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The Good News
April 2024





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April 2024 Schedule

April 21st | CLC Family Feud Night | 5pm

Theology Club

April 15th | Theology Club | 6pm

April 29th | Theology Club | 6pm

Fusion (5th-8th)

April 7th | Fusion | 9:20-10:20am

April 14th | Fusion | 9:20-10:20am

April 21st | Fusion | 9:20-10:20am

April 28th | Fusion | 9:20-10:20am

High School (9th-12th)

April 7th | Circle | 6-8pm

April 14th | Youth Gathering Meeting

April 14th | Circle | 6-8pm

April 28th | Circle | 6-8pm

Confirmation (8th)

April 3rd | Confirmation | 6-7:30pm

April 10th | Confirmation | 6-7:30pm

April 17th | Confirmation | 6-7:30pm

April 24th | Confirmation | 6-7:30pm

CLC Social Ministry and Mission April 2024



- Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity. April's emphasis is providing monetary and voluntary support for NWI Community Action www.nwi-ca.com (5240 Fountain Drive, Crown Point) and Housing Opportunities www.hoi.help (2001 Calumet Ave., Valpo) – now one combined organization.
- On July 25, 2023, NWICA joined forces with Housing Opportunities, merging to become a combined organization. The merger expanded services to address all of the financial and housing stability needs that clients face, offering them a more streamlined experience to overcome the barriers they are experiencing. The combined organization created opportunities to serve Northwest Indiana more efficiently, directing more of our resources to serving our neighbors in need.
- H.O. office in Valpo has a resource center for vulnerable folks to shower, wash clothes, use pantry etc. Also, Food Pantry donations are welcomed - please see Facebook and www.hoi.help/pantry for updated needs list. Also, a Trivia Night fundraiser is upcoming on the evening of April 30.
- Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in April (over and above giving combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "NWICA/HO" 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.



April Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Diana Ahlbrand ~ In Memory of Wendell Ahlbrand
 Ellen Swayne ~ In Memory of Gladys Swayne

Altar Candles Michael & Lois Felten ~ In Memory of Arnie & Rick Felten

Eternal Lamp Irene Adams ~ In Celebration of my Grandchildren

Senior Gathering

Thursday, April 25, 2024
 Church Hall
 9:15 a.m.

More information to follow!

ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!!

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120	Conference Room	119, 107, LLP Annex	AC
April 7	Congregational Budget Forum		Examining our Faith Dave Keammerer		Sunday School	Fusion
April 14	Congregational Budget Forum	The Color of Compromise Kathy Sutherland and Patrice Weil	Examining our Faith Dave Keammerer		Sunday School	Fusion
April 21	Congregational Budget Forum		Examining our Faith Dave Keammerer		Break	Break
April 28	Worship Olympics Kaithlyn Jedrzowski		Examining our Faith Dave Keammerer	Scripture, Art, and Music: Healing and Miracles Cheryl Slack	Sunday School	Fusion

LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL



Chapel Time

Chapel is a wonderful time to share stories and set minds wondering about the good news of Jesus. This month we will be focusing on the stories about Easter and Jesus' love for all of us.

Art Show and Breakfast

What a great turnout we had for our Annual Art Show and Breakfast! We had 355 people in attendance! Preschool families and their extended families were invited to have a yummy breakfast and view the creative artwork made by our preschool students. Throughout the year our preschoolers learn about different Artists and create art based on the artist's work. We also had a silent auction with many fantastic offerings. This is Little Lambs' major fundraiser of the year. We will use the proceeds to fund our professional development and get new educational supplies for our classrooms.

Community Partners

We are blessed to have many community visitors throughout our year. This past month we had visits from the Valparaiso Fire Department Station 2 firehouse. They talked with our beginner classes about fire safety and what the fireman looks like with all their gear on as well as seeing the ladder truck and paramedic rig. Tri Kappa does our yearly vision screening to make sure that all our 4- and 5-year-olds can see well upon entering school. Our Extended Day class had a visit from a Valparaiso detective, Keith Perez, to learn more about detective work. Thank you to all our community visitors!

