



**Christ  
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CHURCH

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## The Good News July 2022



## 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.

## Book Club at CLC

When: Every 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Christ Lutheran Church - Room 107  
Contact: Susan Rodeck @ [carlsonshome@msn.com](mailto:carlsonshome@msn.com) and call or text 317-435-1876.

The next book is [\*The Oysterville Sewing Circle\*](#) by Susan Wiggs. Copies of that one will be available in the box in the East Link coat room after our meeting on Tuesday, and we will meet to discuss it on July 26th.



## 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.](#)



### 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.

### *Unfailing Light*

#### *An evening setting of Holy Communion*

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

## What's this "app" thing we keep talking about?

You've been hearing us say that thanks to the leadership and generosity of Little Lamb Preschool, and the hard and creative work of our staff, we have a new website (<https://clcvalpo.org>) and a new smartphone app. This may have you asking:

### *What on earth is that and why do we want it?*

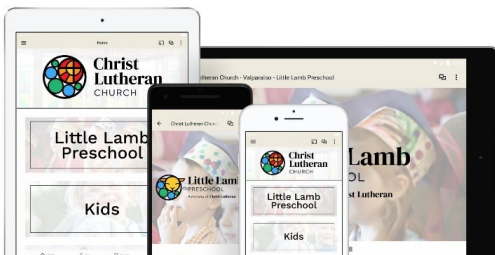
In today's world, the vast majority of people looking for anything, including a church, look on the Web first: our Google profile shows up in searches almost 1,000 times each month, as does our Facebook page. Knowing our website is the "front door" to our guests, we have redesigned our content to speak directly to them: What can I expect when I attend worship? Are kids welcome? What do you have for youth? Plus easy access to our videos, services, and musical offerings: it's all easily available, and easy-to-find, via our website.

Our smartphone/tablet app, on the other hand, gives easy access to information, schedules, and sign-ups for our CLC members, plus a convenient way to join our livestreams and view media. (You'll notice that's a theme!) If you're looking for a way to make a difference, sign ups are collected in the app under Adults->Service. If you're looking for coming events for kids (and you can register for notifications!), see Event Calendars->Kids. Plus, we've included an NRSV bible for your convenience and to follow along in worship, and a convenient, completely secure way to give your offering if you prefer to give by credit card.



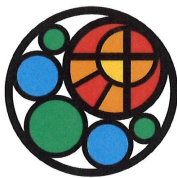
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Available in App Stores



We've also been able to create dedicated media channels for smart TV's such as Roku and AppleTV. This lets us bring our worship experience, musical offerings, and other media right into people's living room on the big TV.

If you haven't explored yet, download the CLC App at <https://subsplash.com/christlutheranchurch-val/app> and see what it offers!



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

June 2022

Dear siblings in Christ,

This year we invited you to “**Live Bold**” with us, to imagine the work of the Holy Spirit in and amongst us and how we, together, might serve God, serve our neighbors, and care for one another. You answered the call, and your generosity is bearing fruit!

As you recall, we identified three major emphases for our ministry together: **Sustaining Ministry Excellence**, **Property Maintenance**, and **Worship Opportunities**. Thanks to your participation, support and generosity, already we have seen results:

**Sustaining Ministry Excellence:** Thanks to Little Lamb Preschool’s generosity, our staff has worked with a professional design team, based on the planning and dreaming of our Council and others, to bring a new website ([www.clcvalpo.org](http://www.clcvalpo.org)) and, for the first time in our history, a Christ Lutheran Church app. This has meant rethinking how we approach our online and digital presence, training on the new system, learning and adapting for our media and livestream, and continually updating and refining. Your generosity has freed our staff to think in new ways about reaching our neighbors (website) and serving our community (app). **Thank you!**

**Property Maintenance:** As you walk around our building this summer, you can’t help but notice our groundskeeping: flowers, trees, lawns, and more. Our bioswales are thriving thanks to our Boy Scouts and our volunteers. What you might not see are the behind-the-scene maintenance projects we’ve been able to complete, thanks to your generosity. This year, in partnership with Little Lamb Preschool, we have created a Teacher Prep Room for our preschool and replaced backflow preventers and a water heater for the preschool area. **Thank you!**

**Worship Opportunities:** You’ve probably noticed the wonderful special music we’ve been enjoying this spring, ranging from vocal duets to handbells to our choir to our student musicians sharing their talents. Already this year we’ve enjoyed 11 students sharing their gifts, ensembles and groups have shared 9 times, and solos, duets and instrumentalists have joined our choir. We know that involving multiple musicians takes time, energy, coordination and equipping, and you have made that possible. **Thank you!**

Thank you for your generosity, for your vision, and for **Liv(ing) Bold** with us! You are making a difference: Thank you!

*-Pastor Tim*

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# Christ Lutheran YOUTH

## **Popcorn Festival Planning Team**

The Youth Board and Clint have begun planning the 2022 Popcorn Festival Brat Booth. We are anticipating a return to normal attendance, which means we need your help!

The Planning Team will be a group of people who will spend July and August helping us prepare for the festival by taking care of specific projects, such as:

- Grocery Shopping

- Coordinating donations

- Handling finances, including the day of the Festival

- Communication

We would appreciate any volunteers for these roles! Contact Clint Mullet at [clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org](mailto:clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org) if you are interested in being involved!

Lastly, we are excited to be acquiring new menu signs and banners for the Popcorn Fest brat booth!

## **Camp Lutherwald Report**

This month, we had the honor of sending a wonderful group of kids to Confirmation Camp! We spent June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> at Camp Lutherwald in Howe, Indiana.

The camp's theme this year was 'Boundless'! Every day, campers learned how God surprises us and exceeds our own expectations.

In our Confirmation Class time, Pastor Tim and Clint spent the week teaching our young people about the role of church in God's Kingdom. We covered topics such as God's Call, the Purpose of the Church, and How God Works Through Us!

# Pictures from Camp Lutherwald



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# WORSHIP AT THE BEACH



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>

Plan to join us for Worship at 10:30am followed by a picnic.

Location: Marquette Park (Miller Beach)

More details to follow!

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](mailto:bethelmiller@hotmail.com)

**July Altar Gifts**

Communion Wine/July

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

Altar Candles/July

- Gregg & Vickie Copeland ~ In Celebration of Family
- Grace & Jeff Safrin ~ In Celebration of our daughter, Kara Rozin's Birthday

Eternal Candles/July

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

## 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!

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](mailto:jen.bias@clcvalpo.org) or me [luke.venstrom@valpo.edu](mailto: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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Luke J. Venstrom  
President of the Congregation

## 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49abaa2aaaf9c25-shelter>

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](mailto:jlo46383@msn.com)

Diana Iltzsche: call or text 219-628-0950; [diltzsche@hotmail.com](mailto:diltzsche@hotmail.com)