

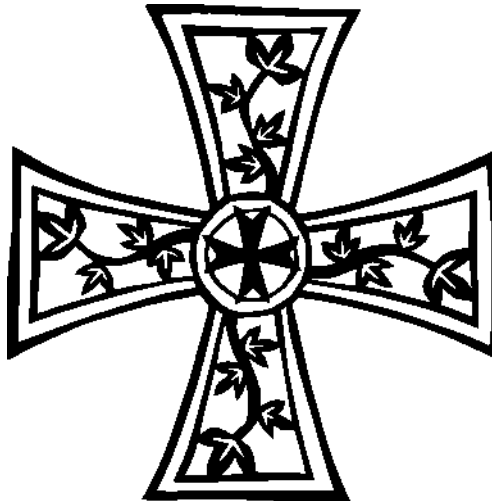


Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
September 14, 2025

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

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
9/14	Worship Leadership What, How, and Why?		Bible Survey D. Keammerer
9/21		Valparaiso Housing: Crisis or Opportunity	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
9/28		Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith & Resilience with Sam Graber & Anna Stewart	Bible Survey D. Keammerer



CLC Social Ministry and Mission September 2025

Compass International Family Center, Valparaiso <http://compassIFC.org> equips international neighbors of all ages in Northwest Indiana with the educational services and support needed to thrive in their new community. Compass is “Open Arms * Hand in Hand” equipping new neighbors with language and life skills needed to thrive in the US strengthening our community by breaking down divisions and isolation. With approximately 90 children and 40 adults joining 50 annual volunteers each week, each Compass night is an opportunity for growth and new friendships. Compass offers the following free services for all ages: Adult English classes, Citizenship classes, K-12 tutoring, English learner preschool, Childcare, and soccer skills/drills, arts and crafts, and other fun enrichment projects.



Project Neighbors – Freedom Recovery Fund <https://projectneighbors.org/frf> Led by Project Neighbor’s Black Board members and staff, the FRF is a sustainable and comprehensive resource for the Black community in Valparaiso. The FRF helps address systemic issues and racial inequality. Funding is allocated as follows: Personal Incentive Accounts (e.g. home/business ownership), Emergency Grants (e.g. unforeseen reduction in income), and Legal/Advocacy Assistance (e.g. generating wills/trusts and estate planning to help build legacy of wealth). The FRF aims to engage a network of community leaders who share a common goal of improving the quality of life of Black community members in Valpo.



Freedom Recovery Fund

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in September (over and above giving combined with CLC’s \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Compass** and Project Neighbors **Freedom Recovery Fund** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate “Compass/FRF” 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.

Additional Opportunities:

Northwest Indiana Lutheran Food and Supply Pantries Donations.

Daybreak Men’s Shelter and Resale Shop <https://newcreationresaleshop.com> at 2102 Calumet Ave, 219-548-3548. You can help feed our neighbors experiencing homelessness: Daybreak Men’s Center continues to be a daytime base for both single men and women working at the Resale Shop, providing daily meals and a space to be during the day. You can help feed their guests at the daytime Center: lunch supplies can be dropped off at the resale shop counter during open hours (usually 10-5). Needed items include (lunch) meat, fruit, individual juice, snack cakes, and chips. Call for more information. There is a basket inside door #3 for food donations.

Co-Action Housing Office <https://coaction.care> 2001 Calumet Ave., 219-548-2800. Help stock our pantry with essentials: detergent (bottles and pods), paper towels, toilet paper, ramen noodles, canned soup, and dish soap? You can drop off donations in the lobby at 2001 Calumet Ave., Valpo on Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. If you purchase items from our Amazon Wishlist, they will be delivered to our housing office.

Immanuel Food Pantry <https://immanuelvalpo.org/food-pantry> 1700 Monticello – drive up drop off items. Donations can be dropped off at Immanuel, best done Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 pm, at entrance between church and school.

Hilltop Food Pantry <https://hilltophouse.org/Food-Pantry> 606 Union St., Valpo.

We have reached our LWR school kit goal!

Thank you for your generosity! We have reached our goal of 120 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will assemble the kits on **Sunday, October 5th** between services and we will need your help. While the Sunday School youth are great helpers, we can use your help in guiding them, especially the younger ones, or assembling a few kits of your own. Join us for this quick project.

