

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Good News

April 2022



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (April 10) - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 14) - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 15) - 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

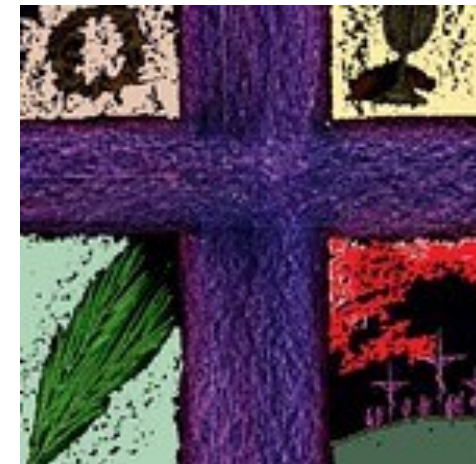
Candlelight prayer around the cross.

All-ages Easter Vigil on Saturday (April 16) - 4:00 p.m.

We keep the ancient tradition, in a family-friendly way. Gather around the fire to hear the stories of God's saving love through the ages, remember the gift of Baptism, hear the Easter story as we gather around Christ's table.

Easter Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30

Festival worship to celebrate the Resurrection! Come celebrate the risen Christ.



CLC Social Ministry and Mission
April 2022



- Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity. April’s emphasis is providing monetary and voluntary support for **Housing Opportunities** www.hoi.help (2001 Calumet Ave., Valpo).
- With the extraordinary support from donors and the dedicated work of staff, Housing Opportunities serves many clients each year. Because of supporters, H.O. in 2021 during ongoing Pandemic housed 559 adults and 248 children and help save hundreds of homes from foreclosure. 338 housing units were operated by H.O. 193 families are experiencing homelessness in our community. Thousands of hours of case management are provided to clients each year. Also, H.O. has a resource center for vulnerable folks to shower, wash clothes, use pantry etc.
- Right now, dozens of people in our community have no place to live—including adults who go to work every day and kids who go to school. Some of H.O. clients are professionals with college degrees who have hit hard times. Some clients are not able to work due to crisis or disability. 1 in 3 is a child. Housing challenges can affect people of any gender, age, or socioeconomic status. H.O. believes a safe, secure home is the foundation of growth and independence—the first step on the road to self-sufficiency.
- Food Pantry and other Donations. See <https://hoi.help/pantry> plus see “Additional Opportunities (H.O.)” below.
- Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in April (over and above giving combined with CLC’s budgeted amount of \$1200). Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate “H.O.” or contribute through PushPay on the CLC website <https://clcvalpo.org> via the “Give” button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

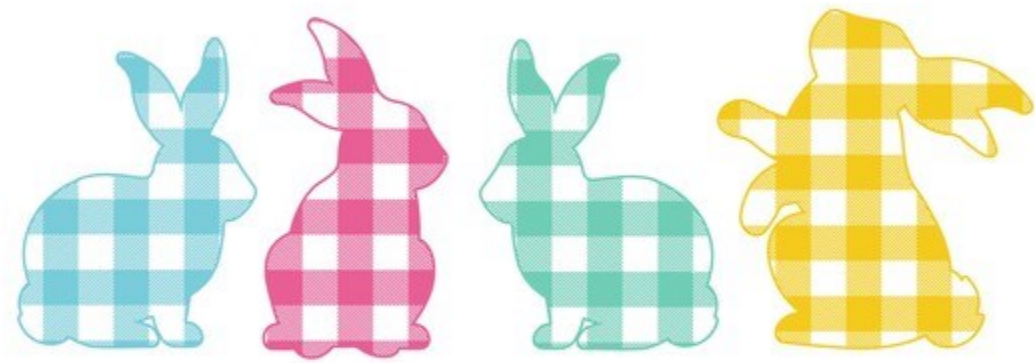
Faith Formation Opportunities Sunday 9:20 a.m.					
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library	107 Brides Room	
April 3	Study on the book of Jonah Pastor Erica	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten	
April 10 Palm Sunday	Study on the book of Jonah Pastor Erica	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten	Men’s Shelter Training
April 17 Easter	Break	No Sunday School	Break	No Sunday School	
April 24	Study on the book of Jonah Pastor Erica	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten	

Altar Gifts

We will offer again the monthly giving for Altar Gifts in February. There will be sign-ups at the Welcome Center for the following Memorials:

- * Holy Communion Wine \$25/month
- * Altar Candles \$25/month
- * Eternal Lamp Candles \$25/month

If you would like to order flowers, please call the church office (219-462-6660) for details.



Little Lamb Preschool

Chapel Time

Chapel is a wonderful time to share stories and set minds wondering about the good news of Jesus. This month we will be focusing on the stories about Easter and Jesus' love for all of us.

