



Music Notes:

Today is the final Sunday that our Sanctuary Choir and Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir participates in our worship services until September. I want to thank *all* of the members of these two fine ensembles for their music leadership, their dedication, and their commitment to our church's music ministry that makes it a vital part of our worship time together and the life of our congregation. *Soli deo Gloria!*

~ Brian Bartusch

Sanctuary Choir

Sopranos

Irene Adams
Lois Felten
Lisa Jennings
Christians McLean
Marla Niksch
Faith Noe
Melissa Summerville
Ellen Swayne

Tenors

Mike Felten
Betty Luckett
Karen Marken
Jenn Mount
Luke Venstrom

Altos

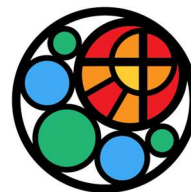
Heather Budnik
Sheila Burnside
Kathy Lundstrom
Marilyn McGawn
Sue McPherson

Baritone/Basses

Brett Furuness
Adam Gibson-Even
Phil Hahn

Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir

Tim Bimler	Betty Luckett
Amy Boedeker	Marilyn McGawn
Karen Boedeker	Kathy Stefans
Heather Budnik	Kurt Stefans
Mike Felten	Ellen Swayne



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The Good News June 2022



CLC Social Ministry and Mission

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



FIGHTING hunger.
FEEDING hope.

Project Neighbors

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 and Neighbor's Place and Respite House, 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."

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in June (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 "FBNWI/PN" or contribute through PushPay on the CLC website <https://clevalpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.



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.



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Little Lamb Preschool

SEEDS OF FAITH

We are blessed to join these precious little ones, even for a brief time, along their faith journeys. We feel so grateful when we hear faith wonderings from our little lambs but it is equally delightful when a parent or grandparent shares with us the priceless conversations that they have with their children regarding their child's faith. We are so blessed to share God's love!

STEAM SUMMER CAMP

We are looking forward to our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and Fairytales Summer Camp week (June 6th-10th). We have 47 campers this summer and 6 teachers. This will be a week full of laughter, fun, play, as well as exploring and discovering new things. We will have a daily Chapel Time to share bible stories. LLP's Summer Camp is in its 10th year.

TEACHER PREP ROOM

We have a new addition to Little Lamb Preschool! A teacher prep room has been built in the LLP Annex. Thanks to the help of many and for a grant from the State we were able to rehouse our overflowing library and create a room that the teachers can work in an adult sized space to get their prep done. This will room also will serve as a conference room, workshop room and break/lunch room. An **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to Milan Coburn for planning, coordinating, building and finding volunteers to do a great deal of the skilled work. Our wonderful volunteers and workers were Pete Springmire, Scott Schnabel, Ken Graczyk, and Steve Fromm. Also, a big thank you to Ken Pylipow who gave us a discount on cabinets from Von Tobels.

WE ARE ALWAYS THANKFUL

Director's end of year note.... I personally want to thank **CLC congregation and staff** for all the time, help, support, donations, prayers, and words of encouragement you have shared throughout the year. My sincere thanks to the wonderful **LLP Board members** who generously donate their time and help to our various activities whenever asked! I also want to deeply thank each of the **LLP staff members** who work, plan, pray, worry, love, and tenderly teach each precious lamb at LLP with incredible dedication and commitment. I feel blessed and joyful to be a part of this ministry and I look forward to the future of Little Lamb Preschool. **Together, we are touching the lives of many precious children and their families as we serve God through shepherding God's children.**



Book Club at CLC

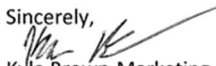
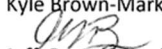
When: Every 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Christ Lutheran Church - Room 107
Contact: carlsonshome@msn.com/call or text 317-435-1876.



The next book is *The Au Pair* by Emma Rous and is now available.

Thank you for your help! You guys were our biggest contributor!!! Thanks again looking forward for an even better drive next year!

I wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for what you have done. Our Movers For Moms project helps out local families affected by domestic violence. For Mothers Day Two Men and a Truck was able to give The Caring Place the biggest donation they have had in years. This was ONLY possible because of what you did! You helped them considerably and we are extremely proud to be associated with this program with you. You have TRULY made a difference in many families lives and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,

Kyle Brown-Marketing Manager

Jeff Brown- President



Christ Lutheran Church Youth Ministries

Camp Dates

Camp Lutherwald dates for middle school and high school our June 12-17, 2022!
Middle schoolers (current 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders) will attend Confirmation Camp. We currently have 15 kids signed up for this camp!
High schoolers (current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders) will attend Servant Leader Camp.
There is still time to sign up for both camps! Contact Clint for more information!

