



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
June 21, 2026



Thank you!

Christ Lutheran Church Valparaiso

Your donation brings hope to our community
and saves the lives of neighbors in need.

June 15, 2026

Number of Donors 43	Units Collected 49
Type O Units Collected 32	First Time Donors 1

**One single blood donation can help save more than one life.
Thank you for supporting our lifesaving mission!**

Sheltered in Grace: We did it and then some!

June 21, 2026

We launched Sheltered in Grace with a Foundation Goal of \$120,000 to replace the sanctuary roof. We have not only met that goal, we've exceeded it – by a lot. As of this week when writing this note, we've already received pledges of \$172,832. Thanks be to God!

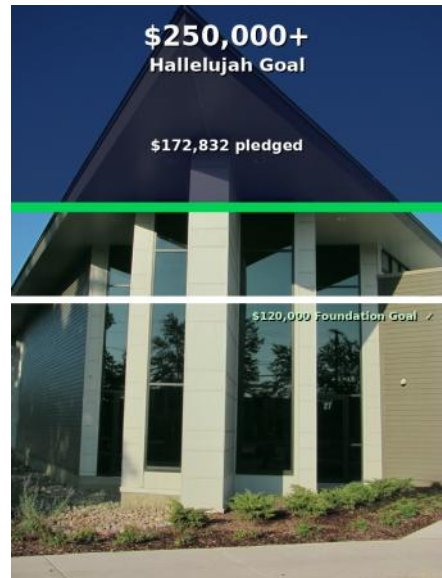
Because of your generosity, our Council has reviewed and approved a contractor bid which, gratefully, actually came in under what we anticipated. We anticipate the project getting started in August, but of course, that's just the beginning. Because of your generosity, remember that every dollar above the actual cost of the project is going directly to our mortgage principal, to reduce our monthly payments and free up resources for ministry. Already we have more than \$52,000 going directly to that principal. Thanks be to God!

Once we've received all your gifts and the project is complete, after all your generosity has been applied to the principal, we will ask our lender to recalculate our payments based on the new balance. Our calculations show that paying down our mortgage by every \$100,000 frees a little over \$13,000 per year in budget relief.

We are at 69% of the Hallelujah Goal, and there is still time to be a part of what we're doing. Gifts are received through **August 1**. If you have not yet made your commitment, or if you feel moved to do more, join us as God is doing something remarkable!

Give or make your commitment at clevapo.org/shelteredingrace. 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.



**Northwest Indiana African American Alliance, Inc.
and
Valparaiso Police Department**

Join the

Summertime Gathering in the Park



Be a witness to summertime fun!



Public Event for School-age kids
Games, Music by a local band, and
Food

FREE



June 27, 2026, 12 - 4 p.m.
Will Park
354 Morgan Blvd.
Valparaiso, IN



Water donated by the
Porter County Juvenile
Justice Service



Bouncy house
donated by the Valparaiso
Police Department



Hot Dogs Chips & Fruit, and Water



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—312

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.

The Resurrected One by Richard R Caemmerer Jr.



This stunning print was donated to CLC from Mrs. Helen Warke, new member and mother of Kathy Stefans. It hung in her husband's study, Pastor Guy Warke. This numbered and signed print was a gift from his congregation celebrating 25 years of ministry in 1986. Mrs. Warke recently downsized and moved to Valparaiso. We welcome her to our congregation and thank her for this beautiful gift.

The artist Richard R Caemmerer Jr. (1934-2016) has a very interesting history that includes Valparaiso. Caemmerer was the Founder and Director Emeritus of the Grunewald Guild in Plain, Washington, which he co-founded with his wife Liz in 1980. Prior to that he was Professor of Art at Valparaiso University from 1958-1980 and Chair of the Department of Art from 1972-1980. He was a past president of Christian Art

Associates, a past Vice-President to the National Institute for Contemporary Ecclesiastical Art, and past Chair of the Fine Arts Commission of the Lutheran Society for Worship, Music and Art. As a visual artist, Caemmerer had commissions in stained glass, sculpture, frescos, graffiti, and tapestry from approximately 600 churches throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Central America, Germany, Africa, and Yugoslavia, representing all denominations. His paintings hang in museums and private collections around the world.

It is interesting to note that one of his stain glass commissions was that of Saint Paul's Catholic Church right here in Valparaiso. Attached are 2 websites to learn more about the accomplishments of artist Richard R Caemmerer and to view more of his works.

[Richard R. Caemmerer Studios](#) and [The Grunewald Guild](#)

All-Ages Faith Formation - NEXT SUNDAY, June 28

Plan to pack a lunch and meet up at Sunset Hills after worship for a picnic and some time in God's creation!



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.

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



SAVE THE DATE!!

WORSHIP AT THE LAKE



Bethel Lutheran in Gary and Christ Lutheran in Valparaiso will partner with seven other faith congregations in the community to host a worship service and picnic at Lake Etta in Gary.

****More details to follow!****

When: August 16th – Worship will begin at 10:30am.

Where: Lake Etta, 4801 West 29th Avenue, Gary

If you are willing to help plan the picnic, please contact Kathy Sutherland at

ksutherland54@yahoo.com -or text 219.309.4414.

Summer Family Faith Activities

Mark your calendars for this year's Family Faith Activities right after Sunday Morning Worship - June 28, (see page 5) and July 12. Stay tuned for details on 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