



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**May 17, 2026**

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

	Church Hall	Sanctuary	120 Library
5/17/2026	Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience Charolette Hawkins History of Juneteenth	Getting to Know CLC Council	
5/24/2026		<b>8:20 a.m.</b> <b>Getting to Know CLC</b>	
5/31/2026	Quilt Tying Kathy Stefans		

### Mark your calendars

There will be one worship service during the summer months beginning on May 24 at 9:30 a.m.



*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 17

Come join us as we welcome Charolette Hawkins as she talks about the history, meaning, and importance of the celebration of **Juneteenth**. Charolette Hawkins has been a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Gary, IN, for nearly 40 years. She has served in many capacities, including Office Administrator. She has a degree in business administration/ labor relations from Purdue University – West Lafayette and an MBA from Purdue University NW campus. She has two adult sons (Carlton & Travis), two adult bonus kids (Monica & Brian) and 7 grandkids. She is the co-chair of Interfaith Action Network (IAN), which advocates for social justice. She is deeply dedicated to her faith, her family and her church. Charolette is in formation for the Lutheran Diaconal Association.

## **Graduations**

On **May 31** we will acknowledge those members and friends of our congregation who have graduated from High School, College, Technical and/or Advanced Degree Programs during the past year (summer 2025 - summer 2026). Please add your name to the list in the Gathering Place so we may recognize your accomplishments or email the office: [jen.bias@clcvalpo.org](mailto:jen.bias@clcvalpo.org)

## **Retirements**

Similarly, if you have retired during the past year (summer 2024 - summer 2025) please sign on the list in the Gathering Place so we may recognize your years of service and dedication or email the office: [jen.bias@clcvalpo.org](mailto:jen.bias@clcvalpo.org).

## **Senior Outing**

May 28, 2026  
11:00 a.m.

Tour of the American Factory by Journeyman Distillery, Valparaiso  
Cost \$15.00, includes a craft spirits tasting  
Lunch TBD

Please call, text or email Cheryl Watson to reserve a place. You may put the money in my mailbox at church or pay the day of the tour.

We will meet there at 10:45 a.m. The tour is all on one level. We will be going outside, so please dress for the weather.

More information contact  
Cheryl Watson at  
[watsoncheryl877@gmail.com](mailto:watsoncheryl877@gmail.com)  
219-929-5243



CLC Social Ministry and Mission  
May 2026



- Each month the Social Ministry Committee highlights a special giving opportunity. May's emphasis is providing support for **Reconciling in Christ** [www.reconcilingworks.org/ric](http://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric) and **LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County** [www.lgbtqofpc.org](http://www.lgbtqofpc.org)
- **Reconciling in Christ (RIC)**. After the three-year process of Deepening Our Welcome, Christ Lutheran became a Partner Organization in the Reconciling in Christ program (2024). RIC is a holy ministry of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy. RIC's believes that God values and embraces each person as a child of God, the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and Jesus calls us to work for justice. As a RIC member congregation, we have the opportunity to support RIC in its work to bring more congregations into the "Lutherans for Full Participation" ministry.
- **LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County**. LGBTQ Outreach promotes an affirming community to LGBTQ+ youth and adults, through empowerment, advocacy, opportunity, and support. The vision is to have a community (including churches) that affirms that people's differences are seen as also our strengths. LGBTQ Outreach serves community and allies by providing opportunities for employment, conversation, and connections, and education for the broader community. LGBTQ Outreach is participating in/helping sponsor a NWI PrideFest the weekend of June 6 -7 at Sunset Hill Farm.
- Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in May (over and above giving combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "RIC/LGBTQ Outreach" 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 monthly social ministry emphases.

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 20; June 3, 17.**

## Sheltered in Grace: The Congregation Has Spoken

It was just 2 weeks ago we launched our “Sheltered in Grace” campaign, and already:

**\$85,705 committed.** In fourteen days. Nearly 70% of our Foundation Goal — and we are just getting started.

When we launched *Sheltered in Grace*, we believed this community would show up. You always have. The roof that needs replacing has become the occasion for something bigger: a congregation deciding, together, that our sanctuary is worth investing in — and that our financial future is worth fighting for.

We are not stopping at the Foundation Goal. We are going for the **Hallelujah Goal: \$250,000+**. Every dollar beyond the roof cost goes straight to our mortgage principal. Reduce the principal, request a reamortization, and we unlock lower payments for years to come — real money freed for real ministry. That is what this moment can be.

