



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
November 2, 2025

Faith Formation Opportunities ~ *Sundays 9:20 a.m.*

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
11/2	Getting to Know CLC	Faith at Work Preschool Teachers and Childcare	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
11/9	ANNUAL MEETING		Bible Survey D. Keammerer
11/16		Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
11/23		Sabbath as Resistance Saying NO to the Culture of Now	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

November 16

In Adult Forum, there begins a 5-session look at the valuable concepts expressed in a book entitled **Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now**, written by theologian and Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann. The author addresses our 24/7 society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform and possess. We'll explore together how keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all of life. Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation. The conversation promises to be of value even if one can not attend all 5 sessions. Reading the book is not required to participate in the conversation. (Note: If you do choose to purchase and read this small book, it is available from Audiobooks, Amazon, American Book Warehouse, wjkbooks.com, abebooks.com)



The CLC Youth Silent Auction has begun. Check out all the items in the East Link!!

Make Your Gifts Give Twice!

CLC's Alternative Gifts Fair is coming to the Gathering Space on Sunday, November 30 and December 7, from 8-noon. Shop for ways to support fair trade, charitable organizations and local ministries. More details coming!

CLC Social Ministry and Mission November 2025

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 **Daybreak Shelter (including Men's Resale Shop)** daybreakshelter.org and **Gabriel's Horn (in conjunction with Family Promise of P.C.)** www.gabrielshelter.org



Daybreak Shelter (500 Don Hovey Drive) and **Men's Resale Shop** (2102 N. Calumet Ave.) support our unhoused neighbors in Valparaiso – Daybreak's vision is that one day there will be a home for every unhoused individual within the City. Daybreak offers a 24-bed primary shelter for men, a co-ed overnight warming/cooling shelter, and a day center where individuals can receive case management and support as they work toward

attaining housing. See Daybreak's webpage for volunteer signups to volunteer to prepare and/or serve a dinner at Daybreak. The Resale Shop is always in need of donated furniture and appliances. Please see a separate announcement in CLC weekly E-News about smaller items needed for donation to Daybreak during the month of November.



Gabriel's Horn in South Haven/Portage (792 McCool Road) is a Shelter for Homeless Women and Children. The short term shelter with supportive services include an aftercare program, arts & crafts classes, counseling, case management, and transportation. The Shelter helps lives rebuild, return to independence, and find dignity and hope – together creating a supportive environment where dreams of stability become reality. Please see a separate announcement in CLC weekly E-News about items needed for donation to Gabriel's Horn during the month of November.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in November (over and above giving - combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Daybreak Shelter** and **Gabriel's Horn** continue to thrive. Use your weekly worship giving envelope with check to CLC and indicate "Daybreak" or "Gabriel's Horn" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website clcvalpo.org via the "Give" button. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.



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Quarterly Statements

THANK YOU for your commitment to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! Your contributions to the operating fund support our mission to be the heart and hands of Christ in our community: here in this congregation, in Valparaiso, and beyond. During the past few months, your gifts enabled us to:

- Nurture the faith and curiosity of 129 preschoolers attending Little Lamb Preschool;
- Continue to welcome and accompany a refugee family from Venezuela as they settle into their new home in Valparaiso;
- Rejoice as one congregation at our combined summer worship services;
- Join with our siblings in Christ from many congregations for our joyful Worship in the Park;
- Welcome new and returning students to Sunday School, Fusion, Circle, and Confirmation;
- Continue our commitment to nurture our faith through formation hour classes, book groups, and Bible studies;
- Provide meeting space for We Make Indiana, Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, grief support group, Stephen Ministry and others;
- Say goodbye to our Director of Youth Ministries, Kaitlyn, as she moved to Illinois and continued her studies at Luther Seminary;
- Offer needed vacation time to our hard-working staff;
- Repay \$1,900 borrowed from our restricted funds;
- Raise \$8,698 to share with the ministries of ELCA Global Missions (Selian Lutheran Hospital), AMOS, Global Refuge, Lutheran Braille Workers, Compass International, and Project Neighbors – Freedom Recovery Fund.

