



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**August 3, 2025**

Join us on Sunday Mornings during the summer months

**August 3** ~ one service at 9:30

**August 10** ~ one service at 8:00; Worship at the Park at 10:30

**August 17** ~ two services begin ~ 8:00 and 10:30

**QR Code for Full Bulletin:**



## **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@clevalpo.org](mailto:kaitlyn.jedrzejowski@clevalpo.org)). Thank you all for supporting our fundraising efforts!

Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski  
Director of Youth Ministries



# CALLING ALL VENDORS

Join Christ Lutheran Church Outdoor Market  
on September 20, 9am-2pm

2610 Campbell Street  
Valparaiso 46383

\*In conjunction with indoor Rummage Sale

Email: [jchevalier0630@outlook.com](mailto:jchevalier0630@outlook.com)

Or 219-309-6437

For details

**All Vendors welcome; Food and Beverage will have space  
in the front of parking lot; crafts will coordinate with  
Rummage Sale entrance.**



**Pastor Erica Gibson-Even of Christ Lutheran Church and Little Lamb Preschool Named 2025 Distinguished Rostered Leader of the Year**

Carbondale, IL — June 23, 2025 — The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) is proud to announce that Rev. Erica Gibson-Even, Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church and Little Lamb Preschool in Valparaiso, IN, has been selected as the 2025 ELEA Distinguished Rostered Leader of the Year.

This prestigious recognition honors Rev. Gibson-Even's exceptional ministry spanning over 14 years at Christ Lutheran Church, where she has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in early childhood education and pastoral care. Known for making religious concepts accessible to young learners, she brings "toys (from trains to blocks and beyond) and other props to chapel, tying in our core belief at LLP that play is the best mode for learning." Her innovative approach helps children understand complex topics like Lent, the miracles of Jesus, and Advent through hands-on experiences.

Rev. Gibson-Even's ministry extends far beyond traditional teaching. She provides crucial pastoral support during challenging times, offering counseling and comfort to staff members facing personal crises. As one colleague noted, "Pastor Erica shows up for our teachers in challenging times, when we are at our lowest and need support." Her commitment to accessibility is evident in her advocacy work to ensure scholarship funding so that "students who may have financial limitations are able to come to our preschool." Director Jen Gottlieb shared, "I have observed firsthand her gift to inspire and lead others. She unwaveringly demonstrates the qualities of a true Christian leader."

"We are thrilled to award Rev. Erica Gibson-Even with this well-deserved recognition," said Cory Newman, Executive Director of ELEA. As Lead Teacher, Laura wrote, "Her pastoral leadership has been instrumental in shaping the lives of staff, children, and families in the church and preschool community. She embodies someone who shows up, in whatever mess or joy life may have in store."

The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association Board and Staff extend their heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Gibson-Even and look forward to presenting the award to her congregation and school community, as well as recognizing her at the 2025 ELEA Conference.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact: Cory Newman, ELEA Executive Director, [cory@elcaschools.org](mailto:cory@elcaschools.org)

**About Christ Lutheran Church and Little Lambs Preschool:**

Christ Lutheran Church and Little Lambs Preschool in Valparaiso, IN, are a community of people sharing God's love through Christ and growing together in faith. They celebrate diversity and honor each person regardless of age, ethnicity, family composition, gender identity, physical ability, or socioeconomic standing. Together, they strive to love and serve their neighbors while working toward racial and social justice.

Little Lambs Preschool, in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church, provides excellence in education and faith formation in a loving, safe environment. Based on evidence that young children learn best through play, they offer opportunities to explore, discover, and learn respect for themselves and others. They believe all children are wonderful gifts from God and work with families to support each child's social, emotional, academic, physical, and spiritual growth.

**About Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA):**

The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) provides Lutheran education leaders with a community through communication, professional development, faith formation, and professional resources. Our Vision is that every ELCA center or school will provide high-quality instruction and grace-filled care, creating a nurturing Christian community for learning and faith. Our core goals are to Connect, Develop, and Inspire.



## **QUILTS**

QUILTS COMPLETED—269

## **BABY CARE KIT PROJECT**

2025 GOAL -500

KITS COMPLETED – 520

AUGUST NEEDS—4 ounce bars of gentle white Dial soap, sleepers with/ without feet, flannel fabric for diapers.

Flannel fabric pieces can be stitched together for receiving blankets.

## **FABRIC KIT PROJECT**

2025 GOAL-150

KITS COMPLETED-104

AUGUST NEEDS- Cotton fabric in 3 yard lengths.

The project can use smaller or larger amounts of cotton/cotton blends for receiving blankets.

Donations of flannel and cotton fabric from former sewers and quilters would be greatly appreciated.

## **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

KITS COMPLETED-762

AUGUST NEED-Any contribution will be helpful.

## **ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT**

2025 GOAL-\$250

CANS SOLD: January-\$60.00/April-\$60.00      **Keep those CANS coming!**



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

# **Rummage Sale and Market**

# **September 20, 2025**

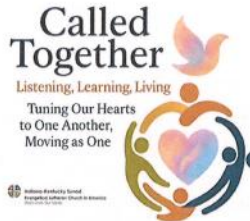
## **Details coming soon...**

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

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

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.



## 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](mailto:LLP@CLCValpo.org) You may also look on our website for more class information. [clcvalpo.org](http://clcvalpo.org). Classes begin soon!

## 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.



## CLC Social Ministry and Mission August 2025

*Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. (Proverbs 31:8)*



### Global Refuge

Welcoming Newcomers Since 1939



**Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) [www.globalrefuge.org](http://www.globalrefuge.org)  
“We stand with newcomers” has a vision that all migrants and refugees are protected, embraced, and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities. Global Refuge’ mission is witness to God’s love for all people, standing with and advocating for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice. For over 80 years, Global Refuge has been a champion for migrants and refugees from around the globe. A legacy of courageous and compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have sought safety and hope in America’s communities. Global Refuge history reflects American Lutherans’ and others deep immigrant roots and passionate commitment to welcoming newcomers, especially those who are most in need. In partnership with community-based legal and social service providers nationwide, Global Refuge has helped over 500,000 migrants and refugees rebuild their lives in America.

**Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)** <https://www.lbwinc.org> has existed since 1943 to show the love of God to people with visual disabilities and to bring them into a growing relationship with God. LBW does this by engaging some 5,000 volunteers in over 115 [Production Centers | \(lbwloveworks.org\)](http://www.lbwinc.org) throughout the United States. Volunteers joyfully produce approximately 250,000 volumes a year of Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles and Christian literature. CLC is one of these Work Centers (#129) and is involved in making Braille books of the Bible for the blind. Volunteers’ work every Tuesday in CLC’s Fellowship Hall. Monthly emphases gifts go towards national LBW activities and to help with supplies for CLC’s Work Center.

Help achieve our goal of \$1500 in August. Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate “Global Ref./LBW” 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.

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## WORSHIP AT THE PARK LAKE ETTA COUNTY PARK

PARK ADDRESS: 4801 WEST 29TH AVE, GARY)



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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 10<sup>th</sup> – 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.**

Parking fee is waived! Tell the entry gate you are from CLC.

**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](mailto:ksutherland54@yahoo.com) -or text 219.309.4414.