



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
September 21, 2025

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

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library
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

Quilt on Display in the Gathering Place

Donated by the Quilters and the proceeds will go
towards shipping expenses for the Lutheran World Relief

ITEM: 88" Square Quilt
VALUE: \$350
DONATED BY: Quilting Ladies

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!



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.

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 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."

Kinder lernen Deutsch: German Program for Grades 2 – 4

**Send your child to Valparaiso University's
Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center
on Tuesday afternoons to have fun learning German!**

In Kinder lernen Deutsch (KLD), your child will get a simple introduction to German language and culture through fun activities, games, and songs. The program is for children in grades 2 – 4. Both beginners and children with prior exposure to German are welcome.

KLD is taught by Valpo students of German under the supervision of Dr. Timothy Malchow, Professor of German and German House Director.

The program begins on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 and runs through the end of February 2026.



Fee: \$75 for the full program

**For further information and to
register, scan this code or visit:**

<https://forms.gle/CGDq2DPZEepekGj69>

Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center | www.valpo.edu/programs/german-minor/
822 Mound Street (corner of Linwood and Mound) | Valparaiso, IN



**Little Lamb's Fall Carnival will be from
5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, October 2nd**

Little Lamb Preschool is in need of game helpers (Middle School age and up—Adult helpers are also welcome 😊) for a commitment of 2.5 hours. We would need you to arrive by 5:15pm, run your game and then help clean your game up and be free to leave by 7:45pm.

This is a terrific opportunity to get some volunteer hours as well as have a lot of fun with some very energetic preschoolers.

Please let Jen Gottlieb know if you will be able to serve at this event. Feel free to email at jen.gottlieb@clcvalpo.org or call the preschool at 219-462-6660 #14.

Thank you in advance!

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



What Is Your 'Why'?

Why do we love the people we love?

Why do certain sounds or smells stir our souls?

Why do we care about the causes we care about?

"Why" is a word that drives us. It does more than ask a question — it defines a connection, a relationship.

The answer always comes with a story. It's the best part about "why." The relationship you have with the CLC and its ministries is driven by your unique "why." There may be a deeply personal reason you care so much about our mission and ministry, a story that compels you to make a difference.

That story also reinforces your values. Values have a source — an inspiration — and they connect you to CLC on a personal level: Your mission is my mission too. I want to see this work carry on for generations.

With a legacy gift to the CLC Mission Endowment Fund, invested in the ELCA Foundation, you can carry on our shared values beyond your lifetime. Together, we can build a legacy of compassion and have an impact in our world for generations to come.

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!



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.



- Are you 50 or older?
- Looking for ways to stay healthy?
- Want to meet new people?

The WISE Program is for you, and it's FREE!

WISE Program

Host: Porter-Starke Services
Location: 701 Wall Street Valparaiso, IN
Dates: September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Day/Time: Fridays 1 - 3 pm

The WISE educational program includes six lessons that cover a wide range of topics about health and wellness for older adults. Join us for this fun and engaging program. You'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the **aging process** and how to **make healthy lifestyle choices**
- Celebrate this **exciting stage of life** and all the **benefits** that come with it
- Discuss **risk factors and behaviors** you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine **how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently** and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to **use simple tools to help you feel more empowered** about your health and the healthcare you receive
- Receive **giveaways** for participating in the program

Register for WISE today! Contact:

Angela Wehner, BSW, CPS
Older Adult Grant Project Director, Porter-Starke Services
219.706.1044 • awehner@porterstarke.org



Division of Mental Health and Addiction

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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 Stelhorn
(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.

