



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
November 23, 2025

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

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
11/23		Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now Edie Eickmeyer	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
11/30		Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now Edie Eickmeyer	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
12/7		Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now Edie Eickmeyer	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT for November 23 and 30 2025....

You're invited to join a series of conversations with Adult Forum in the Church Hall. We'll explore together what it means to be Sabbath people, through ideas presented in a book entitled **SABBATH AS RESISTANCE: Saying No to the Culture of Now**, written by Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann. Together we'll explore how "remembering" Sabbath allows us to break the restless cycle of our 24/7 society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform and possess; and focus on what is truly important: God, other people and all of life. The Spirit is sure to be present as siblings of faith engage for mutual encouragement and growth. Please grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation. Neither attendance at all sessions nor reading the book are required to participate.

(Note: If you choose to purchase this small book, it is available from Audiobooks, Amazon, American Book Warehouse, wjkbbooks.com, abebooks.com. You might also purchase it through local book sellers.)

CLC Social Ministry and Mission November 2025

Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity pertaining to hunger, homelessness/housing, or mission. November'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

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 clevalpo.org via the "Give" button. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Advent Worship Services

Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17

7:00 p.m.

In-person & Livestream

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Pie Fellowship

Blue Christmas/Longest Night

First Christian Church

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 p.m. (new time)

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

In-person & Livestream

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28

Lessons and Carols

One Service Only

9:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream

Christmas Poinsettias



We will be ordering beautiful Christmas Poinsettias for our altar. **Please order a plant by Sunday, December 14;** there are order forms in the Gathering Place or you may call the church office at 462-6660 and let them know you would like to provide one or more!

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.



Please, please, please consider helping during worship as an acolyte, lector, prayer assistant, communion assistant, ushering, light/sound tech, livestream tech. It is open to adults and children.

Let the office know if you have any questions.

Please, please, please help— you are already sitting in the pews and it only takes a few minutes of your worship time. Thank you!

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 giving envelopes are available. You will find them in the Gathering Place, in the church hall and by the church office.



Please me Jen Bias know if you have any questions.

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.



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



Thursday Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Followed by
Pie Fellowship!



Please join us for an Evening Prayer Worship Service with Holy Communion followed by our Pie Fellowship!

You are invited to bring a pie to share (please pre-cut the pie)...or...come without a pie and enjoy the fellowship after worship!!

We need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up for Pie Fellowship.

Please click on link or QR code:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/60B094CA9AC2EA4FB6-60285385-thanksgiving#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094CA9AC2EA4FB6-60285385-thanksgiving#/)



COLORING BOOK DRIVE

November 15—December 22
Donation Box in the
Gathering Place/Welcome Center

Please consider donating coloring
books and crayons for children at
local family organizations such as
Family House, Hilltop House,
and The Caring Place.

Got a suggestion for a good place?
Let me know!

Contact Lucas
at lucas.ebaker@gmail.com
(219) 508-1497 with questions.



CLC Endowment Corner- November 2025

The greatest joy that comes with God's blessings is the opportunity to bless others. Abundance is a gift to be shared. Acts 20:35 quotes Jesus when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Your legacy of generosity does more than provide for your family and the causes dear to your heart, it also brings deep joy and extraordinary fulfillment as you plan to make a difference for years to come.

Did you know you can support the ELCA ministries that matter to you, including **CLC's Endowment Fund**, without affecting your daily budget? Scan our QR code to read ***Save Your Money Today, make a Difference Anyway*** and learn about gifts that cost you nothing today but can make a generational impact.



CLC Retreat



Save the date! Our CLC 2026 Retreat will be held February 20-22, 2026.

Living as a Christian When the Ground Feels Shaky - we'll hear the faith stories of our CLC neighbors, join in worship and Bible study, good rest and great community!

Porter County We Make Indiana Update Meeting — Monday, Nov. 25 at CLC

Our community is stepping into an important season of action for housing justice in Valparaiso and across Indiana.

