



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE

June 12, 2022

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	107 (West of Gathering Area)
June 12		Strategic Planning Forum 9:00 a.m.	Partners in a New Creation Dave Keammerer	
June 19 Father's Day			Partners in a New Creation Dave Keammerer	
June 26			Partners in a New Creation Dave Keammerer	

We have an app!

Along with our new logos and new website, [we have a new Christ Lutheran Church app!](#) In it you can find upcoming events and calendars, media, and a place to watch our online services both live and recorded, with more options and content planned. We've built it for both Android and iOS phones and tablets, plus Apple TVs. In addition, we have a channel for Roku smart TVs; search for "Christ Valparaiso" in the Roku store to add us and access our livestreams and media options right on your TV.



Mark your calendars

Family Night

Saturday, July 9 @ 4:00 p.m. for pot luck & games.

Please contact Nikki Soleim for more info.

End of Summer Rally Picnic at CLC

Saturday, August 20 from 5-7 p.m.

What?	Strategic Planning Forum
When?	June 12th at 9:00 AM
Where?	Church Hall
Why?	To contribute to the process of discerning the future direction of our Congregation

Over the season of Lent during our Sunday worship, our congregation responded to surveys around five key values our council identified as the core to who we are at CLC. The five values are Ministry Across Generations, Worship and Music, Service/Social Ministry, Welcome and Community, and Growing Deeper. The Strategic Planning Team has gathered the results of the Lenten surveys and we would like to share those results with the congregation. We will thus be holding a forum on June 12th at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall. We invite all members of the congregation to attend, regardless of whether they participated in the Lenten surveys. In addition to sharing the results, we will also be asking attendees to respond to the survey results and dream along with the Strategic Planning Team of the council as we discern how to “Live Bold” into the ministry God is calling us to. This forum is your opportunity to contribute to setting the future direction of our congregation. The feedback provided will be incorporated into the strategic plan that guides our council and congregation.

Getting to Know CLC

Join us to learn more about 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) September 4, 11, and 18, followed by an opportunity to formally stand with the congregation, confess our faith together, and declare that "Yes! God has something for me here." [Register for our group here.](#)



Graduations & Retirements

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Amelie DeJesus ~ Chesterton High School; Attending Valparaiso University

Luke Stento ~ Chesterton High School; Attending Franklin College in Franklin, IN

COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREES

Nathan Budnik ~ **Valparaiso University**—BS Business Administration. Starting his future at BlueGrace Logistics in Tampa, FL.

RETIREMENTS

Jerry Bohacik ~ retiring from GATX CF Rail as VP. Wants to enjoy family fun!

Gregg Copeland ~ retiring again from VCS Transportation (school bus driving). Wants to just relax.

Chuck Schafer ~ retiring from Valparaiso University after 28 years as Professor of International Studies and History.

CLC Social Ministry and Mission

June 2022

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



FIGHTING hunger.
FEEDING hope.

 **Project Neighbors**

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



Join Camp Do Good

DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

Activity Center - Door 14
2610 North Campbell
Valparaiso

Monday, June 27
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.

Dear Fellow Members of CLC:

Thank you for being a part of Christ Lutheran Church, a church that changes lives within our congregation and within our community. I am writing to make you aware of a proposal to amend the constitution of our congregation.

Did you know that our Little Lamb Preschool (LLP) is the largest ministry of the church? Each year Little Lamb touches the lives of over 140 preschool children and their families, providing a loving and nurturing environment in which the children learn and grow. Little Lamb is one of the most sought after preschool programs in the area because of the quality of our teachers, facilities, and curriculum, a distinction only made possible by the tireless efforts of the Little Lamb Board of Directors, the preschool director Jen Gottlieb, and the support and prayers of our congregation.

Given the importance of LLP, it may surprise you to know that the preschool has no official recognition on the Congregation Council. The LLP Board Chair is required by the LLP Constitution to attend council meetings, but they cannot vote. LLP thus has no official say in directing the funds, resources, and policies of the congregation to which it is subject.

Consequently, at the March 8, 2022 meeting of the Congregation Council, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council formally proposed an amendment to the constitution of the church that would add the Little Lamb Board Chairperson to the voting membership of the Congregation Council. The proposed amendment is available in the archive of the reports of the Congregation Council or can be obtained by request (email Jen Bias jen.bias@clevalpo.org or me luke.venstrom@valpo.edu). The Congregation Council voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment.

When the Council approved the proposed amendment, it took the first step in a series of steps required to ratify the amendment. The next step is for the congregation to convene at a special meeting to agree to formally consider the amendment. If a simple majority vote in favor of the amendment moving forward, the congregation formally recognizes that it is entering into a review period. The review period lasts until the annual meeting in November, at which time the congregation votes to ratify the amendment. A two-thirds majority is required for ratification.

By the authority vested in the president of the congregation in section C10.02 of the constitution, I am calling a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of voting to formally consider this amendment. The special meeting will be held on August 21, 2022 during the faith formation hour. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendment, please feel free to contact me or other members of the Congregation Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke J. Venstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Luke J. Venstrom
President of the Congregation