

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Good News
2022



Practicing Hospitality

What a blessing this beautiful Christ Lutheran Church building is. And one of the ways we are blessed through it — and can be a blessing — is by "having company." Every Saturday night for six months, we will be having dinner and overnight guests— yes, we will be hosting the men's shelter program again.

Welcoming these men for dinner and offering them a safe place to sleep over the past 10+ years has given many of us a chance to understand better how home- lessness can happen, and how alike we all are — all people who need God's guidance and grace.

How can you be a part of this ministry?

- Bring a meal
- Buy groceries for our shelter pantry
- Do a load of laundry
- Spend 4 hours drinking coffee and answering emails while the men sleep
- Exercise your organizational skills as a schedule
- Pray for our guests and volunteers

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CLC Social Ministry and Mission

Do justice...love kindness...walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)



Social Ministry Emphasis for May. The Social Ministry special giving opportunity and focus for May is to provide support for a ministry that is international, **CLC’s upcoming Summer 2023 Mission Trip to Costa Rica** - in conjunction with Casa Adobe www.facebook.com/casadobe.

CLC’s Mission Trip group has been undertaking projects virtually and locally while planning to travel to Costa Rica next summer (after the Pandemic is finally behind us). Resources are still needed to support several CLC adults and youth and families who will travel. Continuing with the Mission theme of stewardship of the earth, last summer the team partnered locally with Living Green Gardens for a community garden in Gary, with guidance from Casa Adobe in Costa Rica, and with some funding from Thrivent and Von Tobel. This summer the team is focusing on water conservation through a local river monitoring project. VU student/CLC member Lucia Otten traveled to Costa Rica for six weeks at Casa Adobe last summer and shared videos of her experiences fall 2021 at a Faith Formation session.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in May (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.



Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

Northwest Indiana Lutheran Food and Supply Pantries Donations.

Men’s Shelter (and Resale Shop) <https://newcreationresaleshop.com> at 2102 Calumet Ave, 219-548-3548. You can help feed our neighbors experiencing homelessness: New Creations Men’s Center continues to be home base for both single men and women between homes, providing daily meals and a space to be during the day. Overnight shelter resumed at area churches last fall. Christ Lutheran has resumed hosting Saturday nights with shelter and a meal April-October 2022.

In addition to Saturday night meals at CLC, you can help NCMS feed their guests at their day-time Center. Lunch supplies can be dropped off at the resale shop counter during hours of operation (usually 10-5). Requests include: Lunch meat, Fruit, Individual juice, Snack cakes, and Chips. Call New Creations (219-548-3548) for more information. There is a basket inside door #3 for suggested food donations for Men's Shelter. Please pray for those in our community living in cars, tents and on the streets.

Housing Opportunities <https://hoi.help/pantry> 2001 Calumet Ave., 219-548-2800

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti sauce (in jars)
- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo

NON-PANTRY NEEDS:

New Pillows
Twin size sheets (can be used; no stains or tears)

Immanuel Food Pantry <https://immanuelvalpo.org/food-pantry> 1700 Monticello – drive up drop off items. Donations can be dropped at Immanuel, best done Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 pm, at entrance between church and school. Contributions especially appreciated now are holiday food items such as gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake and cookie mixes. Also, cooking oil, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, olives, pickles.

Hilltop Food Pantry <https://www.hilltophouse.org/hilltop-food-pantry> 606 Union St.

Little Lamb Preschool

Chapel Time

Chapel Time has returned to a more normal pre-pandemic flow. We are in person and inside, continuing a few COVID precautions. We gather together to hear stories about God's love for us and sing songs. We have heard the good news about Easter. Thanks to Pastor Erica for delivering our Easter messages

STEAM and Fairytales

We are hosting our annual summer camp the week of June 6-10. We will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Fairytales. Chapel time happens daily. This is always a fun week filled with a great deal of energy, play and joy.

Spring Happenings

We are hoping to finish our preschool year strong with events that we have not been able to host all year. We had our first visitor to the school in 2 years. Phil Hahn from the South Shore Brass Band came to all 10 of our classes to share his music and instruments. Little Lamb will be participating in the South Shore concert on May 1. The first week of May will bring our Mother's Day Celebrations gatherings by class are being planned. Our End of the Year Celebration (Graduation) will take place outdoors by grade level. The Kiddos have been very busy rehearsing some lovely songs. We hope for great weather to pull this event off .

