



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**May 31, 2026**

## Faith Formation Opportunities

	Church Hall	Sanctuary	120 Library
5/31/2026	<p><b>After Service (10:30)</b> Quilt Tying Kathy Stefans</p>		

Please join us for a Quilt Tying Party hosted by the "We Tie Together Quilters" and Thrivent TODAY immediately following the 9:30am service. Many hands make light work, so if you can tie a knot, please stay for a little bit to put some ties into one of these quilts bound for Lutheran World Relief. There will be some fun snacks and treats, compliments of our Thrivent grant, too!

We have a goal of tying 10 quilts at our tying party, so every effort counts! Quilters will be on hand to help you.

CLC is sponsoring a booth at the Northwest Indiana Pride Fest at Sunset Hill Park on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 8pm**. We would love to have teams of 4 – 6 people hosting for each 2 hour time slot. Sign-ups are in the Gathering Space! Please join us for this festive event!



## Evening Prayer Experiment!

The first two weeks of June, consider joining in our Evening Prayer Experiment. We love our Lenten and Advent Evening Prayer services, and love the opportunity to be outdoors in the summer. June 1-5 and 8-12, we will gather **each evening at 7pm** on the church back patio (by the Memorial Garden) for a simple evening prayer service - our beloved Holden Evening Prayer service, and the Evening Prayer setting in our hymnal. The "experiment" is to lean into the practice of daily communal prayer - a simple, steady practice that has a way of reshaping our days.

May 10, 2026

Northwest Indiana  
African American Alliance, Inc.

Dear Community Members,

The Northwest Indiana African American Alliance warmly invites you to join us for an afternoon of fellowship, purpose, and community impact at our upcoming fundraising event on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 3 -5 p.m.

This special gathering will be at George and Pat's Terrell's home at 708 Lafayette Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383. We hope to bring together community supporters and partners who share a commitment to strengthening our community. The gathering will include food and beverages, meaningful conversation, and an opportunity to support the NWIAAA programs that promote education, cultural awareness, and community engagement in Northwest Indiana.

We will review our past, present, and future and why now, more than ever, we need robust programs to support those who are under attack by the administration.

### Our Programs

- Black History Month
- Spring Forum
- Leadership Appreciation Award Luncheon
- Summertime Gathering in the Park Gathering
- Fall Forum
- Learn more on Facebook (Northwest African American Alliance, Inc.)

### Event Details

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Location: George and Pat's home, 708 Lafayette St.

Parking in the rear and across the street

Please bring your checkbook or credit card

**Please RSVP so we can provide for all**



All proceeds will directly support the NWIAAA annual initiatives and outreach efforts. Your presence and support will make a meaningful difference. Whether you attend, contribute, or help spread the word, you are part of the collective effort to invest in our community's future. To RSVP or to make a donation, please contact us at [nwiaaa2013@yahoo.com](mailto:nwiaaa2013@yahoo.com) or visit our website at [nwiaaa.org](http://nwiaaa.org) or reply to this invitation. We look forward to sharing this special gathering with you.

With appreciation,

Northwest Indiana African American Alliance, Inc.

# Graduations & Retirements

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Ingrid Danger** ~ Valparaiso High School; Attending St. Olaf College—Environmental Science and will run on the cross country/track and field team.

**Blake Gundrum** ~ Valparaiso High School; Entering the workforce with a goal of fire and rescue training

**Reagan Jackson** ~ Culver Academies; US Naval Preparatory School, and then matriculate in June 2027 to the US Naval Academy, Class of 2031. Reagan will pursue a major in intelligence and has plans to be career military.

**Gavin Magiera** ~ Valparaiso High School—Training in HVAC

**Jon Malchow** ~ Valparaiso High School; Attending St. Olaf College—Studying Music and Physics

**Brooke Pearson** ~ Boone Grove High School; Attending Ivy Tech—Studying Business Management

**Ruthie Ridley** ~ Chesterton High School

**Zach Wehner** ~ Washington Township; Attending Ivy Tech—Workforce—Auto (earned Ivy Tech Certification in Auto maintenance and light repair

## COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREES

**Brady Byvoets** ~ Purdue University—Bachelor of Science: Marketing; Looking for a job

**John Hofer** ~ Western Michigan University—Teaching and Math; High School Math Teacher and Football Coach

**Conley Knauff** ~ Summa Cum Laude from DePauw—Bachelor of Musical Arts; Moving to Colorado to pursue a Music Therapy Master Degree

**Trinity Winars** ~ Ivy Tech in Early Childhood Education; Continuing education with getting a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education from Walden University

## RETIREMENTS

**Lois Felten** ~ retiring from Portage Township Schools as a School Advisor; Plans: Good Question

**Jen Gottlieb** ~ retiring from Little Lamb Preschool as the Director; Plans are to travel and have fun

**Herb Hofer** ~ retiring from VCS as a teacher/AD/Coach; Plans are to enjoy a slower pace

**Bill Lieske** ~ Retiring from Northwest Health as a courier; Plans are his Grandbuddies and travel

**Gail Mannington** ~ Retiring from CLC Youth Board as a Volunteer Adult Leader; Plans are her Grandchildren and travel

**Jorunn Scheiderich** ~ Retiring from American Solution Business as a Sales Manager; Plans are to travel and to enjoy her Grandchildren

## Sheltered in Grace: The Roof Is Funded! Now We Dream.

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The commitment deadline was June 1. You didn't wait.

