



**Christ
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CHURCH

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The Good News
October 2023



Budget Forums and Annual Meeting Dates

Budget Forums

Sunday, October 22 @ 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 29 @ 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 12 @ 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Faith Formation Hour
With Pastor John Kost
9:20 a.m.
Church Hall
October 15 & 22
November 12 & 19**

Care of Creation: What's a Follower of Jesus to Do?

Air pollution, erosion, oil spills, water pollution, climate change, – the list is endless. There are so many ways that the earth is being exploited for our comforts. What is the proper balance between using the earth and nurturing it. How does being a follower of Jesus inform our actions regarding the earth's care?

Retired pastor, John Kost, invites you to join in the conversation on these issues as we explore:

1. Biblical and church teachings on stewarding creation.
2. How well we are doing in that stewarding.
3. Ways our congregation, community, country, and world could be better stewards.
4. Simple changes you can adopt toward being a better steward yourself.

Please join in on the conversation! Look forward to seeing you!

CLC Social Ministry and Mission

October 2023

As you do it for the least of these, you do it for Christ. (Matthew 25:40)



The focus this month is to provide volunteer time and monetary support for **Lutheran World Relief** www.lwr.org and **ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response** www.elca.org/hunger and www.elca.org/disaster

Lutheran World Relief is affirming God's love for all people, working with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. LWR vision is to be empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, envisioning a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity, and peace. Also, here is a volunteer opportunity in October: helping with the annual northern Indiana Lutheran congregations ingathering collection day at CLC (Sat. morning Oct. 28) - loading a semi-truckload of items to be delivered to LWR for shipment overseas. Many items come from CLC: quilts and baby/fabric/personal/school kits. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Becky Fry at justplainbecky@gmail.com

ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response two hunger/disaster response programs (plus Lutheran World Relief) work closely together on world humanitarian issues, providing relief and hunger assistance, as well as providing opportunities for hunger education and advocacy activities. 79% of funds are used around the world, 12% in the U.S., and 9% for education and advocacy.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in October (over and above giving combined with CLC's \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Luth. World Relief** and **ELCA Hunger/Disaster Relief** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate "LWR/ELCA Hunger" 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING

Our annual Lutheran World Relief Ingathering is just around the corner. As in years past we will be loading boxes of quilts, personal care kits, sewing kits and school kits for our siblings in need across the globe on Saturday, October 28 from 8 am until noon. We are looking for homemade baked goods to share with folks coming from other congregations to deliver boxes and some helping hands to move the boxes into the trailer for transport. Sign up sheets are located in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out – Becky Fry justplainbecky@gmail.com or 219.241.6854.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is coming on **Sunday, October 22 and ends on Sunday, November 19**. If you would like to donate a new handmade or store-bought item, make up a theme basket, donate services (such as holiday baking, tax prep, tutoring, etc.), or volunteer to set up or close the auction, please contact Director of Youth Ministries, Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski or the church office. Please have your donations in by Friday, October 20. Thank you for your support!

Senior Group News

Senior Group, please mark your calendars for our October 26, 2023 morning gathering; October speaker and/or outing to be announced soon, so please watch the weekly announcements for that information!



LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL

Our New School Year

We enjoyed a wonderful beginning to our school year. All 10 classes have been learning about our wonderful world God created and are now repeating new and familiar prayers before snack time and at circle time. We feel very blessed at LLP and thank CLC for providing this wonderful ministry.

Chapel Time

Chapel Time has begun at LLP! We have Chapel Time in our beautiful sanctuary and hear stories and sing songs. This month, Pastor Tim will be our special guest and throughout the month the children will hear the stories of Moses.

Helping LLP

The LLP Carnival is coming! We are so excited for this fun family event. Anyone interested in working this two-hour event (5:30-7:30 pm) on Thursday, November 9th, please let Jen know at jen.gottlieb@clcvalpo.org.

Did you know?

