



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE  
June 18, 2023

## Faith Formation Opportunities

*Sundays 9:20 a.m.*

Date	Sanctuary	120
June 18	<b>Costa Rica Trip Forum</b> What's It All About? with Diana Iltzsche	<b>The Righteous Reign of God</b> Dave Keammerer
June 25	<b>Introducing a New Liturgy from</b> "All Creation Sings" with Brian Bartusch	<b>The Righteous Reign of God</b> Dave Keammerer

## Cost Rica Mission Team 2023

Becky & Maddie Fry  
Kathy Page  
Kurt & Kathy Stefans  
Kathy Lundstrom  
Phil Hahn  
Bill & Diana Iltzsche  
Lucas, Sally, Isabel & Lucas Ecklund-Baker  
Sally & Delaney Schlesinger  
Valerie Hernes  
Steve, Faith, Joshua & Abigail Vittitoe  
Karen Harper  
Ruthie Ridley

Lift them up in your  
prayers for a successful  
and safe trip.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

This June, the American Red Cross asks donors to make plans now to give blood or platelets after a concerning shortfall in donations last month. The Red Cross collected over 26,000 fewer blood donations than needed in May to meet the needs of patients.

The start of summer can shake up normal routines, but donation appointments can't fall off the calendar. It's crucial for donors to make and keep their scheduled times to give throughout the summer season.

**To help collect blood for patients in need this summer, Christ Lutheran Church - Valparaiso is hosting a blood drive on 6/19/2023.** Here is how you can register:

- Download the Blood Donor App and schedule on the app
- Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and let them know you would like to register for this specific drive or visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org), and search sponsor code: ChristLutheranValpo



## ***Your church will be working hard this summer – and we need your help!***



While we are all enjoying the beautiful weather, vacations, holidays, and time with family, your church leadership will continue to work behind the scenes. We are very busy! During the summer months, we:

- Continue to worship as usual, with the addition of a third worship service on Thursday evenings;
- Continue to maintain our building;
- Serve our friends at New Creations Men's Center with meals on Saturday evenings;
- Welcome children for VBS and STEAM Camp at LLP;
- Coordinate all the details that make confirmation camp, the high school mission trip, and the Costa Rica Mission Trip run smoothly;
- Prepare to welcome 142 children to Little Lamb Preschool in August;
- Create plans to continue our faith formation, youth, and music ministries in the fall.

***To keep these ministries running, we need your financial support now, just as we do all year long. There are many ways to support your congregation:***

- When attending worship, you can drop cash or checks in the offering plate.
- If you are unable to attend worship, you can mail your offerings to the church, or you can place them in the lockbox outside the office door (Door #3).
- You can give electronically through Subsplash, using the instructions below.
  - \* Go to our website: [www.clcvalpo.org](http://www.clcvalpo.org). Under the "Give" menu, select "Give Now." This will take you to the church's mail giving page.
  - \* Enter the amount of your contribution. Use the slide bar next to the amount to select the frequency. You can choose "One Time," or you can choose another option to setup a recurring offering. Click "Next."
  - \* You will be prompted to setup your account, or you can continue as a guest. (If you already have an account, use the icon at the top right of the screen to log in to your account.) You can use email (most people use this option), Apple, or Facebook to create your account.
  - \* Follow the prompts to enter your contribution, then click the "Give Now" button.

***Thank you for continuing to support***

***Christ Lutheran Church!***



## CLC Social Ministry and Mission June 2023

*As you do it for the least of these, you do it for Christ. (Matthew 25:40)*

Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity. June's emphasis is providing support for the **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana** <http://www.foodbanknwi.org> and **Project Neighbors** <https://projectneighbors.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectNeighbors>.



The **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's** (FBNI) mission is "to provide food for hungry people in NW Indiana through a network of charities increasing public awareness and advocating solutions for the issues involved with hunger and acting as an info & referral source to the community".

FBNI is based in Merrillville and is affiliated with and meets the guidelines of Feeding America [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org) and distributes over 2 million pounds of goods/year through 90 network charities in NW Indiana.

**Project Neighbors** (454 College Ave.) is a Not-for-Profit organization in Valpo. By addressing issues of race, class and poverty,



Project Neighbors' goal is to build healthy families and neighborhoods, where diversity of all kinds is welcomed and cherished. Project Neighbors' accomplishments in Valparaiso include affordable housing at Caroline's Place and Neighbor's Place and Respite House, childcare and preschool at Hilltop House, community health centers in HealthLinc, and the region's only low-power, all-volunteer community radio station, WVLP, among other "risks-turned-rewards."

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in June (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 "FBNWI/PN" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website <https://clevelandpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

### Quilts

2023 Goal: 500

Quilts Completed: **227**

### Baby Care Kits

2023 Goal: 500

Kits Completed: **520**

### Fabric Care Kits

2023 Goal: 150


Kits Completed: **96**

### Personal Care Kits

Kits Completed: **555**

Baby Care Kits - 2023 CLC Goal of 500 Reached on June 5, 2023.  
Current kits total-520.

Lutheran World Relief indicates the need for LWR kits is great due to continuing natural disasters, poverty, and displacement of individuals.

Thanks to all who have contributed to LWR kits in any way. LWR 2023 year for Christ Lutheran ends on October 28. That is the day the truck arrives in our parking lot to pickup donations from our church and surrounding  for LWR. We will continue to assemble kits for this year until the pickup time.

## Opportunities for discussion and learning from the Deepening Our Welcome team.

The DOW team read and listened to the responses to our recent Welcome Statement Exploratory Survey and, from those responses, we have developed a series of learning and listening opportunities for the summer. Please join us whenever you can!

### Deepening Our Welcome - Summer Book Group

**Thursdays in July: July 13, 20, 27 at 6:00pm in the Church Hall)**



Join us for a three-week discussion of the book One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins by Emmy Kegler. We will meet at 6:00pm in the Church Hall. Bring your own dinner! We will eat together as we discuss the book. We will end our time together in enough time to participate in Thursday Evening Outside Worship at 7:30pm. The dates for the study are **July 13, 20, 27**. You can buy the book [here](#) or [here](#) or at the bookstore of your choice. If you need help purchasing the book, please contact the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Sue McPherson (219-771-4328) or Edie Eickemeyer (219-242-7184).

*Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her - both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out - appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise.*

The author is an ordained Lutheran pastor in the ELCA.

### Summer Adult Forum - Sundays at 9:20am in the Church Hall



The Deepening Our Welcome team welcomes you to bring your coffee and join us for the following forums:

**July 9: Clunky Questions** - We often hear people with good intentions feel they aren't able to ask questions about what it means to be LGBTQ because they are afraid of offending someone or they don't have the right words with which to ask. Come and join us to watch and discuss responses to some of these "Clunky Questions"

**July 23: Transgender Issues In the News** Come learn about issues facing our siblings in the transgender community.

**August 6: Listening Post** – come share your thoughts and questions about the Welcome Statement and about the work of the Deepening Our Welcome team.



## Save the Date for Worship at the Beach!



Bethel Lutheran in Gary and Christ Lutheran in Valparaiso will partner with five other faith congregations in the community to host a worship service and picnic at Marquette Park.

**When:** August 13<sup>th</sup> worship will begin at 10:30pm with a baptism at the Lake and followed by a picnic!

**Where:** Marquette Park, Area 5 (located by the Lagoon)

**Who:** We are partnering with our siblings from:

- Christ Lutheran, Hammond
- Cross of Christ, Crown Point
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Highland
- St. Barnabas Episcopal, Gary
- I am Holiness, Gary



**What can I do:** We need lots of volunteers – so watch this space!