**\$141,452 committed.** The Foundation Goal was \$120,000. We passed it. The sanctuary roof is funded — and \$21,452 has already crossed the line into mortgage reduction territory.

This congregation decided something. Not just that the roof was worth fixing, but that this building — and this community's financial future — was worth investing in. That decision is showing up in numbers that none of us predicted when we launched five weeks ago.

Here is where we stand: every dollar committed beyond the actual roof cost goes directly to our mortgage principal. Our calculations show that reaching the **Hallelujah Goal of \$250,000+** would free approximately **\$13,339 per year** through reamortization — same rate, lower balance, recalculated payments. Real money, year after year, freed for ministry.

We have \$108,548 to go. Gifts are being received through **August 1**.

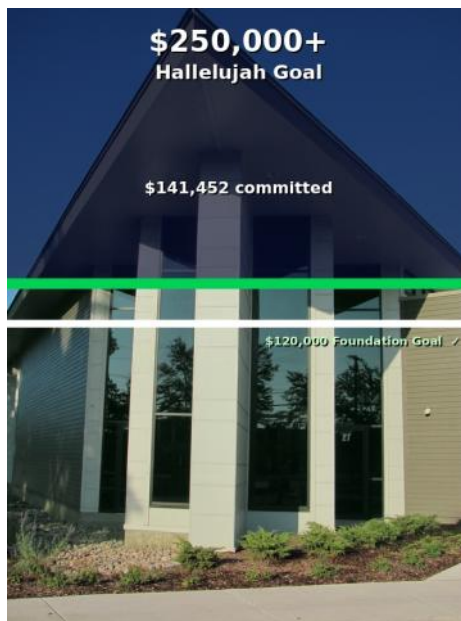
Dream with us. What could this congregation do with an extra \$13,000 a year? What ministry becomes possible? What need gets met that we've always wished we could address?

That's what's on the table. And we are more than halfway there.

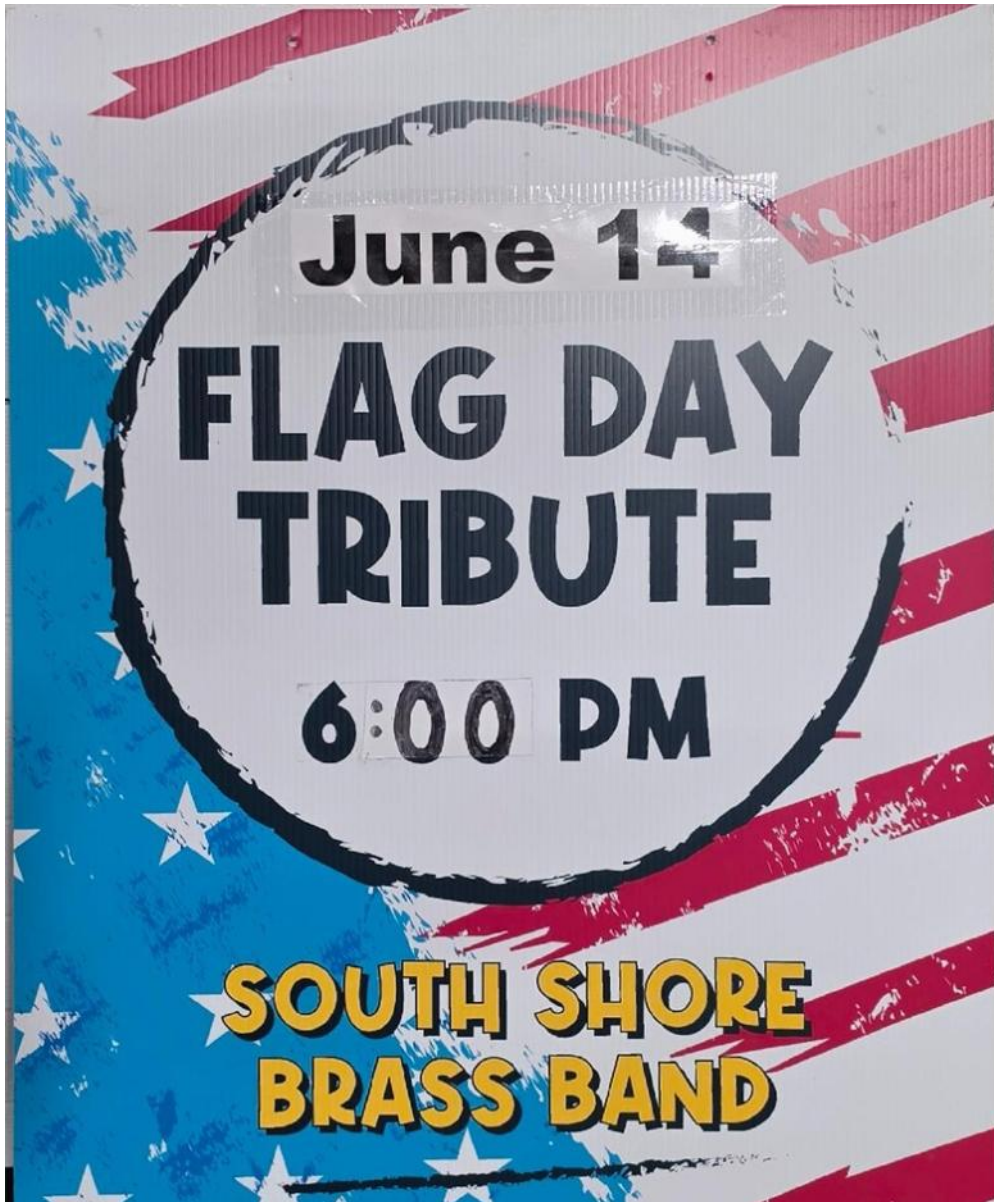
Make your commitment or gift at [clvalpo.org/shelteredingrace](http://clvalpo.org/shelteredingrace). Giving appreciated securities, a tax refund, or an IRA charitable rollover? Check the box and Heather Budnik will be in touch.