**If you haven't made your commitment yet — now is the time.** Join the 70% already on their way.

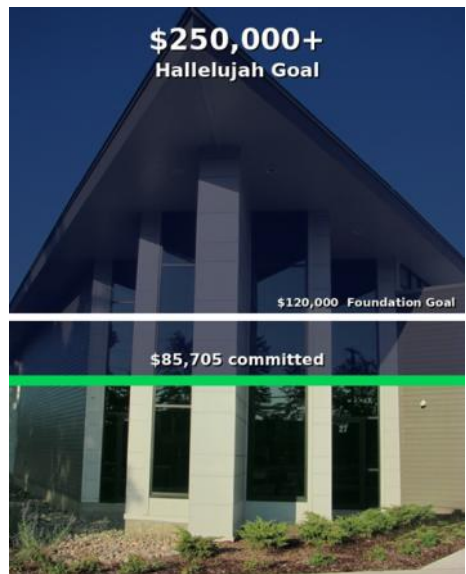
### Our goals:

- **Foundation Goal — \$120,000:** Sanctuary roof replacement
- **Hallelujah Goal — \$250,000+:** Roof + mortgage principal reduction

**Commitment date: June 1 | Gifts received through: August 1**

Make your commitment at [clevalpo.org/shelteredingrace](http://clevalpo.org/shelteredingrace), or return the enclosed commitment card. Giving appreciated securities, a tax refund, or an IRA charitable rollover? Check the box and Heather Budnik will be in touch.

*We built this place together. Let's protect it — and then some.*





# CELEBRATE MORE

# Life

## **Blood Drive** **Christ Lutheran Church**

Activity Center - Door 14  
2610 North Campbell  
Valparaiso

**Monday, June 15**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ChristLutheranValpo to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



**Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!**



Scan to schedule an appointment.

## **Give Blood.**

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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## May Altar Gifts

**Holy Communion** Vickie and Gregg Copeland ~ In Honor of Family

**Altar Candles** Phil Hahn ~ in Memory of Laurel Hahn

**Eternal Lamp** Tammy Basich ~ Celebrating Jeremy's April Birthday

### **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 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**

### **Summer Family Faith Activities**

Mark your calendars for this year's Family Faith Activities right after Sunday Morning Worship - June 14, June 28, and July 12. On June 14, we'll stay at CLC for a potluck, Bible Story and Art Project. Stay tuned for details on June 28 and July 12 - field trips and service projects in the works!

### **Attention: YOUTH**

If there are youth in grades 6-11 interested in attending Lutherwald (June 14-19), please let me know! [karina.barlow@clcvalpo.org](mailto:karina.barlow@clcvalpo.org).

I need to start the registration process soon!

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

### QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 170

### BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

Kits completed-230

**MAY NEEDS ARE** outerwear such as sweaters, jackets, and sweat shirts. Also, dark colored lightweight hand towels.

**INTERESTING FACT-** This project was once known as the LWR Layette Project.

### FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

Kits completed-24

**MAY NEEDS ARE FLANNEL PIECES** in 1 yard or more lengths and 3 yards of cotton fabric for sewing clothing.

**INTERESTING FACT-**Fabric goes to LWR SEWING CENTERS around the world where fabric is sewn on treadle sewing machine. **ELECTRICITY IS NOT AVAILABLE.**

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

Kits completed—240

**MAY NEEDS-CONTINUE TO BE CASH TO PURCHASE ITEMS.**

**INTERESTING FACT—**Our Lenten appeal netted \$1160. That is enough to purchase all the items needed for nearly 200 kits. Thanks to everyone.

### ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250.00

April Delivery -\$60.00

**MAY NEEDS-** all the cans we can get. Ask family and friends to save their cans for us. The money goes to buy SOAP for LWR PROJECTS.

**INTERESTING FACT-** Currently, aluminum cans are 60 cents a pound. That is a new high. Bring those cans in!

**SHOULD THE RED TRUCK NOT BE THERE, PUT THE CANS BY THE WHITE BASKET IN THE GATHERING AREA.**



### ▪ 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](mailto:pastorerica@clcvalpo.org) so that we can find a good time for everyone! (We usually try for a Saturday morning from 9-10:15am.)

### Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Applications Are Now Available!

Since January of 2025, CLC's Endowment fund has grown! Thanks to the generosity of our congregational members through thoughtful living gifts, as well as planned gifts from estates and wills as their faithful stewardship of life assets.

Now the interest accrued on the principle of these *tithes of perpetuity* has also increased each quarter, thanks be to God! These designated funds (Interest earnings only) **are now available** for ministry projects to support mission work by CLC members.

The CLC Endowment committee is (for the first time) extending the invitation to our congregation to apply for funds for local, regional or national projects that extend the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church beyond the scope of the annual operating budget. The **TIMELINE** for APPLICATION is May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**Click the QR code** for information on the grants and directions how to apply for endowment funding. It is exciting to see the generosity of our congregation multiply!

*May The Lord continue to Bless CLC and our work, Amen.*

*Grace Safrin – CLC Endowment chair for 2026.*

*Questions after reviewing the attached info? Please contact me or Pastor Tim*

