



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
June 14, 2026

What is RIC Sunday?

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment our organization and partnering faith communities have in the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. While historically this day is celebrated on the final Sunday in January, many RIC partners will celebrate on their date of affirmation, or on other days meaningful to their communities rooted in this commitment to radical hospitality. We hope you enjoy Resilient Community as we join collectively with our 1,140+ partners across the United States and Canada through this celebratory service.

All Ages **FAITH
FORMATION
GATHERING**

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE IN
THE CHURCH HALL

ACTIVITIES

- POTLUCK LUNCH
- BIBLE STORIES
- ART PROJECT

The poster is set against an orange background with white and yellow circular accents. It features several illustrations: a wooden cross with white flowers in the top left; a bowl of colorful yarn in the top right; a stack of chocolate brownies with white frosting in the middle left; a pot of soup with a spoon in the middle right; a box of art supplies (markers, pencils, paper) in the bottom left; and a brown book with a yellow cross on its cover in the bottom right.

Sheltered in Grace: Thank You.

June 7, 2026

We did it. Thanks be to God!

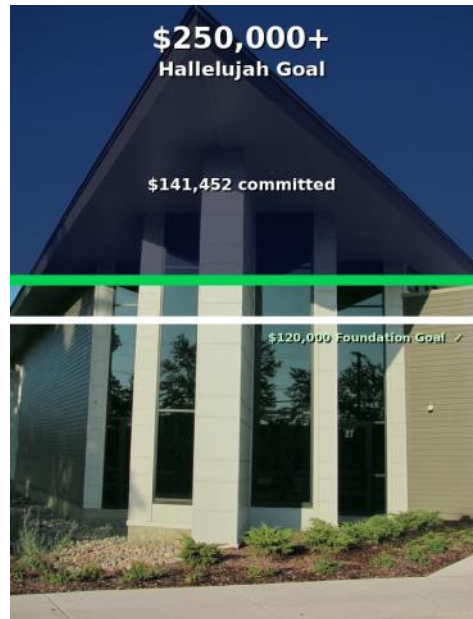
Our Foundation Goal of \$120,000 is fully funded. The roof will be replaced this summer. And because this congregation never does just the minimum, we have already crossed into mortgage reduction territory, with **\$141,452 committed** and gifts still coming in.

Council and Property Committee are already at work. Contractors are being lined up. What you committed is becoming real.

There is still time to be part of this. Gifts are received through **August 1**, and every dollar beyond the roof cost goes straight to our mortgage principal. Our calculations show that reaching **\$250,000+** frees approximately **\$13,339 per year** in budget relief through reamortization. We are more than halfway there.

Give or make your commitment at clevalpo.org/shelteredgrace, or return your commitment card. Interested in 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.



CLC Social Ministry and Mission June 2026

As you do it for the least of these, you do it for Christ. (Matthew 25:40)



Social Ministry Emphases for June. Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity. June's emphasis is providing support for the **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana** <http://www.foodbanknwi.org> and **Project Neighbors** <https://projectneighbors.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectNeighbors>.

The **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's** (FBNI) mission is "to provide food for hungry people in NW Indiana through a network of charities increasing public awareness and advocating solutions for the issues involved with hunger and acting as an info & referral source to the community". FBNI is based in Merrillville and is affiliated with and meets the guidelines of Feeding America www.feedingamerica.org and distributes over 2 million pounds of goods/year through 90 network charities in NW Indiana.

Project Neighbors (454 College Ave.) is a Not-for-Profit organization in Valpo. By addressing issues of race, class and poverty, Project Neighbors' goal is to build healthy families and neighborhoods, where diversity of all kinds is welcomed and cherished. **Project Neighbors'** accomplishments in Valparaiso include affordable housing at Caroline's Place, Neighbor's Place, Respite House, The Crossing, childcare and preschool at Hilltop House, community health centers in HealthLinc, and the region's only low-power, all-volunteer community radio station, WVLP, among other "risks-turned-rewards."

Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "FBNWI/PN" 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 the monthly social ministry emphases.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 177



BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

Kits completed-250

JUNE NEEDS are dark colored light weight hand towels and six month to 2T socks.

INTERESTING FACT-LWR had its start in 1945. That's 81 years helping those individuals who are in need around the globe.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

Kits completed-24

JUNE NEEDS are 3 yard lengths of cotton/ cotton blend fabric for making clothes and 1 yard or more of cotton fabric for making receiving blankets.

