



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**August 24, 2025**

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

Date / Location	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
August 24			<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer
August 31			<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer
<b>September 7</b> <b>Sunday School Starts</b>		Bishop Tim Graham	<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer
September 14	Worship Leadership What, How, and Why?		<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer
September 21		We Make Indiana Local Church Housing Coalition	<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer
September 28		Narrative Series— Hearing our neighbor's stories	<b>Bible Survey</b> Dave Keammerer

Please welcome Bishop Tim Graham on his visit to Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 7. Bishop Graham will be preaching during the service and you can learn more about him during Faith Formation in the Church Hall.

**Sunday School is right around the corner - September 7 at 9:20!**

It's time to register for Sunday School - follow the QR Code here,



# Your Blood Program *Impact*

The lifesaving chain from blood donor to a patient in need depends on the commitment of our partners to host drives regularly throughout the year. Here's a snapshot of your recent lifesaving impact:

## Christ Lutheran Church 2024 Results



4 blood drives



39 Power Red units



191 units collected



8 diverse units collected



107% efficiency



48 APO (Average per Operation)



5 first-time donors



53 appointments scheduled on average per drive

Thank you for your lifesaving impact—your support proves to be an invaluable resource to the patients whose lives depend on it.

## Behind all of the numbers, there are real people, real families and real hope!



Cody Hermeling was involved in a horrific car crash. After being rescued from his crushed vehicle, Hermeling was transported to a local hospital where doctors gave him less than a 3 percent chance of survival. He sustained severe head trauma, numerous fractures and a ruptured spleen. Emergency treatments included receiving 187 pints of red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Hermeling survived his injuries—thanks in large part to medical care and volunteer blood and platelet donors. While the crash left him blind, he is otherwise healthy and well today. Since 2011, Hermeling and his mother have sponsored an annual blood drive with the Red Cross—collecting hundreds of pints of blood to benefit patients in need.

It is real peoples' stories like this that provide a true measure of the incredible impact of our combined efforts. Thank you for standing with the American Red Cross to help save lives.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Program**  
*Leader*

## Results of 8/19 American Red Cross Blood Drive:

- Whole blood donors = 46
- Power Red donors = 5 (2 units per donor)
- Total number of donors 51
- First time donors = 1
- Deferred donors = 3
- CLC members who donated = 10
- CLC volunteers willing to serve = 15 (13 real time) // Next blood drive: Tuesday, 12/16/2025

## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Thanks to a tremendous sale at Walmart (notebooks were just 10 cents each), we were able to meet the notebook goal! Thank you for your support!

Now we need to focus on the following items for each school kit:

**ONE – 30-cm ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.**  
**ONE – pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).**  
**FIVE – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).**  
**ONE – pencil sharpener.**

We currently have enough crayons, pencils and erasers. Walmart is clearing out school supplies already to plan for Halloween, so you may find some deals there.

There is a basket in the Gathering Space for donations, or you can purchase from Amazon or Target and choose to have the items delivered directly to the church. Thank you for your generous support!



## Fall Registration

LLP is looking forward to welcoming 142 students this August. Little Lamb Preschool has openings for the 2025-2026 school year in our Young 5 PM class [Monday-Friday 12:30-3:00 PM (Your child must have turned 4 by June 2025 to enroll in this class)], our Pre K PM Class [Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:15-2:45 PM (Your child must have turned 4 by August 1, 2025, to enroll in this class)] and our Beginner 3 PM Class [Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-3:00 PM (Your child must have turned 3 by February, 2025, to enroll in this class)]. Please contact Jen with any questions or interest. 219-462-6660 #14 or LLP@CLCValpo.org You may also look on our website for more class information. [clcvalpo.org](http://clcvalpo.org). Classes begin soon!





Be a part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Carsten & Georgia Falkenberg Meal Pack NWI**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

9:00 – 11:30am    12:30 – 3:00pm

Crown Point High School Cafeteria

Your donations feed many people in NW Indiana (90%), and overseas. At 40c per meal, your donation makes a big impact.

**This year:** No training required for experienced packers! Free lunch if you work both shifts! Live Christian music! Special recognition for donors of \$500+! Taste the Nutri-Plenty meal!

**Please send checks** (payable to Pack Away Hunger, NWI event in memo line) to: P.O. Box 37, Greenwood, IN 46142, or Georgia Falkenberg, 6811 E 125<sup>th</sup> Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307

**Register to help pack and/or donate at:**  
**[www.givebutter.com/NWIN2025](http://www.givebutter.com/NWIN2025)**

## Popcorn Fest

With September quickly approaching, that means Popcorn Fest is right around the corner and preparations are officially under way for our booth! Every year, Popcorn Fest is one of the biggest fundraisers for our youth ministries, and that is all thanks to the amazing support of the CLC community! The funds we raise from Popcorn Fest go toward mission trips and events for our youth, such as Quake, Confirmation Camp, the ELCA Youth Gathering, and Synod mission trips. These trips play such an important role in the faith lives of our youth, as they give youth meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith, accompany others in various communities, and build community with both one another and youth from across the country. It is fundraisers like Popcorn Fest that transform the lives of our youth.

**We need your help for another successful year.** Our volunteers are the hands and feet of this fundraiser, and it would not be possible without you! This year, we need volunteers to help pre-cook the brats we sell at the booth. The brats will be available for pick-up at the church starting September 1st. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up the booth the night before the event. And finally, we need volunteers to help serve during each of the shifts on the day of Popcorn Fest! If any of these volunteer opportunities are of interest to you, be sure to check out the sign-up sheets posted out in the Gathering Space.



**Christ  
Lutheran**  
YOUTH

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kaitlyn ([kaitlyn.jedrzejowski@clcvalpo.org](mailto:kaitlyn.jedrzejowski@clcvalpo.org)). Thank you all for supporting our fundraising efforts!

Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski  
Director of Youth Ministries

## RUMMAGE SALE AND MARKET AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

We will start receiving your items the week  
of September 15

We will be selling table space for our  
outdoor Market—gather your goods!!



## **Seniors' Group August 28 Church Hall at 9:30 a.m.**

The program will be presented by Nicole Harmon, Wildlife Director & Rehabilitator for Humane Indiana Wildlife. Humane Indiana helps injured & orphaned wildlife. Nicole will be bringing some of her furry & feathery friends for us to meet & to learn how the wildlife are cared for at their center. The Wildlife Center is located at 570 N 450E in Valparaiso.



### **SAVE THE DATE RUMMAGE SALE AND MARKET VOLUNTEERS MEETING**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**9:30am- 10:15am**

**CLC**

**Volunteer and General Information will be covered**



Christ Lutheran Church offers a Grief Support Group every other week on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 am in the Conference Room. (please add room #). The group serves adults who have experienced a loss of a spouse, parent, child, friend, or neighbor.

Current grief group members state these benefits of attending:

~it's a confidential and "safe" place to talk about your journey of grief of the loss of your loved one

~It lets you know that you are not alone as you meet others who understand what you are going through

~we share memories, tears and even laughs

~some days you can just listen to others rather than speaking

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 September 3rd and 17th, October 1st, 15th, and 29th.



Vendor Registration Forms:



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*The baby boy is almost here!*

*Let's shower his parents, Luz  
and Nolberto, with gifts to  
welcome him.*

Please join the refugee support team to help welcome this child. Chicken and cake to be provided through a Thrivent Action Team grant. Please bring a side dish to share. You can RSVP by calling the church office. Gift cards to Walmart and Target are also appreciated. Use the QR code for Luz baby registry. Come join the fun !

**Where:** Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall

**When:** Sunday September 7th

**Time:** Immediately following the second service

