



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
October 9, 2022

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
October 9	Deepening our Welcome Fred Niedner		God's Exceptional Choice Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
October 16	Deepening our Welcome Fred Niedner		God's Exceptional Choice Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
October 23	Congregational Forum		God's Exceptional Choice Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
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QUILTS FOR LWR

Although we make these quilts to give away to those in need if you see one in the sanctuary that you would like to purchase, the quilters are requesting a donation of \$50, which will be used for shipping the quilts overseas.

Of course if you are not interested in purchasing a quilt but would like to make a donation for shipping please do so. Make the check out to Christ Lutheran and in the memo section fill in "LWR Shipping"

Thank you for helping show God's Love.

The quilts were displayed by this wacky youth group, thank you for your time and beautiful work.



Deepening our Welcome

Last Spring, we worked together as a congregation to offer input on priorities for strategic planning at CLC - **who are we? In what ways do we hear God calling us forward?** We identified lots of good priorities - the one that scored the very highest on importance for our future direction at CLC was **"Welcome and Community."** And the need that folks most consistently suggested we might address together was the need to think about what it would mean to better welcome our LGBTQ+ members, family, and neighbors.

"Deepening Our Welcome" is a working group at Christ Lutheran that has been wondering and praying about this over the last year - studying, meeting with members of the congregation, and listening for next steps. One of the pieces we've identified is that we need to learn together! To learn about our LGBTQ+ neighbors, and to learn about the ways the Bible might orient us in this process. We're looking forward to a variety of events during Faith Formation Hour this year - the first of which is coming up in October, led by **Professor Fred Niedner**. When we approach the library of the Bible, what resources do we have for understanding relationships, for loving our neighbors? What do we make of the difficult passages? You can read more about each session below - we invite you to join us **in the Sanctuary, on October 9 and 16!**

Becoming Reconciled in Christ

*Presented by Professor Fred Niedner
Christ Lutheran Church, October 2022*

Oct 9 - "Give Up All You Own and Control, and Come, Follow Me"

No kidding. No loopholes. This is the call to find our lives by losing them—by losing everything, actually—in the kingdom of the condemned, where we're all dying, but together. With him. And with all those folks we've habitually, even righteously, cast as wrong, perverse, and beyond the pale. Which lands us daily in a different world, a new creation.

Oct 16 - Cherubim, Commandments, and Choruses

Of all our dinged up holy things, which shall we salvage as we roam the world, newly crucified and risen as Christ's own flesh and blood body? What pieces and tools—rules, distinctions, categories, structures, language—from our old world serve our mission in the new?



ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, **November 6**. We will honor those who have entered into eternal life and have their names listed in the bulletin. If you have any loved one, family or friend, that you would like listed on the insert, please fill out a form located in the Gathering Area.

CLC Social Ministry and Mission

October 2022

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



Social Ministry Emphasis for October. 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 (Sat. morning Oct. 30) - 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 Irene Adams at iadams102@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. Most recently Disaster Response funds have been provided to aid with recovery from the Kentucky flooding disaster.

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 PushPay on the CLC website <https://elcvalpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis.

Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

To My Church Family:

The simple words of ‘*thank you*’ do not seem to express my gratefulness and appreciation to all of you for the many cards and kind words of comfort, as well as the beautiful floral arrangement that you sent in sympathy of my father’s death. He was a loving man with a strong faith, and my family and I are blessed to have shared that with him throughout his life.

To be surrounded by so many caring and loving people has made the last few weeks a bit easier to get thru.

Blessings to you all – Brian Bartusch

What are those fancy new robes?



You’ve certainly noticed a beautiful addition to our worship: the pastor who is presiding at Communion now wears a “chasuble” (chah-zu-bull), a sort of poncho, whose colors and decoration match our banners and paraments (cloth on the various furnishings). Probably you’ve wondered: what are those, why do we wear them, and what do they symbolize?

The chasuble is a vestment (clothing for liturgy) worn in many traditions, including our Lutheran one (especially in Scandinavia and Germany) for centuries, at Holy Communion. They symbolize the role and office of the pastor: set aside to preside in this particular way, the chasuble represents the “yoke of Christ” (along with the stole our pastors wear) as distinctive marks of their office. Wearing our chasubles in worship is our way of decorating the presiding pastor: to bring more color and symbolism into our sanctuary, and to acknowledge how important, and special, having Communion together is for us. This Lord’s meal is important to us, and this is one way we can show it!