Christian Mission Statement

Little Lamb Preschool, in union with Christ Lutheran Church, serves God by shepherding God's children as we nurture the whole child in partnership with families.





Hospitality and Outreach

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of Welcome Desk attendants and bakers- please sign up at the welcome desk for a shift between services, or to donate baked goods. Thank you !



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilts

2024 Goal: 500

Quilts Completed: 128

Baby Care Kits

2024 Goal: 500

Kits Completed: 270

APRIL NEEDS: Onesies, Socks, and Shirts

Fabric Care Kits

2024 Goal: 150

Kits Completed: 32

APRIL NEEDS: 3 yard lengths of cotton material/cash to purchase cotton material.

Personal Care Kits

Kits Completed: 420

General Information for Baby Care Kits:

- Clothing sizes 6 months/2T 1. Watch for clearance, reduced, and eliminated items at local shops.
- Check resale shops for give away clothing.
- Ask relatives with children to donate clothing in LWR sizes that their children have outgrown.
- Look for neighbor/ garage/yard/ and porch sales.



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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

CLC Family Feud Night

Growing up, I often sat in front of the TV screen with my parents watching Family Feud. It was a fun weeknight activity for us as a family to work together and try to guess the answers to each of the prompts before the teams on the show did. It became so much of a staple in my household, that we bought the card game version of the show. If I really wanted to, I could probably list “Expert Family Feud Survey Result Guesser” on my resume! Youth Board is so excited to bring an opportunity to have a Family Feud night at Christ Lutheran! We hope that you will join us for a night of entertainment and community as we raise funds for our youth ministries here at CLC. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved as well! It was our hope as a Youth Board to engage the congregation more in the pre-planning of the event. So, there is an opportunity for you to fill out survey questionnaires that will be used at CLC Family Feud night! Also, you can register for the event to participate on a pre-made team, a randomized team, or to be a “live” audience member! If you scan the QR codes below, it will take you to the respective forms for whatever peaks your interest. We hope to see you all there!



Survey 1



Survey 2



Survey 3



Registration



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CLC Congregation,

Happy April! The youth ministry programs here at CLC have been quite busy the past month and we have a lot happening! From celebrating our Easter Bake Sale, to Youth Gathering preparations, to our upcoming CLC Family Feud night, there is a lot to be excited about!

It is hard to believe that we are a month away from the end of another year of programming. It feels as though the time has flown by! There have been so many amazing moments that have taken place over the span of this past year that if I were to spend time listing them all, you'd probably never reach the end of this newsletter. However, one thing I continue to think about is how much this congregation has shown up, and continues to show up, for our youth. When I stepped into this role a little over a year ago, I was blown away by the willingness of the members of this community to not only support our youth, but even to simply hear more about what our youth are up to. I know many of you have probably heard me say this a million times, but thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the ways you care and love for our youth here.

Over the span of this past year, we have also been able to introduce some amazing new things into our youth programming, some of which have been Theology Club, 7th grade mentorship, and continued opportunities to involve the youth in a wide array of opportunities at CLC. It has been so exciting to see how not only the youth, but you all as well, have been excited to learn more about these new opportunities for our youth! It was a shock, in the best way possible, that in only a year, we were able to introduce so many new opportunities and leadership experiences for our youth. What an absolute blessing!

As the process of wrapping up this year and preparing for a new one begins, I anticipate with great joy what is in store for the future of our youth ministries. Thanks be to God!

Blessings on your April,
Kaitlyn Jedrzejewski
Director of Youth Ministries

Join the continuing series in the Faith Formation hour!

Join us during the weeks of Lent for the study of *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. This book and video series introduces us to the roots of racial injustice in the American church. The six sessions at CLC will take us on an historical, sociological, and religious journey from the American colonial period right through the Black Lives Matter movement and charts a path forward to replace established patterns and systems of complicity with bold, courageous, immediate action.

The author, Jemar Tisby (BA, University of Notre Dame; MDiv, Reformed Theological Seminary), is President of The Witness: A Black Christian Collective, where he writes about race, religion, politics, and culture. He is also cohost of the Pass the Mic podcast and is studying for a PhD in History at the University of Mississippi with a focus on race religion, and social movements in the twentieth century.