YOUR GIFTS to our ministry help us to accomplish all this and more - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Please check your email for your third-quarter giving statement. Statements were sent electronically on Monday, October 20; look for an email from Subsplash Giving (noreply@secure.subsplash.com). If you do not receive your statements electronically and would like a paper copy, please call the church office or email our Business Manager, Heather Budnik (heather.budnik@clcvalpo.org). Thank you for being an important part of changing lives through the work of Christ Lutheran Church!

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Our congregation will meet **Sunday November 9, 2025 at 9:20am in the Sanctuary** for our **Annual Meeting**, gathering for prayer, conversation, and discussion. Join us as we hear stories of the impact of our year in ministry, thank our Council leadership, and elect our leaders for the coming year.

Copies of our Annual Report will be available soon in the Gathering Space.

Questions can be directed to Angela Wehner, Council President, or Pastor Tim.

CIRCLE Dinner Providers Needed

Meals are needed for the high school youth group. Circle meets every Sunday from 6-8pm, with a meal to start at 6:00. Would you be willing to cook a meal and share it with the kids? You would be cooking for about 15 people and are welcome to stay for fellowship. If you are interested, please sign up [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Attention All CLC Musicians



Over the last few years we have had a great opportunity of having a youth orchestra providing beautiful music for our 4:00 pm family service on Christmas Eve.

Since it has been a success, I'd like to extend an invitation to **all** members of our congregation this year who play or have played an instruments in the past to be a part of an "Intergenerational Orchestra" for our family service. Moms, dads, siblings, cousins, and friends are all welcome to participate this year. If you are interested, please speak with me after any of our Sunday morning worship services, or email me at brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org. Music will be available to pickup in the Music Room starting **November 23rd**. Brass, strings, woodwinds, and percussion—so dust off that trumpet or trombone, tune up that violin or cello, and come be a part of our Christmas Eve celebrations!

Brian Bartusch/Director of Music Ministries

A vibrant poster for the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off. The background is a mix of orange, green, and red with wavy borders. It features illustrations of a red chili pepper, a bowl of chili, and green leaves. The text is arranged in a clear, eye-catching layout.

3rd Annual
**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

NO SIGN-UP NECESSARY!!

Details:

- drop off begins at 4:00 PM
- Side dishes and desserts welcome
- There will be prizes and bragging rights!

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT CRYSTAL KOSS:
TEAMRIDLEY03@GMAIL.COM

WORK AT CLC

Youth Leader Position Available

Please click on link for more information:

<https://clcvalpo.org/work-at-clc>



October 2025



CLC ENDOWMENT CORNER...

“Give it your all.” You’ve probably heard that from a coach, mentor or loved one sometime in your life. But when it comes to planning your estate, you don’t have to take an all-or-nothing approach.

You may have many people and causes you love—and wonder how you can possibly take care of them all after you’re gone. **Here’s the solution:** Harness the power of percentages and divide your “estate pie” so everyone and everything you care about gets a slice.

Here’s how:

1. **Take inventory of your estate. It’s likely larger than you think.** Assets such as real estate, life insurance, and investment and retirement accounts can quickly add up.
2. **Determine which people and causes you’d like to benefit and in what percentages.** You can provide for loved ones and still make a big difference with 10%, 5%—even 1%. You don’t need a fortune to make an impact.
3. **Create or update your will or update your beneficiaries to align with your percentages.** Contact your estate planning attorney or use an online planning tool for your will. Adding or changing beneficiaries for accounts such as IRAs or life insurance is as simple as filling out a paper or online form.

One more advantage of giving percentages of your estate: Your gift automatically adjusts in proportion to the size of your estate. That means that each beneficiary’s share will remain aligned with your intentions no matter what.