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant

Little Lamb Preschool was blessed to secure a second grant from Brighter Futures Indiana. This grant will help in five different areas to assist in maintaining and hiring high quality staff, environments and learning tools. Here is a little blurb regarding the Build, Learn, Grow Grant... *Early care and education play a vital role in our state, directly impacting children and families while creating a ripple effect on businesses and communities. The COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on this critical industry, creating enrollment and staffing challenges while simultaneously increasing costs.*

Indiana introduced the Build, Learn, Grow program to maximize its \$1 billion in federal relief dollars with the goals of helping to build reliable child care infrastructure, creating new learning opportunities for young students and helping our communities grow. To date, the state has deployed hundreds of millions of dollars in funding, delivering relief to families and helping to stabilize provider's businesses.

Spring/Summer Planning

As with the rest of the world we are excited to plan for family events to start happening again. With the warmer spring weather and the drop in COVID cases, we will have the opportunity to hold some school events outside and also welcome families back inside the preschool! We are looking forward to hosting our LLP moms for our annual Mother's Day, as well as, our End of the Year Celebrations. Our Summer STEAM Camp (June 6-10) is in the planning and registration stage. We are hopeful the summer weather will allow us to have a wonderful camp experience!

Christian Mission Statement

Little Lamb Preschool, in union with Christ Lutheran Church, serves God by shepherding God's children as we nurture the whole child in partnership with families.



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March 17th, 2022

Dear middle school students, parents, and families...

As the weather warms and plans are shaping up for the summer, I hope you will consider joining us at Camp Lutherwald this summer for Confirmation Camp!

What is Confirmation Camp?

Confirmation Camp is a 5-day program that invites our incoming 6th, 7th, 8th and outgoing 8th graders into a deeper exploration of their relationships with God, each other, and nature. This trip takes place at Camp Lutherwald in Howe, Indiana. The camp staff works alongside church staff to bring learning, games, activities, and worship opportunities every day!

Every year, kids stay with their camp counselors in their cabins. Cabin life and camp community have been a highlight for many of our young people who have spent a week at Lutherwald. The chance to deepen friendships, gain new friendships, and get to know new people are an experience that your child will not forget!

What's the schedule?

This year's camp dates are June 12th – June 17th. Check-in begins on Sunday, June 12th in the afternoon and programming begins that evening. On weekdays, campers spend the mid-morning with their pastors and adult leaders, who lead discussions and activities to teach and deepen your child's understanding of Jesus and faith.

The afternoons are spent participating in games and activities. Evenings involve large group games and a time for worship and reflection. Check-out begins Friday, June 17th, after the last program in early afternoon. Transportation to and from Camp Lutherwald is available, or families may provide transportation themselves.

Costs and Sign ups?

Confirmation Camp costs \$375.00 to attend. We are committed to making camp affordable for all families. A confirmation camp fundraiser, our Easter Bake Sale, will raise money towards camp costs. Additionally, we will offer an automatic \$50.00 discount to every family that signs up for camp before the end of April (4/30/2022)!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clint Mullet, Director of Youth Ministries! Clint will gladly answer any questions, address concerns, and share more with you about Confirmation Camp, Lutherwald, and our plans for this trip!

Grace and Peace,

Clint Mullet, Director of Youth Ministries

How to Register Online!

1. Go to LOMIK.org
2. Click 'Register' on the Home Page
 - a. This is the direct link - <https://lomik.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App>
3. Select **Camp Lutherwald and Confirmation Camp II** (June 12-June 17)
4. Be sure to write '**Christ Lutheran Valpo**' as the church name. This will help our kids stay grouped together in lodging.
 - a. A deposit will be due to complete registration.
6. E-mail Clint at clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org to let us know you will be attending camp! If you would like to carpool, please include a Carpool Permission Slip with your e-mail.

Youth Newsletter – April 2022

News and Updates from the Director of Youth Ministries

Fundraising Update

- The Easter Bake Sale will be on Easter Sunday, April 17th, before and after each worship service! Our church's kids and teens will bake delicious cookies, treats, and goodies for you to browse in the Gathering Area. No sticker price – everything is donation only! All items will be pre-packaged and ready to head home with you. All proceeds will support our trips to Camp Lutherwald this year!

2022 Camping Trips

- Our middle schoolers will attend Confirmation Camp at Lutherwald, June 12-17, this summer! Cost to attend is \$375 – middle schoolers who register with Lutherwald before April 30th will receive \$50 off of their camp fees courtesy of CLC's generous donations to our youth program!
- Our high schoolers will attend Servant Leader Camp at Lutherwald, June 12-17, this summer! Cost to attend is \$375 – any high school student who participates in 2 or more fundraisers in the 2021-2022 school year will be awarded a \$100.00 scholarship!

Weekly Programming Updates

- Fusion kids have spent the last two months studying the parables, playing games, and building friendships during our Faith Formation hour. The kids are having a great time
- Circle has restarted sharing meals together after a short pause due to the recent Covid surge. We are excited to resume monthly service projects this month!
- Our 8th grade confirmands will 'promote' up and be invited to attend Circle in April! We are excited to have them join us!

Confirmation Update

- Our 8th grade Confirmation class is going well! We are currently studying the Lord's Prayer. All of our eight confirmands are on track to be confirmed on August 28th, 2022!
- Our 7th grade Confirmation class is taking shape and sign ups are ongoing! We currently have seven kids participating, though I anticipate 1 or 2 more kids will be involved.