Thanks again for your donations!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, DURING FORMATION HOUR.



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. Classes begin soon!

Thank you to everyone who has been saving cans for our project. Our (red) truck will be unavailable from September 28 until November 22. If possible, please save your cans until then. Otherwise, leave them in the Gathering Space by the white basket, and we will pick them up from there.



Be a part of the 17th 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 125th Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307

Register to help pack and/or donate at:
www.givebutter.com/NWIN2025

CLC RUMMAGE SALE AND MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

You can bring your items in now and then shop later!!

Just call the church office, 219-462-6660 to make sure the doors are open for drop-off.

Welcome to our new Nursery Attendant!

We're excited to welcome Olivia Magiera as our Nursery Attendant! Olivia is a Junior at Valparaiso High School, and has been a regular volunteer in our nursery and with Vacation Bible School. Fun fact: Olivia is a third-generation member of Christ Lutheran!

Christ Lutheran Church offers a Grief Support Group every other week on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 am in the Conference Room. (209). 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 17th, October 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Volunteers to Lead our Fusion Youth Group

"At Christ Lutheran, the intergenerational relationships we build here are a very special part of many people's faith lives. Our youth's lives have been deeply impacted by the adults that walk alongside them in their faith formation. From Confirmation mentors to Sunday School teachers, your presence leads to meaningful and faith-filled relationships. As you will hear many Confirmands share in their Witness to the Church papers, they deeply cherish the relationship they have with their mentor.

This year, we are looking for volunteers to help lead Fusion. If you are someone who has been looking for ways to be a part of the faith formation of our young ones, this is an amazing opportunity to do so! Youth Board is looking for a team of 2-3 individuals to volunteer that would switch off leading Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to learn more, please reach out to a member of Youth Board."

It's Bread Breakers Time!

Bread Breakers are short term supper groups of 8-10 people that meet from October-May. Groups are formed as either "adult only" or "family" groups and meet about every 4-6 weeks for food and fellowship. Sign ups will be taken until September 21st. You do not have to be a member of CLC to sign up.

Groups will meet each other for the first time at our kick off pot-luck lunch on **Sunday, September 28th** after the 10:30 service in the church hall. (So mark your calendars!) We look forward to having you!

Please scan the QR code to sign up for a group!



LWR INGATHERING



Volunteers NEEDED

**Saturday,
OCTOBER 18, 2025
2 pm - 5 pm**

We need help with

- Moving boxes
- Loading boxes on a semi-trailer
- Church donation inventory
- Snacks for our visiting churches

Join us!

-  Sign up in the Gathering Area
-  Christ Lutheran Church Back Lot
-  Becky Fry
219.241.6854
-  justplainbecky@gmail.com

QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 276



BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2025 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED - 600

SEPTEMBER NEEDS - Sleepers and lightweight jackets.

INTERESTING FACT: So far this year our ladies have sewn 2400 diapers.

FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2025 GOAL - 150

KITS COMPLETED - 104

SEPTEMBER NEEDS - Cotton solid colors and cotton printed patterns in 3-yard lengths.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

KITS COMPLETED - 834

AUGUST NEED - Any contribution will be helpful.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2025 GOAL-\$250

January - 120 pounds: \$60

April - 120 pounds: \$60

August - 140 pounds: \$70 = \$190

Are YOU having a family get together, a reunion, or party? CAN YOU save the aluminum CANS for LWR? No CAN donation is too small. Place the CANS in the white basket in the Gathering Place or in the red Ford truck in the parking lot. Let's beat our 140 pounds!

Senior Group Meeting

Even though American Indian tribes no longer inhabit many of our local areas, we see remnants of their existence in the names of many of our cities and towns. Ed Seykowski will lead a presentation on "The American Indian" at the Christ Lutheran Church Seniors Group Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Fun fact: In our area, the Pottawatomie Tribe were friendly farmers and hunters along our lakes, streams, and rivers. As a boy, Ed would occasionally find Indian flint arrowheads on the shore of his lakefront home. He especially enjoys the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow and authentic American Indian Dance performances.

