



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
July 27, 2025

Sometimes people ask **“What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”**

Stephen Ministers are there...

- after the phone call in the night that changes life forever
- after the baby comes home demanding more than they ever imagined possible
- after the funeral when everyone has left and emotions come crashing
- after the doctor says, “I am sorry, there is nothing else we can do”
- after the youngest child pulls out of the hug and heads into the dorm
- after the senior living director says “Welcome to your new home.”
- after the divorce papers are served and she wonders if she will ever trust again
- after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away\
- after the fire when rebuilding the home seems impossible
- after family have heard the story too often, but he still needs to talk about it

Stephen Ministers are well trained lay caregivers who provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times in life, providing hope and healing in the midst of their pain.

Maybe I Could Use a Stephen Minister.

CLC has 15 waiting for you or for someone you know in the community. Get information from any of us who wear those blue name tags or from either pastor.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

As much as we love summer, school supplies will soon be in the stores. And, as always, we will be collecting for Lutheran World Relief. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Our goal this year is to collect enough supplies through early October for 120 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).
- ONE** – 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- ONE** – pencil sharpener.
- ONE** – pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- FIVE** – **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers.
- FIVE** – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- ONE** – box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- ONE** – 2.5" eraser.

There is a basket in the Gathering Space for donations.

Collecting school supplies with your children is a reminder that we need to continue to love our neighbors, near and far. God’s love is everywhere! If you have any questions, please contact me at kathyjopage@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.





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Quarterly Statements

THANK YOU for your generosity to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! Your support of our ministries allows us to bring the love of Christ to our local community and beyond. As you can see, we are a busy congregation, even during the summer. During the past few months, Christ Lutheran:

- Celebrated our Little Lamb Preschool students who will be leaving us to move on to kindergarten;
- Inspired faith, creativity and exploration at our preschool's annual STEAM camp;
- Encouraged our youth to deepen their faith at Lutherwald's confirmation camp and senior high camp;
- Hosted a housing assembly with We Make Indiana, a local non-profit dedicated to making housing more affordable in our local community;
- Enjoyed an evening of fellowship and friendly competition at Trivia Night, which raised \$1,466 for our youth program;
- Continued to support a refugee family from Venezuela as they acclimate to life in Valparaiso;
- Rejoiced on Easter morning with shouts of "Alleluia!" and sounds of keys jingling, bells ringing, voices singing, and many instruments raising their songs to our risen Lord;
- Worshipped as one congregation at our combined summer worship services;
- Enjoyed fellowship with one another at a summer potluck after worship;
- Recognized and celebrated the accomplishments of our congregation's graduates and retirees as they move on to new adventures;
- Enriched our worship with beautiful artwork in our Gathering Space depicting the Beatitudes in Art, by artist Jen Norton;
- Introduced CLC Family Faith Gatherings, where all generations come together on a summer evening for food, fellowship, and service;
- Approved our Ministry Plan for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, making a commitment to raise \$924,629 to fund the ministries of this congregation and \$11,400 to repay cash borrowed from our restricted funds;
- Joyfully indicated \$559,694 in generosity through our "Who Is My Neighbor?" stewardship campaign, which supports the operating budget and allows us to continue serving our neighbors all over the world;
- Received a grant from the John W. Anderson Foundation, which will support our operating fund and allow us to complete much-needed property projects;
- Provided meeting space for Alcoholics Anonymous, and Gamblers Anonymous, grief support group, and other groups;
- Continued our commitment to nurture our faith through Sunday School, education hour classes, confirmation, Fusion, Circle, book groups, and Bible studies;
- Raised \$5,327 to share with the ministries of CoAction, Reconciling Works, LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County, Project Neighbors, and Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

YOUR GIFTS to our ministry help us to accomplish all this and more - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Please check your email for your second-quarter giving statement. Statements were sent electronically on Wednesday, July 23; look for an email from Subsplash Giving (noreply@secure.subsplash.com). If you do not receive your statements electronically and would like a paper copy, please call the church office or email our Business Manager, Heather Budnik (heather.budnik@clcvalpo.org). Thank you for being an important part of changing lives through the work of Christ Lutheran Church!

Spreading Joy, One Stitch at a Time

Libby Novack's confirmation project is all about spreading joy through small crocheted creations, and we're so thankful to everyone who joined us in May for our joyful making session!

Want to get involved? You're invited to knit or crochet pocket-sized creations anytime and drop it in the bin located in the Gathering Space at church. Yarn is available under the nursery desk, and if you're looking for ideas or patterns, feel free to email Faith Vittitoe at faithv@gmail.com.

We'll be collecting these cheerful little creations through the end of July—thank you for helping us share a little handmade happiness!