Thank You

Thank you for all the well wishes and prayers that you have offered on behalf of Little Lamb Preschool this year. They have been felt! We have been blessed with a mostly healthy year. Thank you also to the dedicated CLC staff that support Little Lamb daily and the LLP staff that continue to be amazing.



Music News & Notes:

With the wonderful news of the restrictions at CLC, we're very excited to bring back not only long-awaited hymns to sing after such a long absence, but also music from our liturgy. The Music Ministry is inviting *anyone* who would like to sing for the Sundays during the Easter season leading up to Pentecost (June 5) to join our sanctuary choir and be a part of the wonderful musical leadership for our Sunday morning worship.



Rehearsals are held on **Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm** in the sanctuary. Whether you're a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, we'd LOVE to have you join us! Please speak to our Director of Music Brian Bartusch if you are interested.

Book Club at CLC

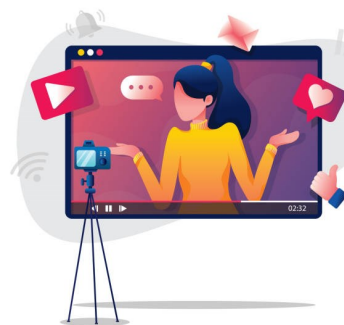
When: Every 4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Christ Lutheran Church - Room 107
Contact: carlsonshome@msn.com/call or text 317-435-1876.

Featured Book: *Miss Graham's Cold War Cookbook* by Celia Rees

The book will be available in the book club box in the East Link coat room after the meeting on Tuesday 4/26. The group will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday May 24th.



Livestream Tech



Making sure that our members who are watching our worship service from home is a valuable job. We are looking for more help with running the livestream computer/camera at the 10:30 service.

Please call the church office if you are interested and we can get you connected to one of our techs for training. Thank you!!



Christ Lutheran Church Youth Ministries / MAY

Circle (High School)

Sundays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, in person

May 1st and May 15th

<https://clcvalpo.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/circle>

Fusion (Middle School)

Sundays, 9:20am – 10:20am

May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th

<https://clcvalpo.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/fusion>

Confirmation Class (8th graders)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

May 4th, May 11th, and May 18th

Confirmation Class (7th graders)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

May 11th

Circle Game Night

- Sunday, May 15th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at CLC Activities Center
 - ⇒ We will have a Game Night to wrap up our year together! We will be playing a new game, 'Sabotage', during our evening together.

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.
 - ⇒ Contact Clint for more information!

Summer Calendar Details

- The summer calendar will be coming out next week! If you would like to receive it, please reach out to Clint (clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org) if you do not receive regular e-mail updates.
- If any church members are willing to host a pool party or bonfire, please let me know! We're hoping to do several get-togethers this summer.

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

Circle and Fusion Updates

- I encourage everyone reading this to jump for joy! Why? **Circle, our high school ministry, hit its highest engagement numbers in five years during April 2022.** Engagement numbers track attendance, as well as participation in the life of the church. Whether its sharing meals at Circle, playing games together, or learning how to navigate life transitions – our high schoolers are building a thriving community of support for one another.
 - ⇒ Our high schoolers have been regularly involved in worship and helping with Sunday School
 - ⇒ On Easter Sunday, nearly a dozen high schoolers helped hide eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and assisted with the Easter Bake Sale.
- Fusion has been meeting regularly on Sunday mornings. We just wrapped up a unit on parables that led into Holy Week. On 4/24, Fusion kids assisted with a confirmation service project organized by Elizabeth Kosek and her mentor, Erin Schmidgall.

Confirmation Report

- Our 8th grade Confirmation class is currently working on learning the Apostle's Creed!
- Our 7th grade Confirmation class has begun meeting with mentors!

Fundraising Update

- Our annual Easter Bake Sale raised over \$900.00 for the youth ministry's special programming. We are blessed by the congregation's support and generosity. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale, especially our young people! The money raised will cover the majority of financial scholarships for Confirmation Camp this year!

Summer Trip Updates

- We have 15 middle schoolers registered for Confirmation Camp in June at Camp Lutherwald! It's a great group of kids, mostly comprised of 7th graders. We are excited for another amazing, life-changing week of camp!
- We have 2 high schoolers registered for Servant Leader Camp in June at Camp Lutherwald. We have a few more kids considering the trip. 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!