WE’RE HERE FOR YOU

Scan our QR code to contact your regional ELCA gift planner for a no-obligation discussion about creating a legacy that will share God’s grace and the love of Christ for years to come.

Endowment Funds ending balance as of 9/30/2025 = \$153,602.66.

The account balance is reflective of the market value as of 9/30/2025. The balance remains invested and is subject to market fluctuations.

Thank you.
The Endowment Committee



**South Shore Brass Band presents a
'Side-By-Side Concert'**

Today, November 2 at 5 pm

**Christ Lutheran Church
2610 Campbell St. Valpo, IN**

Adults \$10 ~ Seniors \$8 ~ Students \$5 ~ Preschool Free

Trivia Fundraiser Benefits CLC Refugee Group



You are invited to attend, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?," a trivia night fundraiser that will benefit the CLC refugee support group. The event is sponsored by a new social justice group presenting on current topics and raising funds for local charities.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Trivia Night Event
Saturday, November 8
4-7pm at Christ Lutheran Church in the Activity Center

Tickets: \$25/person, \$175/table (8 seats)

Dress like Mr. Rogers! Teams are welcome!

For questions, contact Lucas at (219) 508-1497
or lucas.ebaker@gmail.com



Let's Fill The Gap!

Fill the church grocery carts by the front entrance and the boxes in the Gathering Space to support our Social Ministry partner organizations this month.

GABRIEL'S HORN is collecting for their clients and to support local food pantries during this lap in SNAP benefits.

DAYBREAK needs items since they are at full capacity in their men's shelter side (will be up to 50 soon) and the warming shelter side will be filling up with the colder Temperatures.

Here are items needed that you can bring to church for the pantries:

Cereals (low sugar, multigrain and kid friendly options)

Instant oatmeal packages

Pancake mix and syrup

Breakfast bars

Canned vegetables and fruit

Canned soups and stews

Canned pasta meals

Canned tuna and chicken

Rice (any kind)

Mac and cheese

Pasta and pasta sauce

Peanut Butter and jelly

Apple sauce cups

Trail mixes

Popcorn packs

Animal crackers

Flour, sugar, spices

Cooking oil

Hot chocolate

Coffee and teas

100% Juice boxes

For Daybreak shelter:

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Gallon Ziplock bags

Laundry detergent pods (unscented is best)

Attention Thrivent Members:

Thrivent Action Team Grants can be used for either shelter. Please contact Diana Iltzsche if you have Thrivent and need help completing a grant. They are very user friendly and helping feed or house neighbors is always something Thrivent wants to help members support.

Diana Iltzsche (219-628-0950) or diltzsche@hotmail.com.



Aviva Valparaiso

TOILETRIES DRIVE

benefiting



Your donations will directly support
seniors,
people with disabilities and low income
residents in Porter County.

Items Needed: Tooth Paste, Dental Floss, Deodorant,
Toilet Paper and Feminine Hygiene products

Donations can be dropped off
between October 27th-November 21st
at



Assisted Living and Memory Care

1300 Vale Park Rd Valparaiso
219-531-2484

CLC Retreat - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for our annual congregational retreat:
February 20-22, 2026 at Lindenwood Retreat Center in Plymouth, IN

**Senior Group Outing
Glass Blowing
Thursday, November 20, 2025**

FIELD TRIP to the Hot Shop Valpo Glass Company, 955 Joliet Road, Valpo. The Hot Shop will not be charging us any fees for the outing, unless you want to purchase something.

For those interested, lunch gathering to follow at the Chili Bowl.

If you have not already signed up, please call Beth Bigham at 847 323 2512 so you may be added to the signup sheet and to the carpooling list if needed.

Carpooling from church will be available at 9:15 a.m. Please indicate on signup sheet if carpooling is needed. Glass presentation will begin at glass shop at 10:00 a.m.

Questions: Beth Bigham 847 323 2512.