Quilts

Quilts Completed: 256



BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2025 GOAL-500/2025 GOAL COMPLETED on June 25.

JULY NEEDS are Girls and Boys jackets with/without hoods, sweaters, sweat shirts, tops & shirts.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2025 GOAL-150/KITS COMPLETED-96

JULY NEEDS are 100 per cent cotton fabric in solid colors or prints in 3 yard lengths.

PERSONAL CARE PROJECT

KITS COMPLETED-762

JULY NEED is cash to buy items in bulk in order to get the best price as possible for items.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT-LWR

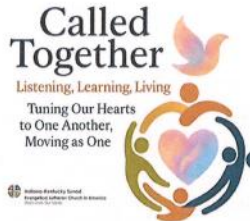
2025 GOAL-\$250

CANS SOLD April—\$60.00

ATTENTION: A huge THANK YOU to all who have contributed in some way to the BABY CARE PROJECT, FABRIC KIT PROJECT, PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT and the ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT. No donation is too small. Together, we can have a huge impact for others in need.

August 11, 2025 | 6-8 PM

Christ Lutheran Church
2610 Campbell Street
Valparaiso, IN 46385



Called Together: Listening, Learning, Living Tuning Our Hearts to One Another, Moving as One

The Indiana-Kentucky Synod is embarking on a journey of listening, learning, and living together, responding to God's call to work with the people of God throughout our territory. Our initiative, *Called Together: Listening, Learning, Living*, invites everyone to join in a shared process of reflection and action. As we listen to God and each other, we will discover how we can work together in faith.

Phase 1: Listening to God's Call

Listening across the synod – drawing in diverse stories, needs, and hopes

In this first phase, we focus on listening—not just with our ears but with our hearts. We seek to understand the diverse stories, needs, and hopes of our community and where God is at work throughout the Synod. "Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3).

We invite you to share your story and listen deeply to one another. Everyone's voice is needed, as together we seek to hear God's call.

Phase 2: Learning and Living as One

Creating experiments and partnerships based on what's been heard

Once we've listened, it's time to act. In Phase 2, we'll create partnerships and opportunities based on what we've learned. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts... so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). Each of us has a unique role, and together, we make up the body of Christ, moving toward our shared purpose.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). This phase is about living out our shared faith in Jesus with unity, humility, and love. We will work together to create experiments and partnerships that respond to God's call in our lives.

Rummage Sale and Market

September 20, 2025

Details coming soon...

**Start cleaning your attics and closets for the
CLC Rummage Sale!**

**We will be selling table space in our outdoor
Market- gather your goods!**

**We are looking for volunteers to help organize this
event! Join me Sunday, June 22, 9:00 a.m., before
service in the Gathering Space Library area.
Thank you! Jacquie 219-309-6437**

Worship Leaders Needed All Ages Welcome!! Training Included!

If you are able and willing we could really use your help in serving during worship services.

If you would like to help during the **8:00 service** please contact the following:

Lectors ~ Dave Keammerer

Prayer Assistant ~ Paige Reichardt

Communion Assistants, Ushering and Light/Sound Tech ~ Church Office

If you would like to help during the **10:30 service** please contact the church office for all positions including lights/sound Tech or Livestream Tech, click on the QR code.



CLC Social Ministry and Mission July 2025

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 South Dakota, Guatemala, and Honduras.**

ELCA Global Mission



Selian Hospital, in Arusha, Tanzania <http://selianlh.or.tz>, (celebrating over 70 years and 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 South Dakota (Pine Ridge Reservation), in Guatemala (Esquipulas), and in Honduras (Copan). On each trip AMOS provides medical clinics, health care, speech pathology services and education. The next trip,

to Pine Ridge, home of the Oglala Lakota tribe, and in collaboration with the nonprofit Re-Member, is leaving July 25 during Health Care Week.

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

Help achieve our total goal of \$2000 in July. 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 the monthly social ministry emphasis.

WORSHIP AT THE PARK LAKE ETTA COUNTY PARK



Bethel Lutheran in Gary and Christ Lutheran in Valparaiso will partner with eight other faith congregations in the community to host a worship service and picnic at Lake Etta County Park. ([Lake Etta](#)) (Park address: 4801 West 29th Ave, Gary)

When: August 10th – Worship will begin at 10:30am
Where: Lake Etta County Park – large group Pavilion

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and drinks will be provided.

Bring a side dish to pass (serve 10-12 people)

Bring a lawn chair.

There is a \$5.00 park entrance/parking fee

There will be lots of fun games for kids!

Sign ups and maps are available in the Gathering Space.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Sutherland at ksutherland54@yahoo.com -or text 219.309.4414.