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April 2022

Beloved in Christ,

The first months of our new year gave us a chance to hear, appreciate and discover stories of just how much Christ Lutheran Church changes lives.

We heard from members and friends about the impact our Alcoholics Anonymous group has on those who join them; we heard what a difference it makes to know Christ Lutheran cares; we discovered again the breadth of ministries of music we enjoy and the impact of being invited. Our **Live Bold** project invited us to discover, and remember, and celebrate remarkable ways God works through us and our ministries: This really is a church where lives get changed!

Because of you, your prayers and your excitement for what God is up to, we are delighted, overwhelmed, overjoyed and so proud to report that:

- We have received 122 Statements of Intent, for a 59% response rate of active giving households in our congregation.
- 80% of Statements received indicated an increase in expected giving, 12% a decrease, 2% no change.
- Based on these responses, we project a weekly increase of \$1,938.25.

As this is the highest participation rate we have ever had, and with such a remarkable participation and commitment to sustaining our ministry excellence, we can't help but echo the psalmists: "Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, God's mercy endures forever!"

Thank you to you and for all the ways you support, sustain, and most importantly participate in Jesus' ministry in your life and through our congregation. Thank you for your faithfulness and for all the lives we are able to touch because of you. Thank you for your generosity; you are making a real difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers and in people we will never get to meet. Thank you!

In God's amazing grace,

-Pastor Tim

Faith Formation Opportunities Sunday 9:20 a.m.					
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library	107 Brides Room	119 Conference Room
May 1	Scripture by Heart Pastor Tim	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
May 8	Scripture by Heart Pastor Tim	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
May 15	Scripture by Heart Pastor Tim	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade (Last Day)	God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners-Kindergarten (Last Day)	
May 22	Scripture by Heart Pastor Tim		God Frees and Redeems Dave Keammerer		

May

Communion Wine:

- Ellen Swayne ~ In Memory of Gladys Swayne
- Phil Hahn ~ In Memory of my wife, Laurel

Altar Candles

- Mike & Lois Felten ~ Celebrating our Mom, Connie Bretscher
- Aria McIntire ~ With deepest thanks to Mr. Bartusch for sharing his musical gifts with our bell choir

Eternal Lamp Candles:

- JoAnn Murfey ~ In Memory of my daughter Lori's birthday
- Mary Lou Bishop ~ In Memory of my son Tim's birthday

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:

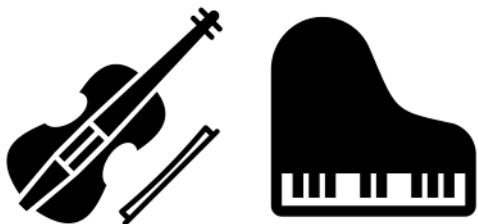
- * Holy Communion Wine \$25/month
- * Altar Candles \$25/month
- * Eternal Lamp Candles \$25/month

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



Piano and Cello

Sunday, May 1, 2022
12:00 pm
CLC Sanctuary



Daniel Gibson~Even

*a brief recital to prepare and raise funds for
Lutheran Summer Music 2022
Free-will offering, with the Music Camp offering a 50% match to
any donations: at the recital, or to CLC memo LSM*



Movers for Mom

Movers for Mom's seeks to recognize moms in crisis on Mother's Day by arranging special delivery of gifts to women living in local shelters.

Across the nation, TWO MEN AND A TRUCK locations partner with local businesses and organizations to collect essential care items.

Christ Lutheran Church will be collecting items for Movers for Moms, below are the items needed. The box is near the offices (inside door #3)

FINAL PICK-UP WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- ⇒ Dryer Sheets
- ⇒ Dish Soap
- ⇒ Laundry Detergent
- ⇒ Dishwasher Pods
- ⇒ Spray Disinfectant
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Paper Towel
- ⇒ **NEW** Twin Sized Comforters
- ⇒ **NEW** Twin Sized Sheets
- ⇒ Crayola or similar-type markers
- ⇒ Board Books (for babies or young readers)
- ⇒ Play-Dough
- ⇒ NEW Collapsible Hampers
- ⇒ Small Smart TVs
- ⇒ City of Valparaiso Bus Tokens
- ⇒ Gift Cards: Gas Cards, Walmart, Dollar Stores, Stracks, Target, Meijer

Bolded and underlined items should be given to the office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK US OUT ONLINE:

MOVERSFORMOMS.COM

Thank you so much—your donations are amazing!!