



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
December 7, 2025

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

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
12/7		Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now Edie Eickmeyer	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
12/14		Faith and Resilience Reprise OR Faith at work—Scientists/Creation Care?	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
12/21 No Sunday School	Youth Christmas Program		Bible Survey D. Keammerer
12/28 No Sunday School			Bible Survey D. Keammerer



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.

CLC Social Ministry and Mission December 2025



*"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 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.
- CLC began as an ELCA suburban mission congregation almost 55 years ago. The I-K Synod Mission and Urban Congregation programs some years ago refocused on needs of urban, rural, and diverse congregations.
- 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 **Bethel Lutheran** thrive with outreach activities to organizations such as Interfaith Action Network, Crisis Center, and Sojourner Truth House. Use your weekly worship giving envelope with a check to CLC and indicate "Bethel" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website clevalpo.org via the "Give" button. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

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.



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.

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 10 and 31; January 14, 2026.

All persons experiencing grief are welcome to attend.

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!



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Advent Worship Services

Wednesday, December 10, 17 @ 7:00 p.m.
In-person & Livestream

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

WORD GAMES &



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.

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, 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/>

THE ANGEL TREE IS HERE!

Christ Lutheran Church has organized a way for you to give to others who need some help during the upcoming Christmas Season. Recipients of these angel gifts are for our families in the community.

Please take an angel, replace with ornament and return present gift wrapped by Friday, December 19.

QUILTS

Quilts Completed:



BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED-50

DECEMBER NEEDS-Sizes 6 months to 2T-Jackets, sweaters, and sweat shirts. Flannel fabric in yardage of 1 yard and more.

INTERESTING FACT-2003 was the start of LWR BABY CARE KITS (Layettes) at CLC.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED- 8

December Needs-Cotton fabric in 3 yard lengths and financial support. Place financial support marked Fabric Kit Project. It will then be put in that account.

INTERESTING FACT-CLC started the fabric project in 2016.

PERSONAL CARE KITS. As we begin a new LWR year, any donations are greatly appreciated. Place in the offering plate with the notation "Personal Care Kits." By buying needed items in bulk, we can get considerably more for our money.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

Cans collected-2025-500 pounds

Money Raised-2025-\$250

GOAL Completed 11/25 for 2025-\$250.

DECEMBER NEEDS-PARTY CANS- If you are having a party or family get together over the holiday and aluminum cans will be there, BE SURE TO BRING THE EMPTY CANS TO THE RED FORD TRUCK.

Money earned from the cans buys SOAP FOR THE LWR PROJECTS.

INTERESTING FACT-Can collection began in 2022.

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.**