



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
June 28, 2026

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](#)

Sheltered in Grace: We did it and then some!

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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 \$177,297. 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 \$57,000 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.



**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—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.

Your Love is Needed in Sunday School!

Your love – your kindness – your faith – your time. These are the best gifts you can give! Our young folks come to Sunday School each week ready to meet Jesus, to learn about God’s love and faithfulness, and that happens as they get to know YOU! We are looking for caring adults to join our team-teaching groups.

Leaders for each group are part of a rotating team that allows for lots of flexibility in scheduling. Our Youth Helpers are amazing! The curriculum is anchored in the Good News and makes preparation easy.

The gift of relationships with faithful caring adults is so crucial to our kids – and the gift of relationships with faithful, curious, joyful kids is so lifegiving for us adults! So please pray about joining us – contact Pr. Erica (pastorerica@clcvalpo.org) or the church office with interest or questions.

Adult Faith Formation Hour - your ideas welcome!

Planning is in the works for our Adult Faith Formation opportunities on Sunday mornings next year. Ever year we're surprised by how quickly the schedule fills with good things! If you have an idea, a series you'd like to lead, a guest you'd like to invite, etc - please be in touch with Pr. Erica (pastorerica@clcvalpo.org) so that we can do our best to fit all these good opportunities into the calendar!

Bible and Beauty!

all-ages picnic, faith conversations and nature walk

6/28/26 - Sunset Hills Park

pack a lunch and meet by the playground at 11:30



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 - July 12. Stay tuned for details on July 12 - field trips and service projects in the works!



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 July 1, 15 and 29.

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.

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June Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Marilyn McGawn ~ In Memory of Malcolm

Altar Candles Michael and Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Bob Bauer

Eternal Lamp Paige and Karl Reichardt—In Celebration of our 60th Wedding Anniversary