MUSIC NOTES:

Are you interested or curious about being a part of the many musical ensembles here at Christ Lutheran Church, but aren't quite sure if you're ready? Well have no fear – you are more than welcome to attend any of our rehearsals for the sanctuary choir or the adult handbell ensemble with no commitment.

The ***Celebration Ringers Handbell Ensemble*** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Music Room (right next to the church mailboxes). If you've never rung a handbell before, you'll have an opportunity to ring a few notes or just stand next to one of our talented ringers and observe their skills and follow along with the music.

The ***Sanctuary Choir*** also rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the sanctuary. If you're interested in attending a rehearsal just to observe, let our director Brian Bartusch know (brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org) and music will be available for you to follow or sing along. The choir learns some wonderful music at rehearsals, and enjoys a little fun along the way.

Not sure of committing on a weekly basis, but still enjoy singing? Consider being a ***cantor*** for our Sunday worship services. The cantor leads the congregation in singing the responsorial psalm during the service, and cantors are on a rotating schedule, so you would participate every 6 – 8 weeks and assigned a psalm that fits well with your vocal range.

Come join us!



September Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Bill & Diana Iltzsche ~ Celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary

Barb & Bill Lieske ~ Celebrating our 44th Anniversary
and our son's 42nd birthday

Altar Candles Michael & Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Catherine and Betty Bauer

Eternal Lamp Cheryl Watson ~ In Memory of Betty Watson and Evelyn Whitaker

Sunday School Registration and Adult Faith Formation

Sunday School and Adult Faith Formation begin this week!

Sunday School for those 3yo-4th grade begins this week at 9:20 with opening in the LLP Annex (or "the old sanctuary," by the church office).

Please use QR code to register:

Adult Faith Formation will kickoff in the sanctuary with the opportunity to meet and get to know our Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop, Tim Graham.



Stay tuned for news about the first week of **Fusion** - our Sunday morning group for 5th-8th grades beginning soon, but not yet this week.

Updates from the Hospitality team:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us. Please sign the visitor book in the welcome center. We are glad you are worshiping with us!
- Members: please wear name tags for easy introductions.
- If you enjoy baking, feeding others, or eating, please sign up at the Welcome Center to bring treats for the time between services. Also feel free to contact and let me know you are interested (Sally Ecklund-Baker, s.ecklundbaker@gmail.com or 219-508-1619)
- We could use a few extra folks on the Hospitality and outreach committee- if you like meeting new people, welcoming, feeding, etc. please reach out to Sally Ecklund-Baker.

DAYBREAK SHELTER VOLUNTEER INFO



Join us in making a difference
today!

ADDRESS

500 Don Hovey Dr.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

CONTACT US

Phone number: (219) 510-1800

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

You can sign up at
daybreakvalpo.org/volunteer
OR via this QR code:



WHERE CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

- Warming and cooling shelter
- Dinner
- Resource Center
- Laundry Services

Shift times for warming and cooling

7:00pm-11:00pm

11:00pm-3:00am

3:00am-7:00am

Resource Center

7:00am-7:00pm

Dinner

5:00pm

ITEMS TO DONATE

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap/Body wash
- Skin care
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Combs/Hairbrushes
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Feminine Hygiene products

DON'T WANT TO VOLUNTEER BUT STILL WANT TO HELP?

For item donations
please coordinate with Amber Pardo
(219) 269-9591

For food donations
please coordinate with our
Food Services Coordinator Steven Stellhorn
(219)600-0427

For clothing donations to
Daybreak Resale Shop, please coordinate
with Resale Shop Manager Desi Terpening
(219)286-7061

Valparaiso Housing: Crisis or Opportunity

Join us on Sunday, **September 21st at 9:20 in the Fellowship Hall** for a congregational forum where we will listen to each other's stories, learn about how zoning shapes our neighborhoods, hear how meetings are going with our city government since Christ Lutheran hosted the *We Make Indiana* housing assembly in May. At that time, we called on city officials to make our housing crisis in Valparaiso a priority. Hear how that public call is working with changes on the table. We have a rare opportunity to shape the proposed reforms if we come together as people of faith to ensure our community is more welcoming, affordable and just. Please join us for this important forum. All are welcome.