Our beautiful set of chasubles is hand-designed and hand-made by our own Marla Niksch and Terry Albrecht and given to the Glory of God as a gift to the ministries of the congregation. Our set encompasses all the major colors of our liturgical year, and they are a rich and wonderful way to enhance, beautify, and deepen our experience in worship. Thanks be to God for the gift of these “fancy new robes”!

School Supplies are collected for LWR

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, you have provided almost all of the supplies that we need for 100 Lutheran World Relief School Kits.



We're coming down to the wire and just need a few more items to complete the kits. The following quantities of supplies are needed:

35 – **rulers** with centimeters (30) on one side and inches (12) on the other
54 – **70-sheet notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"

You may place your items in the basket in the Gathering Space. We will box them and load them on the truck on **October 29th**.

You have been so generous with your gifts this year. A final push will help us meet our goal to serve God's people throughout the world. Thank you.

Do you ever feel like you need to “get away”? After a hiatus because of the pandemic, it's feeling like time to offer another all-church retreat. This would offer time for reflection, fellowship, study, worship, and rejuvenation. Does that sound like something you would be interested in? Maybe you can help! We're looking for several people who would like to be part of the planning committee. If that's you, please contact Pastor Erica at pastorerica@clcvalpo.org or Kathy Stefans at Kathy.stefans@gmail.com

LWR Ingathering

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! The Lutheran World Relief trailer will be here Saturday, October 29, and there is much work to be done. As in past years the loading will begin at 8 am and wrap up by noon. We are looking for bakers to make tasty treats for the workers and neighboring churches who will be delivering their own boxes. If you're not a baker, we could always use a few friendly folks to welcome our visitors keep the coffee and snacks presentable. Most of all, we could use help moving boxes to the back of the trailer. If you are able to assist, please sign up in the gathering area or reach out to Becky Fry 219.241.6854 or justplainbecky@gmail.com.



The AMOS team of nurses and a speech pathologist is leaving November 4, 2022 for Guatemala to provide medical care/clinics to the people in remote mountains villages surrounding Esquipulas. It is with much gratitude that we thank CLC and our congregation for your kind generosity and continued support as we prepare for this mission.

This is a list of the medications we need, **bold** means high volumes needed, underlined means we run out quickly.

The following ointments: **Neosporin, Hydrocortisone, Anti-itch cream, triple antibiotic, Diaper Rash, antifungals, muscle rub, Benadryl.** Vitamins: **Adult and Children Chewable (NO GUMMIES PLEASE, they melt) Children's Pain and Fever medications, cough syrups, Flu relief.** (We run out each time) **Infant Pain and Fever medications.** (We run out each time). Benadryl, **Tums/Antacid meds**, Anti-diarrhea meds, Daytime and Nighttime multi-symptom meds, any NSAIDS (**Ibuprofen, Aleve, Naprosyn, Motrin, Advil, Baby Aspirin 81mg**) **Acetaminophen/Tylenol, Pepcid, Omeprazole, Zantac, Baby Aspirin, Urinary health meds, Prenatal vitamins.**

We are so thankful for the bags and baby hats so lovingly made by some of the talented people at CLC. Thank you again for making this mission work possible, we can only do it with the support of our community.



Congregational Forums

***Sunday, October 23 at 9:20 a.m.
in the Sanctuary***

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Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 13 @ 12:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Join us to elect our spiritual leaders and approve our Ministry Plan for 2023-2024 in the Sanctuary.

Blessing of Animals
October 2, 2022



COSTA RICA



Vision Trip
**JUNE 24-JULY 1
2023**



Multigenerational

Families are welcome, as are individuals from 5-99 years old! Christ Lutheran has been dreaming of a multigenerational mission trip to celebrate 50 years as a congregation!



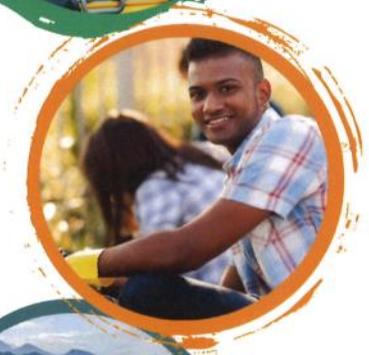
Service

The main partner community for this trip is Casa Adobe, the host of The Praxis Center's Valparaiso University Study Center in Costa Rica. Spend time working on the gardens and helping with neighborhood projects.



Learning

Learn about pressing global issues like climate change and refugee movement, while you meet refugees from Venezuela, Nicaragua and El Salvador, and learn about water, pineapple, coffee, and oil palm. How can we as Christians respond?



Apply by November 30, 2022
Monthly meetings beginning in January, 2023



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