**Gifts received through: August 1**

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



# Coffee Creek Amphitheater



## **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!

## **Communion Conversations**

CLC children and families are invited to our annual Communion Conversations on Saturday, May 30, from 3:30-5pm. Our practice at CLC is to welcome children to God's table whenever families discern that they are ready to receive - and then to make an opportunity available to learn more, together! If your child is ready to begin receiving communion, or if they are already receiving communion and are ready to learn more, please join us! Email Pastor Erica (pastorerica@clevalpo.org) with any questions, or to let us know you'll be attending!

## **ECHO NOTICE**



**Welcome Echo community come join us this SUNDAY!!!!**

This notice welcomes people from organizations and ministries committed to community healing and organizing. It is intended to create a sacred space for compassionate connection among those who serve, or hope to serve, neighbors in need during this challenging time.

We hope to come together, share our stories, and exchange information that strengthens the good work being done for community members in need. Union Community Church UCC, at 602 Monroe Ave, will host this monthly gathering for support, information-sharing, and worship.

**Our next gathering will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, From 1:00 pm to 3pm.**

*James L Kingsland Cultural Hub Project neighbors Inc.*

*Union Community Church UCC Allies Against Racism*

*Northwest Indiana African American Alliance*

## ***Remember to Update Your Contribution in Subsplash***

A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our stewardship campaign! ***If you give electronically, please remember to update your contribution in Subsplash. The church office cannot do this for you.***

The instructions listed below will guide you through the process:

Go to our website: [www.clcvalpo.org](http://www.clcvalpo.org). Under the “Give” menu, select “Give Now.” This will take you to the church’s main giving page.

In the top right corner of that page, click the black button “Log in or sign up.” You will be prompted to sign into your account using email, Google, Facebook, or Apple. Choose the option that you originally used to setup your account (for most people, that will be email).

Email: Log in with your email address as your user ID and your password. If you have forgotten your password, click on “Forgot Password,” and a link to reset it will be sent to your email.

Google, Facebook and Apple: You will be automatically signed in by your device.

Click the circle with your initials at the top right of the screen, then click “Account” and then “Scheduled Gifts.” You should see your current donations displayed on the screen. Click the donation you want to change. This will open a window that allows you to make any changes to your current setup.

When you are finished, click the black button “Update \$###.## Gift.”

You’re all set! If you have any problems with the steps listed above, please contact Heather Budnik in the church office. She’ll be happy to help!

Our newest Stephen Minister student is joining our SM Training course because someone said to her, "You'd make a great Stephen Minister!" In that vein this is for you: "YOU COULD BE A GREAT STEPHEN MINISTER! We should talk."

Are you feeling called to this vital ministry? Just contact either Pastor or any Stephen Minister, we wear those blue name tags!



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Senior Group - June activity

Our June get together will be a cookout at Katie Sirko's house  
Thursday, June 25 @ 12:00

There will be Italian Sausage and Chicken  
Please bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert or beverages

RSVP by June 21  
(let Katie know what you are bringing so there won't be duplicates)

219-921-6379  
[ktsirko@gmail.com](mailto:ktsirko@gmail.com)  
877 Farmview Ct. (not drive)  
Valparaiso

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 June 3, 17; July 1, 15 and 29.**

## 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