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
5/17/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience Charolette Hawkins History of Juneteenth	Getting to Know CLC Council	<b>Bible Survey</b> 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

*Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience* will continue to address the importance of listening to the stories of those from the margins who have much to teach about faith and resilience.

### May 3

This week we will listen to and discuss the video by Kaitlin Curtice from the “Why Christian?” (2018) conference which gathered together pastors, practitioners, artists, dreamers, and doubters around one question: Why Christian?

Kaitlin Curtice is a Native American Christian author and speaker. As an enrolled member of the Potawatomi Citizen Band and someone who has grown up in the Christian faith, Kaitlin writes on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life, and the church.

## 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](mailto: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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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](mailto: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

### Christ Lutheran Church



### 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.



### Getting to Know CLC

Curious how God changes lives in and with this congregation? Join us to for our “Getting to Know CLC” series as we explore Christ Lutheran's ministry, history, and teaching. We'll gather for a 2-week series during the Formation Hour on Sundays (9:20am-10:20) **May 10 and 17** in the Sanctuary, followed by an opportunity to formoally stand with the congregation, confess our faith together, and declare that "Yes! God has something for me here."

**New Member Welcome on Sunday, May 24.**



# Brass Side-By-Side!

With students from Valparaiso, South Central and Chesterton Middle Schools Band Programs

## Christ Lutheran Church

2610 Campbell St. Valparaiso (across from Valpo High School)

**Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 4 PM**

**Adults \$10    Seniors \$8    Students \$5**

**Tickets from any Band Member, or at the Door**



*Valpo Parks wants you to see what Banta has to offer, free of charge!*

# **Banta Center**

## **SENIOR ENRICHMENT**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Friday, May 8th, 9 am - 3 pm**

Banta Activity Center

605 Beech Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383

**9am Bingo • 11:30am Informational Luncheon • 12:30pm Games**



***A vibrant community space welcomes individuals aged 50 and up, promoting connections, well-being, and lifelong learning.***



We invite you to join us to explore the space, meet our staff, and experience a few of our programs firsthand. It's a relaxed, no-pressure way to see what we offer, ask questions, and discover how Banta Center can be a place to connect, stay active, and enjoy time with others in the community.

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

### DONATE TO A NON-PROFIT

Partial wish list for the ceramic studio at the ART BARN

- Aqua Net Hairspray
- Shelf Brackets
- Rubber Mallets
- Small Dolley's (for 5 gallon buckets)
- Dry Cleaner Plastic bags
- Strong Plastic bags (no holes, these are used to cover wet clay pieces, until next stage is needed)

Please bring donations to the church office. Thank you in advance.

Questions: Contact Art Barn 219-462-9009



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 date is April 22, more to 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



### 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](mailto:brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org)) or speak to him after a worship service if you are interested or have any questions.*



## 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.**



**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 this evening, **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**.



**Communion Conversations for Children and Families**

It's time for our annual Communion Conversations - the chance for our young people to learn more about the sacrament. If you have a child who is ready to receive communion, or a child who is already receiving and is now old enough to join us to learn more (late preschool on up), please shoot me an email at [pastorerica@clevapo.org](mailto:pastorerica@clevapo.org) so that we can find a good time for everyone! (We usually try for a Saturday morning from 9-10:15am.)

**Bible Basics for Third Graders** and their families - Our tradition at Christ Lutheran is to help families mark their growth in faith and in reading skills with a Bible of the child's own, and a chance to stop and learn together about the Bible and how it brings God's living words of love to us. Our Bible Basics class for 3rd graders and families will be on 4/26 and 5/3.

