



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
June 25, 2023

Faith Formation Opportunities <i>Sundays 9:20 a.m.</i>		
Date	Sanctuary	120 (Library)
June 25	Introducing a New Liturgy from "All Creation Sings" with Brian Bartusch	The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer
July 2		The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer
July 9	Deepening Our Welcome Questions & short introduction to Reconciling in Christ	The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer
July 16		The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer
July 23	Deepening Our Welcome Transgender—short clips and discussion	The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer
July 30		The Righteous Reign of God Dave Keammerer

Thank you and well done!

Our own Beth Coburn has been quietly serving on the national leadership board for the ELEA, the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association, for the past 8 years. Beth has been able to bring her experience and formation with our Little Lamb Preschool to help other programs, guide ongoing development, and navigate the turbulence of the Covid pandemic and recovery. As she finishes her term of service we want to thank her for her faithfulness and sharing herself with all the little ones across the country she has impacted. Thank you Beth, and well done!

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. 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!***



LWR School Kits

Even though it is just July, it's almost that time of year again – time to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief are an important lifeline for learners all around the world. As you purchase school supplies for your children, think about choosing supplies for others. There is a basket in the Gathering Space for donations, or you can purchase from an Amazon wish list and choose to have the items delivered directly to the church. There are a variety of suggestions on the list, with some items in bulk. The items on the wish list are [only suggestions](#); you may be able to find cheaper items as the inventory changes.

We will be collecting items through mid-October. The link to the Amazon wish list can be found by searching Amazon lists for "CLC School Kit," or by clicking the link below.

[Amazon CLC School Kit wish list](#)

Our goal this year is to collect enough supplies for 100 kits, each kit containing the following:

FOUR – 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (LWR cannot use loose-leaf paper). Usually, Walmart has these for 35 cents each, so it is probably best to wait until their stock is out in the store.

ONE – 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other (these are 2 for \$1 at Dollar General).

ONE – pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).

FIVE – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).

ONE – box of 16 or 24 crayons.

ONE – 2.5" eraser.

FIVE – unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.

We already have enough pencil sharpeners this year. If you find any great deals on supplies, please let me know at kathyjopage@gmail.com and I will share with others.

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 13th worship will begin at 10:30pm, will include 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!



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.

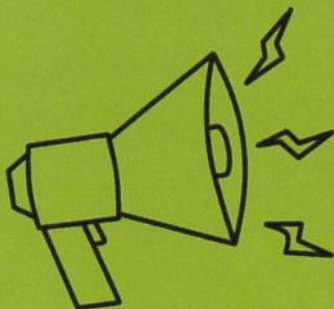
August 6: Listening Post – come share your thoughts and questions about the Welcome Statement and about the work of the Deepening Our Welcome team.



Suicide Prevention Workshop



Anthony Serrano will be leading this event. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology, celebrates 30 years of recovery from substance use and has lived experience with depression and suicide.



Join us to learn about resources in your community and how to best support your loved ones.

Christ Lutheran Church
2610 Campbell Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383

July
12TH
6-8pm

Please register at <https://preventionCLC.eventbrite.com>

This message brought to you by the Porter County Substance Abuse Council and IN Cares ECHO grant IDOH58532 providing prevention solutions in your community.



Men's shelter assistance needed

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...."

Our church has served as an overnight shelter for homeless men in Porter County for over ten years. This program is in danger and we need your help. We are briefly pausing this program so that we can plan and regroup. One of the things we need greatly is more volunteers to serve as overnight supervision, **starting July 15, 2023**. Each shift is 4.5 hours. You are there to make sure the men are comfortable and safe. Most of the time it is very quiet. Bring a book to read, movie to watch, work to do, etc. We will train you on what you need to know and pair you up with someone that has done it before. If you have done it before but not recently, we need you too. **Sign up for sessions is below.** If you have questions reach out to Diana Iltzsche, Benjamin Crill, Lisa Owen, or Tony Reinhold. **Thank you for your support of this amazing ministry!**

[Shelter Overnight Shifts](#)



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 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://clcvalpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