We will meet at 9:20am in the Church Hall (big room next to the kitchen) for the final study on April 14th.

It is **not** necessary for you to purchase the book or study guide, but if you would like to purchase the book, click the QR code (on the right). If you would like to purchase the study guide (which includes a personal study guide for reflection between sessions – a possibility for your Lenten devotional time) click the QR code (on the left).

Questions?? Contact Kathy Sutherland (ksutherland54@yahoo.com) or Patrice Weil (psherriweil@gmail.com)

Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

- ⇒ **Men's Shelter** (and Resale Shop) <https://newcreationresaleshop.com> at 2102 Calumet Ave, 219-548-3548. You can help feed our neighbors experiencing homelessness: New Creations Men's Center continues to be home base for both single men and women in between having a "home", providing daily meals and a space to be during the day. You can help feed their guests at their 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 219-548-3548 for more information.
- ⇒ **Housing Opportunities** <https://hoi.help/pantry> 2001 Calumet Ave., 219-548-2800. Food Pantry Needs: Peanut butter, Jelly, Spaghetti sauce (in jars), Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo. Non-Pantry Needs: New Pillows, Towels, Twin size sheets (can be used – no stains). One click donating! on Amazon wish list – items shipped directly to the shelter! www.hoi.help/pantry or drop off items in lobby at 2001 Cal. Ave. M-F 10am-4pm.
- ⇒ **Immanuel Food Pantry** <https://immanuelvalpo.org/food-pantry> 1700 Monticello – drive up drop off items. Donations can be dropped at Immanuel, best done Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 pm, at entrance between church and school.
- ⇒ **Hilltop Food Pantry** Hilltop | Food Pantry (hilltophouse.org) 606 Union St.

Men's Shelter: Welcoming Those Experiencing Homelessness

In partnership with New Creations Day Center and other Valparaiso area churches, we will be providing meals and a safe place to sleep for the men in New Creations' program for one last season.

When: Saturday nights from April 20th to October 12, 2024

How: Welcome and provide our guests with food, fellowship, and a safe and warm place to sleep, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Where: CLC's Fellowship Hall and Activity Center

HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS MINISTRY?

PROVIDE FOOD:

- **Dinner:** Find a friend to share the meal prep or make it a family event. Come with your meal, serve our guests, and share some fellowship with them (usually 8-12 men plus volunteers). *An e-mail will be sent to the listed dinner meal provider to tell them how many anticipated meals to prepare for the week.* The meal website is: <http://www.takethemameal.com>
Recipient name: Shelter
Password: Food
- **Pantry:** Provide breakfast or lunch materials on a one-time or regular basis for our shelter pantry. Provisions include milk, bread, lunch meat, cheese, cereal, and fruit. **Pantry coordinators will contact you via email to inform pantry providers of current needs.**

SUPERVISION: Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact one of the following people to help cover intake or overnight shifts for our guests. Any of us would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Lisa Owen (Intake and Lead)	ljo46383@msn.com or 219-477-9240
Tony Reinhold	tonyrein@aol.com or 219-241-0914
Diana Iltzsche (Meals and Lead)	diltzsche@hotmail.com or 219-628-0950
Tim Sutherland (Lead)	sutherla@iun.edu or 219-309-4413

First time? Please consider trying one of these shifts. We will pair you with a partner who has experience working the shift. Each Saturday has three shifts to cover—so any shift you take helps lighten the load. We will start the availability and scheduling process after April 1. **Watch for sign-ups in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings in March and April.** Training will be provided in late March or early April.

- Intake and evening shift: 6:30 pm -- 10:00 pm
- Late evening and overnight shift: 10:00 pm -- 2:30 am
- Early morning and breakfast shift: 2:30 am -- 7:00 am
- Meals are served from 7:10-8:00 pm; doors generally open at 6:30 for volunteers to set up. Our guests are admitted at 7:00 pm unless the weather causes us to open earlier.

LAUNDRY: Contact Kathy Lundstrom at klundstrom@frontier.com
Bedding used by our guests is washed every four weeks.

And please **PRAY** for this ministry, our volunteers, and our guests -- that Jesus's love may be shared,