This Fall LLP has 138 joyful students and 10 very energetic classes. We have a staff of 11 energetic teachers, teaching assistants, and director. We are wonderfully supported by Christ Lutheran Church and seven dedicated people on Little Lamb Preschool Board.

Christian Mission Statement

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



Little Lamb
PRESCHOOL

A ministry of Christ Lutheran



Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

Date	209	Church Hall	120	LLP Annex	107	119
October 1	Jesus: The Greatest Story with Cheryl Slack	Deepening Our Welcome (See Below)	God's Law is Love Dave Keammerer	Sunday School 3rd-4th grade	Sunday School 3yo—K	Sunday School 1st-2nd grade
October 8	Jesus: The Greatest Story with Cheryl Slac	Stewarding Creation in the 21st Century— What's a followers of Jesus do? Pr. John Kost	God's Law is Love Dave Keammerer	Sunday School 3rd-4th grade	Sunday School 3yo—K	Sunday School 1st-2nd grade
October 15 Fall Break No SS		Stewarding Creation in the 21st Century— What's a followers of Jesus do? Pr. John Kost	God's Law is Love Dave Keammerer	Break	Break	Break
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October 29	Jesus: The Greatest Story with Cheryl Slac		God's Law is Love Dave Keammerer	Sunday School 3rd-4th grade	Sunday School 3yo—K	Sunday School 1st-2nd grade

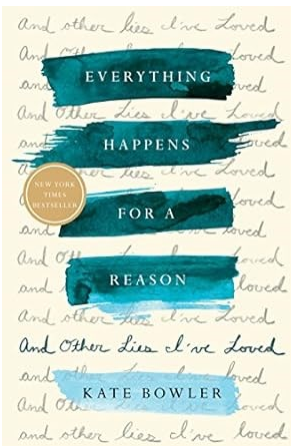
Getting to Know CLC

Join us to learn more about Christ Lutheran's ministry, history, and teaching. We'll gather for a 3-week series during the Formation Hour on Sundays (9:20am-10:20) **October 15, 22 and 29** in the Church Hall, followed by an opportunity **November 5** to formally stand with the congregation, confess our faith together, and declare that "Yes! God has something for me here."

[Register for our series here](#) or [click on the QR code](#) for more information contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@clcvalpo.org.



Are there things you would like to share with the Deepening Our Welcome team? Do you have concerns or questions about where we are going and what is next for our beloved community here at CLC? The DOW team would like to invite you to meet individually with a member of our team so we can listen carefully to your perspective and discuss with you anything you would like to discuss with us. If you would like to have a one-to-one visit with us, please contact Kathy Sutherland (ksutherland54@yahoo.com). Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.



Young(er) Women's Book Group

Looking for a place for community, faithful conversation and laughter? Come join the discussion on Monday evenings, about twice a month.

Beginning October 2, at 6:30pm at CLC (Room 119)

Kate Bowler's book "Everything Happens" tell the truth about how our platitudes fall apart when the going gets tough - and what the reality of faithful hope looks like.

October Altar Gifts

Holy Communion

Jeremy & Sara Long ~ In Memory of Floyd and Pearl Long

Ellen Swayne ~ In Memory of Charles Swayne

Altar Candles

Irene Adams ~ To the Glory of God in thankfulness of Keisha, Amy and Josh

Eternal Lamp

Marilyn McGawn ~ In Memory of Malcolm

Dot Ruuska ~ In Memory of Whitey

CLC is doing a Chili Cook-Off! Saturday, October 21



What's better than a church potluck? A church potluck with some friendly competition! The Stewardship committee invites you to prepare your best chili recipe to share with the church. There will be prizes and board games as well as information and sign-up opportunities for other CLC committees. If making chili is not your thing, but you would still like to make something, we are also welcoming side dishes and desserts. If you just want to come and eat, that's great too!

Where and When: CLC Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 5 PM to 7 PM at CLC's Fellowship Hall. Food drop-off will begin at 4 PM.

If you plan on competing, please sign-up no later than October 15, so we can get an idea of how many entries there might be.

