



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**September 28, 2025**

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

	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>	<b>120 Library</b>
9/28		<b>Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith &amp; Resilience</b> with Sam Graber & Anna Stewart	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
10/5		<b>Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith &amp; Resilience</b> with Sam Graber & Anna Stewart	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
10/12		<b>Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith &amp; Resilience: Spirit of Justice</b> with Jemar Tisby	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
10/19		<b>Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith &amp; Resilience: Love your Enemies</b> with Rev. Toby Darrah	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer
10/26		<b>Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith &amp; Resilience: Why Christian?</b> with Kailin Curtice	<b>Bible Survey</b> D. Keammerer

### **September 28 and October 5**

Anna Stewart and Sam Graber will lead us in the first two sessions of the series *Great Cloud of Witnesses: Stories of Faith and Resilience*. Anna and Sam discuss the importance of listening to the stories of those from the margins who have much to teach about faith and resilience.

Sam Graber is the Associate Professor of Humanities and Literature in Christ College at Valparaiso University. His field of study is nineteenth-century literature and culture, the American Civil War, transatlantic studies, memory studies, and religion. Anna Stewart is the Director of the Institute for Leadership and Service, in the Division of Calling and Spiritual Life at Valparaiso University. Through this role, she has the privilege of working with an amazing team – including CLC’s own Kat Peters and Kristin Lewis – to help develop and collaborate on programming around reflective vocational exploration and discerning the ways we are called to lead and serve.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:LLP@CLCValpo.org) You may also look on our website for more class information. [clcvalpo.org](http://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.

## Silent Auction for 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



## 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/](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



## ALTAR GIFTS

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING  
2025 GIFTS

COMMUNION WINE \$25

ALTAR CANDLES \$25

ETERNAL LAMP \$25

SIGN-UP LOCATED NEAR THE WELCOME CENTER



- 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](mailto: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](http://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



## WHY MEN SHOULD JOIN THE CHOIR



### *The Top 10 Reasons men should join the church choir:*

10. Rehearsals are every Thursday night, which means that for those few hours, you will significantly reduce your risk of contracting tendonitis from non-stop operation of the TV remote control or the computer mouse.
9. Because you wear a choir robe every Sunday, you are liberated from the task many men would find quite challenging: *finding clothes that match properly*.
8. From your special advantage point every Sunday, in which you look out at the entire congregation from the choir seating, you will develop interesting new hobbies. Among these is a little guessing game called “Who’s praying, who’s sleeping?”
7. On the other hand, sitting in full view of 100 – 150 people on a weekly basis makes it much less likely that you yourself will give in to a chronic lack of sleep (although it has been known to happen)!
6. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, *just wait* until you’ve been singing with the choir for a few weeks!
5. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that does not require electronic equipment or expensive tools. This could be good for the family budget.
4. For the fitness buffs, singing in the choir is not only heart healthy, it’s *soul healthy*. There are no monthly membership fees, and it’s a lot easier on the knees than jogging.
3. If you think you’ve done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges in life, try singing with the choir and *staying on pitch*!
2. Choir rehearsals last half as long as a professional football or basketball game, but is at least twice as satisfying. This is especially true if you’re a long-suffering fan of the (*insert team name here*) (don’t worry, though, the rehearsals are on Thursdays, not Mondays).

And the **number one reason** men should join the choir:

When people ask whether you’ve been behaving yourself, you can say with the utmost sincerity: “*Hey, I’m a choir boy.*”

