



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
April 26, 2026

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

	Church Hall	Sanctuary	120 Library
4/26/2026		Congregational Meeting	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
5/3/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience	Livestream Training	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
5/10/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience	Getting to Know CLC Pastor Tim Knauff	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
5/17/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience Charolette Hawkins History of Juneteenth	Getting to Know CLC Council	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
5/24/2026		8:20 a.m. Getting to Know CLC	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

Annual Meeting Date

Congregational Meeting ~ Today, 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.



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Quarterly Statements

THANK YOU for your commitment to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! Your gifts of time, talents, and funds send the heart and hands of Christ to our local community and our siblings all over the world. We have been busy! During the past few months, Christ Lutheran:

- Installed our 2026 church council and began dreaming about where God might be leading our congregation in the coming year;
- Explored living as a Christian when the ground feels shaky at our annual church retreat;
- Learned to be “Anchored” at Quake, a weekend event attended by our middle and high school youth;
- Enjoyed fellowship with each other at our Lenten dinners;
- Contemplated “Wisdom of the Desert Elders” at our mid-week services during Lent;
- Hosted our preschool’s annual Art Show fundraiser and silent auction, raising \$8,647 to support the operations of Little Lamb;
- Received a \$20,000 grant from Early Learning Indiana to help fund staff development and classroom materials;
- Finished renovating our tech closet and unused closet space into a new office, which allows our Director of Youth Ministries to have a space closer to the staff offices;
- Finished renovating the old youth room into a dedicated space for our handbell choir;
- Sent four of our Celebration Ringers to a handbell festival in Muncie, where they learned new music, new techniques, and developed their skills in the art of handbell ringing;
- Raised \$579,958 in generosity through our “Dare to Disciple” stewardship campaign, which supports the operating budget and allows us to continue serving our neighbors all over the world;
- Continued to support our friends from Venezuela as they adjust to their new home in the United States;
- Provided meeting and event space for Girl Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Grief Group, and Stephen Ministries;
- Continued our commitment to nurture our faith through Sunday School, education hour classes, confirmation, Fusion, Circle, book groups, and Bible studies;
- Repaid \$2,850 borrowed from our restricted funds;
- Shared \$11,500 with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod to support the ministries of the ELCA beyond our congregation;
- Raised \$8,940 to share with the ministries of First Contact, Hilltop House, Lutheran Diaconal Association, and our own Refugee Family Support Fund and Steiner Fund.

YOUR GIFTS to our ministry allow these things to happen - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Please check your email for your first-quarter giving statement. Statements were sent electronically on Wednesday, April 22; 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!

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.



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 3-week series during the Formation Hour on Sundays (9:20am-10:20) **May 10, 17 and 24** (**Note: the 24th is at 8:20**) in the Sanctuary, followed by an opportunity to formally 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
during 9:30 service**

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

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



Our friends at Bethel Lutheran Church have invited folks at CLC to a workday to clean up the Bethel Cemetery and help restore a beautiful space that is somewhat overgrown back into a lovely sacred place. Anyone with a willing heart and with or without gardening skills is encouraged to come. Please join us on **Saturday, May 16th at 9am – 1pm**. Lunch is included. Please plan to wear gloves, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes as there is poison ivy on the site.

Sign up in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sutherland (sutherland54@yahoo.com or 219-309-4414) or Tim Sutherland (sutherla@iu.edu or 219-309-4413)

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 May 6, 20; June 3, 17.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 147

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.

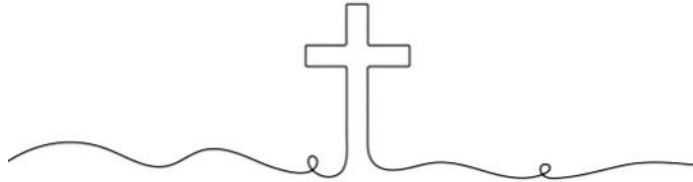
INTERESTING FACT-The RED FORD TRUCK HAS A LONG BED SO WE CAN GET MUCH IN. Fill it every Sunday!



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@clcvalpo.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.



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 5gallon 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