Youth Ministry Calendar

March / April 2022

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Key

Blue = Confirmation Class, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Yellow = Circle, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Green = Easter Sunday, Easter Activities

Circle

- March 27; April 3, 10, 24 / 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Christ Lutheran Church
 - ⇒ All high schoolers are invited to our Sunday night gatherings for good fun, engaging conversations, and friendship!
 - ⇒ 8th graders may begin attending Circle on April 3rd
 - ⇒ No Circle on April 17th!

Fusion

- Sundays, 9:20am – 10:20am, Christ Lutheran Church – Activities Center
 - ⇒ All middle schoolers (5th – 8th graders) are invited to our Sunday morning gatherings for games, a lesson, and discussion.
 - ⇒ No Fusion on April 17th!

Easter Activities

- April 17 / Various Times June 23rd, 12:30pm – 2:00pm
 - ⇒ Easter Bake Sale, 7:30am – 12:30pm, Gathering Area
 - We anticipate our young people will provide all our donations! Donations can be dropped off in the days before Easter – contact Clint to make arrangements
 - ⇒ Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30am worship, outside! Fusion kids can play! High school teens can help hide eggs – contact Clint for more info!



February 25th – 27th, 2022 Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Chicago in Schaumburg, IL

Quake 2022 was a great trip for our Christ Lutheran teens. 4 high schoolers, 10 middle schoolers, and 3 adults spent the weekend learning about God ... building relationships ... and being encouraged in our faith!

Interactive events

- Talent Show – Danelle Rivera and Ruthie Ridley participated in the 'YouthTube Variety Hour' talent show!
- Giveaway Winner – Josh Vittitoe won a 'Best Guess' contest for a jar of Starbursts, over 250 of them!

Discipleship and bonding

- Large group and small group discussions – we spent time talking God's desire and 'calling' for our lives, how God works through the difficult and hard moments we encounter, and how God wants the *very best* for each of us!
- Workshops were a highlight of Quake this year! Topics included gaming and faith, bible studies, anti-bullying tools, and celebrating our own uniqueness!

Service project

- Packing disaster relief meals – this meal packing project is a highlight of Quake. Our entire group participated! We had a great time preparing these meal kits!



Men's Shelter: Welcoming Those Experiencing Homelessness

When: Every Saturday night from mid-April to mid-October, beginning April 16th and ending October 8th, 2022

How: Welcome our guests for food, fellowship, and a safe and warm place to sleep, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Where: CLC's Fellowship Hall and Activity Center

HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS MINISTRY?

FOOD:

Dinner: We will again be using our “Take Them a Meal” website account to schedule Saturday evening meals. The site is an easy way to sign up for providing meals to our guests. You can find a friend and share the making or providing of a meal, or it can be an opportunity for a family event. Come with your meal, serve our guests, and share some fellowship with them (usually 12-25 men). *An e-mail will be sent to the listed dinner meal provider each week to tell them how many anticipated meals to prepare for the week.*

The meal website is: <http://www.takethemameal.com>

The name is Shelter (capital S) with the password 6660 (last 4 digits of church phone number)

Pantry: Provide breakfast or lunch materials on a one-time or regular basis for our shelter pantry. Provisions include milk, bread, lunch meat, cheese, chips, juice, hard boiled eggs, cereal, and fruit cups and fresh fruit.

A group email will be sent so you can see what is needed and sign up. Lunchmeat is always needed each week.

SUPERVISION:

Contact one of the following persons regarding an opportunity to provide intake services or overnight supervision services to the guests, or sign up in the gathering space. Any of us would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Lisa Owen (Intake and Lead): jlo46383@msn.com or 219-477-9240

Diana Iltzsche (Meals, pantry, and Lead): diltzsche@hotmail.com or 219-628-0950

Tim Sutherland (Lead): sutherla@iun.edu or 219-309-4413

Please consider trying one of these shifts if you never have. We will pair you with a partner who has experience working the shift. All shifts require that at least one man be present during the hours we provide services to our guests. **We have three supervision shifts each Saturday to Sunday for 26 weeks from April 16 through October 15.** We will start the availability and scheduling process after April 1. Training will be provided in late March or early April.

Intake and evening shift: 6:30 pm -- 10:00 pm

Late evening and first overnight shift: 10:00 pm -- 2:30 am

Early morning and breakfast shift: 2:30 am -- 7:00 am

Meals are served from 7:10-8:00 pm; doors generally open at 6:30 for volunteers to set up. Our guests are admitted at 7:00 pm unless weather causes us to open earlier. Bringing the meal hot and just keeping warm is best as our church kitchen is only used for warming.

LAUNDRY:

Contact Kathy Lundstrom at klundstrom@frontier.com

Bedding used by our guests is washed every four weeks.

We need many volunteers to offer our church as a home once a week. Some folks do a shift just once or twice during the 6 months and that makes a HUGE difference. For those that can do more, we are so grateful for you!

PRAY for this ministry and for your part in it. Pray for all the volunteers. Pray especially for our guests, so that Jesus's love may be shared and that God may receive glory through our service in His name. Thank you!