At our final chapter meeting of the year, we'll prepare for our upcoming stakeholder meeting with City Planner Bob Thompson as the city advances its major zoning overhaul. We'll also continue our ongoing research meetings with state legislators and housing experts, gathering the information needed to explore a potential statewide housing campaign that could bring more funding, stronger policy, and real relief for renters and aspiring homeowners. Our goal remains clear: unlock homes that families can actually afford.

Join us Monday, November 25, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church as we map out next steps and celebrate the work we've accomplished together this year. All are welcome.

Shop for gifts that *Make a Difference!*
Christ Lutheran's Alternative Giving Fair
Support fair trade, give a gift in someone's name, help local organizations
Sunday, November 30 and December 7
8:00 - noon
Gathering Space

*** Please bring cash and checks as well as cards**

Along with fair trade coffee, chocolate and tea, you'll find products from:



Tree of Life helps to provide equal opportunity for all to work, including women and the rural poor, by importing handmade products by artisans in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. They pay a fair price to allow their producers to greatly increase their standard of living, supporting economic justice. <http://thetreeoflifeimports.com>



Through the upcycling of old, discarded material resources within the culture, PeaceCYCLE creatively empowers locals in Haiti to be inspired that beautiful things can be created out of what was once seen with little value. <http://www.peacecycle.com/>



As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love. <https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>



SHARE Foundations' Sharing Meadows is a 200-acre residential community located in Laporte, IN. The Villagers have very full lives, including daily work schedules.

SHARE's goal is to provide life long possibilities for these individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their products are handmade by the Villagers: our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities who work and live at Sharing Meadows. <https://sharefoundation.org/>

Union Community Church

Union, located in the heart of Valpo near the university campus, is rehabbing a house on their property, with wise guidance and support from Paul Schreiner and his Project Neighbors volunteers. Paul has made a music CD to help raise funds for this effort— or you can simply make a donation.

DAYBREAK

Our local shelter offers a 24-bed primary shelter for men, a co-ed overnight warming/cooling center, and a day center where individuals can receive case management and support as they work toward attaining housing. <https://daybreakvalpo.org/>



Stewardship had it's annual chili cookoff! Results were: Venison Chili by Betty Luckett named God's Gift to Chili (overall best) Best Side Hustle (side dish) Cornbread Casserole by Greg Copeland Blessing of the Babes (kids' choice) and Lucifer's Fire (Hottest) both went to Jon Bull! A great time was had by all.



WORD GAMES &

P u z z l e s



Games for Kids at the Crisis Center

This Advent season we are partnering with Bethel Lutheran Church to provide games and puzzles for kids who come to the Crisis Center in Gary, Indiana. The youths who come to the Crisis Center are in need of emergency shelter. This year, the Crisis Center has asked Bethel and CLC to provide games and puzzles – new

or gently used – for the Crisis Center to have available so the kids who are staying temporarily at the center will have fun things to do. The donations are for kids aged 10-20 but most of the kids fall in the age range of 12-17.

The Crisis Center began as a crisis hotline with volunteers in 1971 and has grown to include the Alternative House emergency shelter for children and youth, Safe Place outreach to youth in crisis and Teen Court prevention and early intervention services for youth.

If you'd like to help, please bring your games and puzzles – new or gently used – and leave them on the designated table in the Gathering Place on Sundays from November 30th to December 14th. No need to wrap these donations.

Have questions? Contact Kathy Sutherland or a member of the Social Ministries Committee.

Got coins or cash tucked away from past travels?

If you have any foreign coins or paper currency remaining from past travels, please consider placing them in the offering plate. It will be sorted and sent to support UNICEF's mission to aid children in need around the world. Let those leftover euros, pesos, yen or pounds go to good use!



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!

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 26; December 10 and 31;
January 14, 2026.

All persons experiencing grief are welcome to attend.

ALTAR GIFTS

**THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING
2026 GIFTS**

COMMUNION WINE \$50

ALTAR CANDLES \$50

ETERNAL LAMP \$50

SIGN-UP LOCATED NEAR THE WELCOME CENTER

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!
(THE RED TRUCK HAS RETURNED)**

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.**