November Altar Gifts

Holy Communion	Sara/Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of Allen & Helene Bauer
	Vickie White ~ In Memory of William
Altar Candles	Michael/Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Paul Bretscher
	Grace/Jeff Safrin ~ Celebrating our daughter, Kelly's Birthday
Eternal Lamp	Bill/Diana Iltzsche ~ Celebrating our daughter, Elisabeth's 47th Birthday
	Vickie White ~ In Memory of William

Christ Lutheran Church offers a Grief Support Group every other week on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 am in the Conference Room. (209). The group serves adults who have experienced a loss of a spouse, parent, child, friend, or neighbor.

Come when you can. Coffee and Kleenex available.

The group is facilitated by Cheryl Slack, a Stephen Minister. You may contact her at 219-241-0677 or one of the pastors if you have any questions.

Upcoming dates are November 12 and 26; December 10 and 31; January 14, 2026.

All persons experiencing grief are welcome to attend.

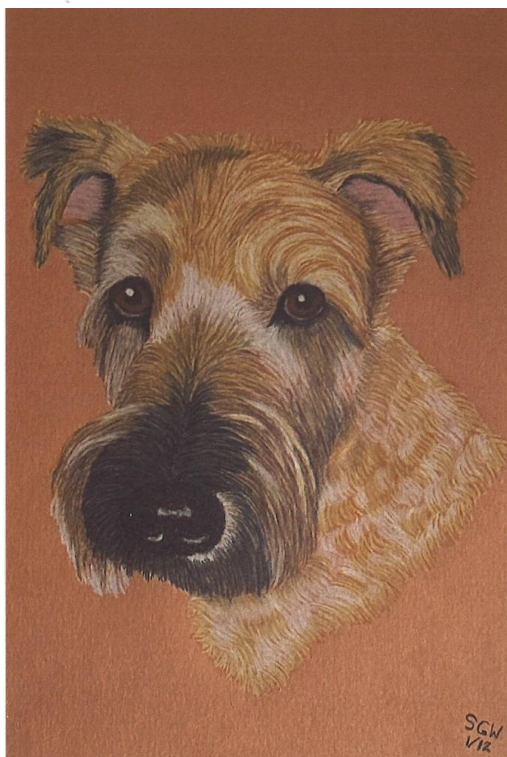
“Drawing on the Past” - Stu Walesh
ART RECEPTION & CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2 pm
The Village Gallery at Pines Village

Stu discovered art in 2008 through a community art class in Florida. What began as a whim became a meaningful practice. His colored pencil and acrylic works reflect curiosity, gratitude, and a life filled with family, travel, and community.

“Every drawing has a special meaning for me. Selecting a subject helps me recall a person, place, pet, trip, or event that brought joy to me and others. I try to capture and celebrate past blessings and pleasures.” –Stu Walesh

Stu passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025.

His family will present his work at the opening of *Drawing on the Past*. Stu’s artwork can be viewed at The Village Gallery through January 28, 2026.



QUILTS

Quilts Completed:



BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED-0

NOVEMBER NEEDS-All clothing items can be used and 4 ounce bars of gentle soap.

INTERESTING FACT-The LWR Calendar year begins in November for 2026. 700 Baby Care Kits were assembled in 2025.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-0

NOVEMBER NEEDS-Cotton fabric in 3 yard lengths.

INTERESTING FACT-136 Fabric Kits were packed in 2025.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

Cans collected-0

NOVEMBER NEEDS-CANS, CANS, and MORE CANS-FILL THAT RED TRUCK !

INTERESTING FACT-\$190 were earned in 2025 from our CAN COLLECTION!

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Continuing with our tradition at CLC, we are taking up a collection for Christmas gifts for our CLC Staff. If you are interested in contributing, please either drop off your contribution to Jen at the church office or place it in the offering plate with the designation "Staff Christmas Gift." It is our intention to divide the funds evenly among all of our CLC staff.

Christmas will be here before you know it, please have all contributions in by **Sunday, December 21. If you have any questions, please contact any Church Council Officer.**