Sign-up form link: <https://bit.ly/clcCHILI> (or scan the QR code)



If you have any questions about the event, please contact Crystal Ridley (cridley@duneland.k12.in.us) from the Stewardship Committee.





Brian Bartusch

Organist & Director of Music Ministries, Christ Lutheran Church

Performing works by

J.S. Bach, Schumann, Buxtehude, C.P.E. Bach, Mendelssohn, and Hindemith

Sunday, October 22, 2023 | 4:00 pm | Free Admission

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2023 Organ Concert Series: May | September | October

Hosted by the Worship & Arts Committee of Christ Lutheran Church in celebration of the 5th anniversary of the installation of the sanctuary pipe organ!



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October 2023 Schedule

October 20th- Deadline to Register for ELCA Youth Gathering

High School (9th-12th)

October 1st | Circle | 6-8pm

October 8th | Circle | 6-8pm

October 15th- No Circle! (Fall Break)

October 22nd | Circle | 6-8pm

October 29th | Halloween Celebration | 6-8pm

Confirmation

Confirmation | October 4th | 6-7:30pm

Confirmation | October 11th | 6-7:30pm

Confirmation | October 18th | 6-7:30pm

Confirmation | October 25th | 6-7:30pm

Fusion (5th-8th)

Fusion | October 1st | 9:20-10:20am

Fusion | October 8th | 9:20-10:20am

October 15th- No Fusion! (Fall Break)

Fusion | October 22nd | 9:20-10:20am

Fusion | October 29th | 9:20-10:20am



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October Newsletter- Updates from the Youth Realm!

CLC Congregation,

The year is now officially in full swing and as I write this letter, all I can think of is the gratitude I have for each and every one of you. This year is an especially busy one in our Youth Ministries here at CLC and the unwavering support that has been shown to our youth programs has made everything done so far this year the success that it has been.

At the beginning of September, we had our annual Popcorn Fest fundraiser. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made it possible! Our annual fundraisers could not happen without the contributions of time, energy, and resources from the CLC community. This year, we raised \$2,400 that will go towards sending our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Thank you for your support and prayers with this year's Popcorn Fest!

As we enter the month of October, we begin our Silent Auction season. If you have any baskets, homemade or newly purchased items, or services that you would like to submit to this year's Silent Auction, please reach out to me! Submissions should be sent in by October 20th.

Once again, many thanks for all the ways you each have blessed our youth ministries here at CLC. My gratitude to each and every one of you is without end!

Blessings on your October,
Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski
Director of Youth Ministries

Nursery Attendant Needed



Christ Lutheran is looking for a responsible adult (over 18) to serve as the paid primary nursery staff person on Sunday mornings, approximately 7:50am -11:50am. Children from 0-3 are welcomed in the nursery, and volunteers assist each week. Please contact Pastor Erica Gibson-Even (pastorerica@clcvalpo.org 219.462.6660) for more information.

Quilts	Baby Care Kits	Fabric Care Kits	Personal Care Kits	Aluminum Can Project
2023 Goal: 500	2023 Goal: 500	2023 Goal: 150	Kits Completed: 615	\$58.80
Quilts Completed: 290	Kits Completed: 760	Kits Completed: 160		(10 towels/10 yds of flannel purchased)
				\$40.00 -Waiting for sales

Baby Care Kits September needs—Jackets, sweat shirts, sweaters, and hats (Sizes 6 months to 2T)

Fabric Kits September needs—Cotton fabric in 3 yard lengths

Personal Care Kits September needs—Financial Support to purchase needed items

September Needs: ALUMINUM CANS—Keep those CANS coming! CAN Placement—Red truck or White basket in Gathering Area.

News from LWR: In the past 25 years (1998-2022) dedicated quilt and kit makers have donated:

9,191, 127 Quilts—they would cover 11 square miles, or half of Manhattan.

9,493,141 Kits—that is more than one for every person in Minnesota, North & South Dakota and Nebraska combined!