



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
July 2, 2023

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

| Date | Sanctuary | 120 (Library) |
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| 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 |

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: **585**

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.

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 or use the QR Code. 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!***

Senior Group Gathering

Our senior group will be having its first outing on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at church at noon. Weather permitting, we will meet at the outdoor picnic area (patio) and will grill brats and hot dogs. If weather does not permit, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and grill outside anyway. The meat, buns and drinks will be provided. Please respond by Sunday, July 23 to Sue Reinhold (219.286.0784) or Beth Bigham (219. 477.3937) advising if you will be able to attend and whether you will be providing a salad or dessert. Thank you and look forward to seeing everyone.

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 use the QR code.

[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!





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. Bring your own dinner and we'll eat together as we discuss the book, ending our time together in enough time to participate in Thursday Evening Outside Worship at 7:30pm.



The book is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, 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 our discussion leaders, Sue McPherson (219-771-4328) or Edie Eickemeyer (219-242-7184).

About the book:

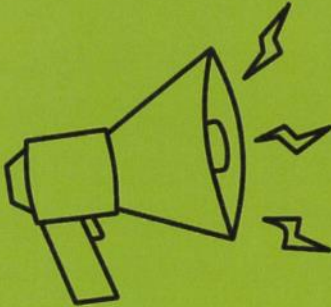
Emmy Kegler, an ordained ELCA pastor, has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate 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.

We're looking forward to seeing you at 6 pm on Thursday, June 13th!



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. **Use the QR code to sign-up.** 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!**



New Opportunities for Summer Adult Forum beginning Sunday, July 9th at 9:20am in the Church Hall



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.

Bring your coffee and join us for discussion and learning together!

CLC Social Ministry and Mission July 2023

Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity with July's emphases to provide monetary support for 1- **ELCA's Global Missions' Selian Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania Africa** and 2- **AMOS, "A Mission of Service" in Guatemala/Honduras.**

ELCA Global Mission



Selian Hospital, in Arusha, Tanzania <http://selianlh.or.tz> (founded by Mark and Linda Jacobson) continues to thrive

under local African leadership. CLC is designated as an ELCA missionary partner congregation and continues to support Selian in their ministry of "providing competent and compassionate medical care, promotion of community health programs and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

ELCA's Global Mission nurtures the ELCA's world engagement through the theology and practice of accompaniment by walking together with our global companions. Our work together has a multi-faceted approach to mission, from sending missionaries and personnel, to offering grants and scholarships designed to strengthen global church leadership and to support the ministries of companions. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission>



An AMOS <https://www.facebook.com/amissionofservice> ministry team, including CLC's Gail Mannington (Board member and Treasurer), regularly undertakes Medical Mission trips to Esquipulas, Guatemala. On each trip AMOS provides medical clinics, speech pathology services and education to remote mountain villages surrounding Esquipulas and Copan, Honduras

where residents have limited/no access to medical care.

During each trip the team sees and treats hundreds of patients in five clinic days, and the needs are voluminous. AMOS raises funds to purchase the prescription medications, ointments, vitamins to provide to this population and also collects over-the-counter medications for the mission team to take with them (CLC members have donated hundreds of pounds of over-the-counter medical items).

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in July (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 "Selian/AMOS" 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.

Hilltop Food Drive

**PLEASE PUT ITEMS IN THE BOX NEAR THE
COAT ROOM AND VESTRY**

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

- **CANNED SOUP**
- **PEANUT BUTTER**
- **MAC&CHEESE**
- **BEANS**
- **RAMEN NOODLES**
- **JELLY**
- **KLEENEX**
- **PAPER TOWELS**
- **DISH SOAP**
- **TOILET PAPER**

UNTIL JULY 9TH

**Questions? Contact Isabel Ecklund-Baker at
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