INTERESTING FACT-Be sure to check the end of the fabric bolt when purchasing fabric. 100 percent cotton is the best to buy. It is a **NATURAL FABRIC WHICH BREATHES** . Fabric is now being made from wood chips, bamboo, and even plastic.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Kits completed—240

JUNE NEEDS—Cash to purchase items for kits.

INTERESTING FACT—Packing of more kits will begin soon.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

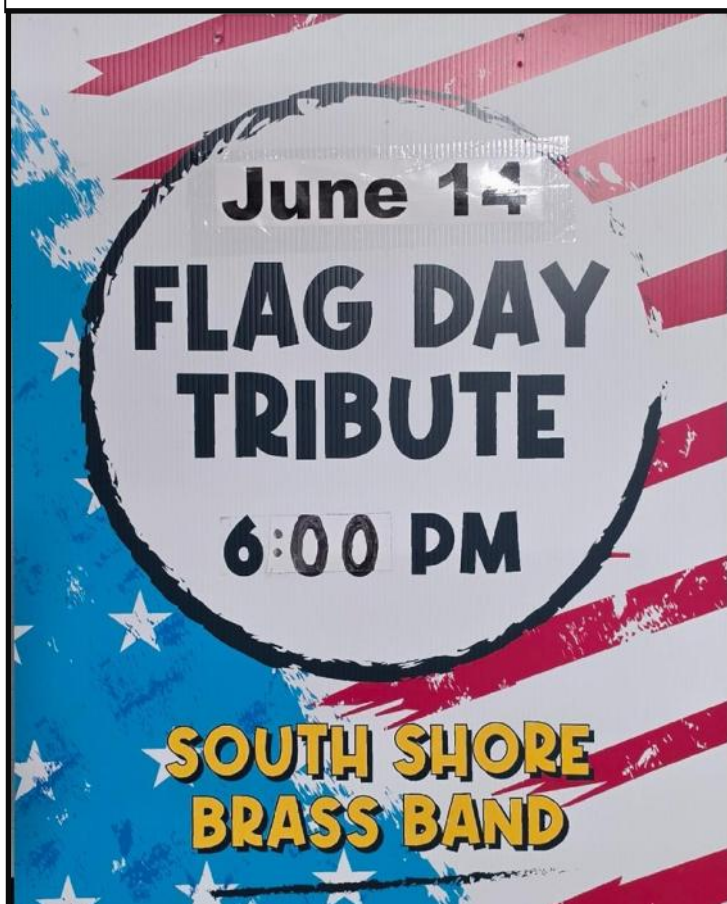
2026 GOAL-\$250.00

April Delivery-\$60.00

On June 8th Dave took cans to the recycling center. Yes, they were paying 60 cents a pound. We had 100 pounds-\$60.00. **KEEP** those cans coming! So far this year we have made \$120. Sandy

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO IN ANYWAY SUPPORT LWR PROJECTS. LWR has indicated the **NEED IS GREAT** not only in our country, but also around the world.

Coffee Creek Amphitheater



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 17; July 1, 15 and 29.

A few of us at CLC have been thinking about the possibility of a Civil Rights Pilgrimage and have identified an experienced leader who will explore with us the possibility of a trip.

We would learn history by WALKING..... We would visit Montgomery, Birmingham, Selma, and Atlanta. • Get the BIG PICTURE at EJI Legacy Museum and Memorial • Take a walking tour of downtown Montgomery and see MLK's "Dexter Church" - Freedom Rides Museum - Rosa Parks Museum - slave market square • Walk the bridge in Selma and learn about Jim Crow south from a Foot Soldier • See Birmingham 16th St Church, Ingram Park, Jail where King stayed, "dynamite" hill, and much more • Plus enjoy some EXCELLENT Southern cooking & BBQ.

If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please join us after the 9:30am service on **Sunday, July 5th**. No commitment is necessary. We would like to gauge the interest of folks at CLC to this kind of trip together. If you can't be there on that Sunday but would like more information, contact Pr. Erica or Kathy Sutherland.

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**

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 1st through July 1st, 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



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!

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
877 Farmview Ct. (not drive)
Valparaiso

Name Tags

We would love for everyone to wear name tags, if you do not have one please let the office know. Also, we have lanyards for your name tag if you would like one too.

jen.bias@clcvapo.org
219-462-6660

June Altar Gifts

<u>Holy Communion</u>	Marilyn McGawn ~ In Memory of Malcolm
<u>Altar Candles</u>	Michael and Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Bob Bauer
<u>Eternal Lamp</u>	Paige and Karl Reichardt—In Celebration of our 60th Wedding Anniversary