

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Good News

March 2022



LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2
1:00 and 7:30 p.m.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES
Holden Evening Prayer
7:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

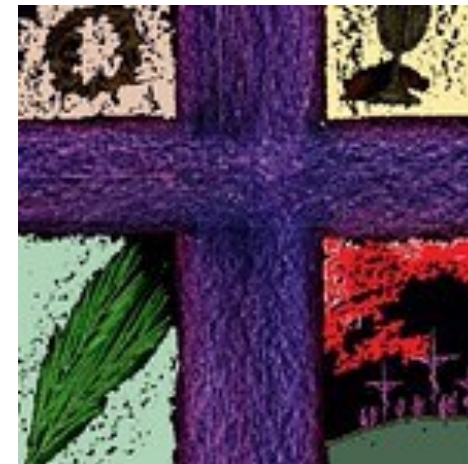
PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 14

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 16

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17





CLC Social Ministry and Mission

March 2022

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

Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity pertaining to hunger, homelessness/housing, or mission. March's specific emphasis provides monetary/

volunteer support for the **Valpo New Creation Men's Shelter/Resale Shop** <https://newcreationempowers.org> + <https://www.facebook.com/newcreationresaleshop>

New Creation (2102 N. Calumet Ave.) was created several years ago as a center for homeless men in Valpo and Porter County. The Men's Center currently offers supportive services for homeless men during daytime hours. The Resale Shop is always in need of donated furniture and appliances, household and office supplies, laundry essentials and toiletries, and cleaning supplies and paper goods.

New Creation Men's Center educates the community on the problem of homelessness in Porter County and on the challenges faced by clients, with the goal to create self-sufficiency. Prior to the Pandemic, numerous CLC members assisted the Men's Shelter in several ways e.g. hosting men overnight Saturday, preparing/serving meals (dinner and breakfast), and taking time to sit and talk with the men who are taking advantage of Shelter services. New Creation is planning to resume the overnight program with the help of various churches including CLC on April 16, 2022. Please see various announcements in March about how CLC members can volunteer with time and bring meals on Saturday evenings beginning in April and continuing over the summer months.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in March (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 "New Creation" or "Men's Shelter" 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.

LWR Request

As we are all aware of increasing prices and empty shelves of merchandise, the LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS have also been impacted by these events. It is costing more for items we can not make: flannel for diapers, soap, diaper pins, socks, clothing, and towels. We watch for sales on items needed so our money can be stretched further. Donations are crucial so we can help others in need.

DONATIONS CAN BE PUT IN THE WHITE BASKET under the shelf in the Gathering Area. Please indicate if items are laundered. Sandy Keammerer Project Leader

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sunday 9:20 a.m.

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library	107 Brides Room
March 6	CLC's Men's Shelter— How does it Work? CLC Volunteers	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten
March 13	New Creations Men's Homeless Shelter Ministry—Erin Miller, Director	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten
March 20	Break	No Sunday School	Break	No Sunday School
March 27	Study on the book of Jonah Pastor Erica	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten

COVID UPDATE

We have watched with great hope as the Covid infection and case rates have continued moving, quickly, in such promising directions. We are grateful to see such good news and, as has been our pattern, are ready to make some adjustments in our worship and other planning:

Starting TODAY, masks are encouraged but optional during worship. Naturally if you prefer to stay masked throughout the service, you are of course welcome to do so. **Everyone will still need a mask for singing** (see below!).

Starting this Sunday, and especially as we move Lent with our Ash Wednesday service March 2, **we are returning singing to our worship services including hymns and liturgical music.** We ask that everyone bring a mask, or use one we have provided, for the singing portions.

For **Sunday School**, our expectation for students and teachers to wear masks will remain the same for the time being.

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

Chapel continues to be a wonderful time when we come together as a school to hear stories and sing songs about God's love and grace. Our stories this month have focused on Jesus' miracles and his great love for us.

Lutheran Schools Week

Little Lamb Preschool will be joining other Lutheran Schools around the country as together we celebrate "Lutheran Schools Week," March 6th – 11th. Please see the Sunday Bulletin insert on March 6th for information sent by the ELEA Schools and Learning Centers. The theme for Lutheran Schools Week is ***Persevere: Rooted Together in Christ***. We will explore this theme through in class art activities, devotions, Chapel and gross motor activities.

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants are designed to provide critical funding to early childhood and school-age providers to support their program's operating expenses across six categories and help rebuild their programs for the future. The first round of Stabilization Grants awarded more than \$152 million to 2,777 providers across the state. A second round of grants were made available and Little Lamb Preschool was granted a second grant. With the first round of this grant money we were able to give all staff a very well-deserved raise as well as begin building a much-needed Teacher Prep room. We look forward to sharing with you, in the future how we put the second grant to wonderful use.



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.

COWBOY UP! Hilltop's SOUPS Dinner is back in 2022! Help support this fundraising event by attending on March 1, 4—7:00 p.m. In the Valparaiso University Harre Union Ballroom.

AMOS

Medical Mission Trip to GUATEMALA, MARCH 11-20, 2022

Taking donations until Wednesday, March 9.

A request from Gail Mannington RN CEN, I am an AMOS Board Member and the Treasurer.

Our team of 12 has been announced and we are planning for our Medical Mission trip to Esquipulas, 6 hours east of Guatemala City. We provide medical clinics, speech pathology services and education to remote mountain villages surrounding Esquipulas and Copan, Honduras where they have limited/no access to medical care.

Since our first trip in March 2017 the opportunities to provide services has exceeded our expectations. Christ Lutheran's congregation has been the Cornerstone support for our trips since our first trip in March 2017 by providing necessary medications, monetary donations, knitting/crocheting of newborn hats, making of cloth bags for our teenage feminine hygiene education program, providing t-shirts which identify us as a team providing services to their people, supplies for our education program provided to the orphans in the orphanage where we stay – to name a few... and prayers to bless us on our way.

I am humbly asking for your support again. On average, we see and treat about 1000 patients in 5 clinic days and the needs are voluminous.

Monetary donations can be made to Gail Mannington and below is a list of medications, **bold** means high volumes needed, underlined means we run out quickly.

The following ointments: **Neosporin**, **Hydrocortisone**, Anti-itch cream, **triple antibiotic**, **Diaper Rash**, antifungals, muscle rub, Benadryl

Vitamins: Adult and Children Chewable (NO GUMMIES PLEASE, they melt)
Children's Pain and Fever medications, cough syrups, Flu relief. (We run out each time)

Infant Pain and Fever medications. (We run out each time)

Benadryl, Tums/Antacid meds, Anti-diarrhea meds, Daytime and Nighttime multi-symptom meds, any

NSAIDS (Ibuprofen, Aleve, Naprosyn, Motrin, Advil, Aspirin) Acetaminophen/Tylenol, Pepcid, Zantac, Baby Aspirin, Urinary health meds

Any orthopedic items: ankle braces, arm slings, knee braces, ace wraps, etc. (These items can be gently used)

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!

