



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
July 17, 2022



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 7th

Worship at the Beach and Picnic

Bethel Lutheran Church in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church, is hosting a worship service and picnic at Marquette Park

- Marquette Park, Area 5 (located by the Lagoon)
- Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
- Picnic and fellowship to follow
- Bring a chair
- You may be required to pay a parking fee

Great Summertime opportunity for prayer, food, fun and games. Bring your family and friends to our friends at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Volunteers needed for Overnight Shelter ministry

Men **who are** experiencing homelessness and part of the New Creations program have been getting a hot meal and a place to sleep every Saturday night thanks to Christ Lutheran church volunteers. There are 7 churches that cover the April through October months and we are home to these men every Saturday night from 7pm-7 am.

This is one significant way we as a church change lives as we serve **our** neighbors for **Jesus'** sake.

The men's shelter team is always willing to train new volunteers and support them. If someone only volunteers once in the 6 months, it makes a big difference.

Our greatest need right now is the 2:30-7:00 shift. We currently have July 2 and July 9th without coverage for that shift. This is a quiet shift so many who give up sleep also catch up on projects like reading, sewing, answering emails, etc.

We have two other shifts: intake shift from 6:30-10 and first overnight shift from 10-2:30am.

The shelter leader team is so grateful to be able to say that intake and 10:00 o'clock shifts are fully covered through July 30. But we still have several months to go. If you're far enough along in your summer planning to consider August, please let us know or jump right in and sign up on the app.

Many meal dates are open in July and August too.

The links to use for signing up are on the CLC app and below:

To sign up for supervision shifts, both intake and overnight scan QR code:



To sign up for a meal:

<https://takethemameal.com/DNZU3411>

The truly easiest, fewest-clicks way to reach these sign ups is via the CLC app. You can find it at the App Store by searching Christ Lutheran Valparaiso. You'll recognize our new logo. Once you have the app, select 'Adults' on the home page, then select 'Service.'

Once on the overnight **Sign Up Genius**, you will notice the first shift intake, 6:30-10, and as you scroll you see all the Saturdays we host the men through Oct 15th. The next section as you scroll is the 10:00 -2:30 shifts through Oct 15 and lastly 2:30-7:00 time slots are listed. Keep scrolling down to find the shift and date you want to volunteer.

If you need help or never volunteered before and want to learn more, please contact us directly.

Lisa Owen: call or text 219-477-9240 or jlo46383@msn.com

Diana Iltzsche: call or text 219-628-0950; diltzsche@hotmail.com

CLC Social Ministry and Mission

July 2022

Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity with July's emphases to provide monetary support for 1- **ELCA's Global Missions' Selian Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania Africa** and 2- **AMOS, "A Mission of Service" in Guatemala/Honduras.**

ELCA Global Mission



Selian Hospital, in Arusha, Tanzania <http://selianlh.or.tz> (founded by Mark – who passed away in 2022 - and Linda Jacobson) continues to thrive under local African leadership. CLC is designated as an ELCA missionary partner congregation and continues to support Selian in their ministry of “providing competent and compassionate medical care, promotion of community health programs and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

ELCA's Global Mission nurtures the ELCA's world engagement through the theology and practice of accompaniment by walking together with our global companions. Our work together has a multi-faceted approach to mission, from sending missionaries and personnel, to offering grants and scholarships designed to strengthen global church leadership and to support the ministries of companions. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission>

An **AMOS** <https://www.facebook.com/amissionofservice> ministry team, including CLC's Gail Mannington (Board member and Treasurer), recently returned from a Medical Mission trip to Esquipulas, Guatemala. On each trip AMOS provides medical clinics, speech pathology services and education to remote mountain villages surrounding Esquipulas and Copan, Honduras where residents have limited/no access to medical care.



During each trip the team sees and treats hundreds of patients in five clinic days and, the needs are voluminous. AMOS raises funds to purchase the prescription medications, ointments, vitamins to provide to this population and also collects over-the-counter medications for the mission team to take with them (CLC members have donated hundreds of pounds of over-the-counter medical items).

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in July (over and above giving combined with CLC's \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Selian Hospital** and **AMOS** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship envelope mailed in with check to CLC and indicate “Selian/AMOS” or contribute through PushPay on the CLC website <https://clcvalpo.org> via the “Give” button (choose Soc. Min.Emphasis option). Thank you for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

LWR SCHOOL KITS

It's that time of year again - time to go back to school and to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief are an important lifeline for learners all around the world. As many areas return to normal this year after a long pandemic school year, our continued efforts to bring relief to others are very important.



As you purchase school supplies for your children, think about choosing supplies for others. There will be a box in the Gathering Space for donations, or you can purchase from an Amazon wish list and choose to have the items delivered directly to the church. There are a variety of suggestions on the list, with some items in bulk. We will be collecting items through mid-October.

Each school kits needs:

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (LWR cannot use loose-leaf paper)

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 ½" eraser

Gathering supplies with your children as you prepare for returning to school is a great way to remind yourself and them that we need to continue to love our neighbors, near and far. It helps us all remember that God's love is everywhere! Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Request

For my confirmation project this year, I have decided to do a food drive. There is a marked box in the gathering space to help collect food for the Immanuel Lutheran Church food pantry for people in need. Drop off your donations thru July 31st !

Thank you very much,
Zach Wehner



VNA HOSPICE
NWI



Volunteer Opportunity!

Make Blankets for Veterans

**VNA Hospice of NWI has an ongoing need for
handmade blankets to honor our veterans.**

**Blankets must be at least 4 ft x 4 ft
and red, white, and blue (knitted, crocheted, or quilted, but
cannot resemble the flag!)**

**Interested in helping with this worthwhile
opportunity?**

**Contact us at
veterans@vnanwi.org**



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.



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.](#)



Unfailing Light An evening setting of Holy Communion

*Join us every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. outside around
the Memorial Garden*



Christ Lutheran Church - Valparaiso

Available in App Stores



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Save the Date
Bethel Lutheran Church



Fundraiser

1:00 PM, Saturday, September 24, 2022
Riverpoint Country Club, Hobart, IN

Details and sponsorship information
call (219) 938-6677 or email bethelmiller@hotmail.com

July Altar Gifts

Communion Wine:

- Gregg & Vickie Copeland ~ In Celebration of Family
- Andrew Teeple ~ In Memory of my Father, Steven Teeple

Altar Candles

- Lance Nolting ~ In Celebration of Lance and Carla's 40th Wedding Anniversary (July 3)
- Gregg & Vickie Copeland ~ In Celebration of Family
- Grace & Jeff Safrin ~ In Celebration of our daughter, Kara Rozin's birthday

Eternal Lamp Candles:

- Sara & Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of Helene and Allen Bauer

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@clcvalpo.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, reading "Luke J. Venstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Luke J. Venstrom
President of the Congregation