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@clevalpo.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!

Youth Director Report – June 2022 Clint Mullet, Director of Youth Ministries

Circle and Fusion Updates

Circle wrapped up the year with a Game Night, which provided a wonderful time for fun and conversations. A special thanks to the families that provided homecooked meals for our dinners! It's been a great year and the teens are grateful for the friendships and community they've been able to build! Thank you for your support, church!
Fusion wrapped up for the year on May 15th. We played games and enjoyed one last lesson together. The kids were given flyers for summer events including Vacation Bible School and Rally Day.

Confirmation Report

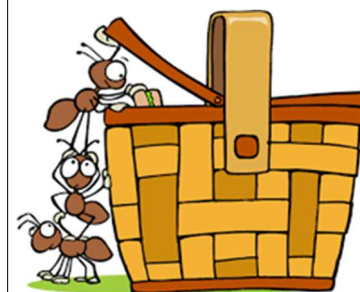
Our 8th grade Confirmation students wrapped up their classes on May 18th. They have completed their classwork! The teens will use the summer to meet with mentors, do Confirmation service projects, and write their Witness to the Church papers.
Confirmation Sunday and the Witness to the Church will be on August 28th, 2022.
The Witness to the Church presentations will start at 9:20am, followed by the 10:30am worship with the Affirmation of Baptism.
Pictures will be taken at Witness to the Church rehearsal earlier in the month
Our 7th grade Confirmation class finished meeting with their mentors in May! The class currently has 9 members. This group helped make and serve the Men's Shelter Meal on May 14th! They did a great job and appreciated the chance to help some folks in need!

Summer Trip Updates

We have 17 middle schoolers registered for Confirmation Camp in June at Camp Lutherwald! Year after year, the quality of Lutherwald's programming continues to impress our kids and families. A week at camp can be a life-changing experience! We anticipate similar stories again this month!
We have 2 high schoolers registered for Servant Leader Camp in June at Camp Lutherwald. The camp's curriculum, 'Boundless', is curriculum that was intended to be used at the cancelled National Youth Gathering.

National Youth Gathering 2024

The 2024 National Youth Gathering will be July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans, LA. Mass Gatherings will be held in the Superdome.
Tentatively, we anticipate an 8-day trip, over July 12-22. Rough estimate for our budget will be \$40,000.00!
Sign-ups will likely start next spring. Registration deadlines will most likely fall in September 2023.
We currently have over \$10,000 set aside for this trip in our fundraising accounts. We have remained diligent with our restricted funds for the last two years.
The National Youth Gathering staff have *strongly hinted* at a 'young adult component' that will offer college kids the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Gathering. We will reach out to older high school and college kids when we have more details.



Mark your calendars

End of Summer Rally Picnic at CLC

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

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,



Luke J. Venstrom
President of the Congregation

THANK YOU

"Wow. Thank you to everyone who came to the recital May 1 - I wasn't expecting that kind of turnout, and certainly not that kind of support. I'll do my best to make a return on your investment both at LSM and outside. Many LSM performances are free and open to the public, and I'll continue to play in church. Feel free to listen! Thank you again and again.— Daniel Gibson-Even" Lutheran Summer Music is held at Valparaiso University June 26-July 24. All events are free and many concerts, recitals, and worship services are open to the public, in-person and/or via live-stream. More information at <https://www.lsmacademy.org/>

June Altar Gifts

Communion Wine/June

- Sara and Jeremy Long ~ In memory of Fred and Edna Eickemeyer
- Phil Hahn ~ In honor of his daughters

Altar Candles/June

- Mike and Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Robert Bauer
- Grace and Jeff Safrin ~ Celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary

Eternal Candles/June

- Given to the Glory of God

Altar Gifts

Would you like to give a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of family or friend? We are offering the monthly giving for Altar Gifts. The sign-up sheets are 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.

Faith Formation Opportunities Sundays 9:20 a.m.				
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	107 (West of Gathering Area)
June 5	Recap of A.M.O.S. mission trip Gail Mannington		Partners in a New Creation Dave Keammerer	
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	

What?
When?
Where?
Why?

Strategic Planning Forum
June 12th at 9:00 AM
Church Hall
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.

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.



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; [links are available here](#). 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](#).