



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
December 21, 2025

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

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
12/21 No Sunday School	Youth Christmas Program		Bible Survey D. Keammerer

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Red Cross Blood Drive Results (unofficial)

46 potential donors (7 were deferred)

43 units of whole blood (4 of which were power reds)

5 CLC members were among the donors

17 CLC volunteers to help register and offer refreshments to the donors

Thank you to our Red Cross Volunteers—you helped the Red Cross in a very special way!

A big thanks for Karen Seykowski who pulls all of this together!



**American
Red Cross**

NEEDED: CHRISTMAS CARDS
WHEN: ANYTIME
WHERE: SANDY KEAMMERER'S MAILBOX

Sandy collects cards all year, so keep them 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 December 31; January 14, 2026.

All persons experiencing grief are welcome to attend.

CIRCLE Dinner Providers Needed for 2026

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.



CLC Retreat



Registration is now open for the CLC 2026 Retreat: Living as a Christian When the Ground Feels Shaky

We'll gather at the Lindenwood Retreat Center in Plymouth Feb 20-22, hearing stories of faith and sharing in study, worship, and fellowship. Follow the QR code below to register online!

Any questions ask Don MacMillan or Pastor Erica.



December Altar Gifts

<u>Holy Communion</u>	Bill and Diana Iltzsche ~ In Celebration of our daughter, Natalie Morrison's, 43rd Birthday!
	In Loving Memory of Joyce Foreman
<u>Altar Candles</u>	Sara and Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of Carson and Vera Abbott (Grandparents)
<u>Eternal Lamp</u>	Bill and Diana Iltzsche ~ In Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

2025 End of Year Contributions

As we approach the end of 2024, please take a moment to read the following guidelines for year-end giving.

All contributions received by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, will be recorded in 2025. Please remember to clearly write your name, the amount of the contribution, and the purpose of the donation (operating budget, social ministry, etc.) on your envelope. (Tip: Several of our members use return address labels on their envelopes – quick and easy and please do not give contributions to Heather Budnik, please give them to the Financial Secretary or Jen Bias—thank you).

Our envelopes have preprinted lines for Operating Budget, Social Ministry Monthly Emphasis, and Special Offering (for any other offerings). Please indicate the amount for each fund on the appropriate line. If your gift is designated for something other than the Operating Budget or Social Ministry Monthly Emphasis, please indicate the amount and the purpose. **Please note that all contributions that are not designated will be put towards the Operating Budget.** If you don't have preprinted envelopes, feel free to use one of our pew envelopes (located in the pews and on top of the indoor lockbox outside the church office).

The church can accept gifts of securities! If you would like to transfer securities to the church, or if you would like to transfer the proceeds from the sale of securities to the church, please contact the church office for more information.

Thank you for your faithful contributions to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact the church office.

CLC Social Ministry and Mission December 2025



INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD

*"Where every member is a missionary,
every pastor is a mission director,
and every congregation is a mission center."*



Bethel Lutheran Church – Miller/Gary

December's Social Ministry emphasis is to provide monetary support, along with continuing collaborative activities, with **Bethel Lutheran Church**, a diverse, urban ELCA congregation in the Miller neighborhood of Gary, Indiana (part of NW Indiana Conf. Of IK Synod) bethelmiller.org and [facebook.com/bethelmillerbeach](https://www.facebook.com/bethelmillerbeach). Bethel's Pastor is Rev. Joy Heine. Bethel means "house of God" and members believe strongly "that the God of Jesus Christ truly is present as they regularly gather in fellowship around his Word and sacraments". CLC has partnered with Bethel over many years, including our 5th joint worship service at a Gary park this past summer, and it is wonderful to further build relationships with a sister congregation. In December CLC and Bethel are partnering on a donation project with the Crisis Center in Gary.

Little Lamb Preschool Scholarship Needs

There are several families this year that are in need of tuition assistance scholarships. Little Lamb has used most of our current scholarship funds to assist with this. Unfortunately, we are forecasting even more need in our spring semester. Christ Lutheran has always been such a generous partner in helping with our families' needs.

Please consider donating to our scholarship fund so that we can help with this growing need for tuition assistance. Donating to the scholarship fund is an easy process. You may donate by check (made out to Little Lamb Preschool) or by using the *Give Directly* tab on the CLC website. Please specify Little Lamb Preschool.

Thank you very much for all you do to help this ministry.