



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
December 4, 2022

Faith Formation Opportunities <i>Sundays 9:20 a.m.</i>				
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
Dec. 4	Why Do We Do What We Do in Worship? Pastor Tim/Pastor Erica	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch: Vaping: What parents need to know	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	
Dec. 11	Why Do We Do What We Do in Worship? Pastor Tim/Pastor Erica	Fish Out of Water Film by Ky Dickens	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
Dec. 18	Sunday School Christmas Program		From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas			

Vaping: What parents need to know
Sunday, December 4
Church Hall

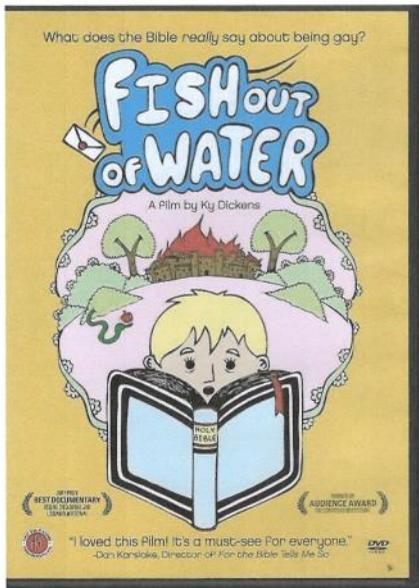
This presentation provides basic information about e-cigarettes & vaping products, the extent of the youth vaping epidemic, short- and long-term effects of vaping, and explains how to engage in your community. Vaping items will be available for parents to see, touch and learn about.

SAVE THE DATE!

The CLC Retreat is happening! Please plan now to attend on **February 17-19, 2023**. With the end of the pandemic restrictions, we are excited to offer this in-person retreat again. It will be a good time to step back from our stressful daily lives into a time of respite and spiritual renewal at the beautiful **Lindenwood Retreat Center near Plymouth, IN**. Watch for more details in the next weeks.

Fish out of Water

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 11**



The "Deepening our Welcome" folks are giving you another opportunity to explore how we at Christ Lutheran can follow Christ's example of loving **all** our neighbors. Join us at **9:20** in the **Fellowship Hall** for a light-hearted follow-up to the inspiring Faith Formation presentations by Fred Niedner and Carrie Sovola. You'll see a familiar face in this film!

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) **January 8, 15 and 22** in the Church Hall, followed by an opportunity to formally stand with the congregation, confess our faith together, and declare that "Yes! God has something for me here." [Register for our series by clicking on the QR Code.](#)



CLC Social Ministry and Mission December 2022



*"Where every member is a missionary,
every pastor is a mission director,
and every congregation is a mission center."*



Bethel Lutheran Church – Miller/Gary

December's Social Ministry emphasis is to provide monetary support, along with increasing partnership activities, for **Bethel Lutheran Church**, a diverse, urban ELCA congregation in the Miller neighborhood of Gary, Indiana (part of NW Indiana Conference of I-K Synod) <http://bethelmiller.org> and <http://facebook.com/bethelmillerbeach> Bethel's Pastor is Rev. Joy Heine, and Greg Bueltmann is Director of Music. Bethel means "house of God" and members believe strongly "that the God of Jesus Christ truly is present as they regularly gather in fellowship around his Word and sacraments". CLC has partnered with Bethel over many years, including our 2nd joint worship service at Lake Michigan this past summer, and it is wonderful to further increase relationships with a sister congregation.

- CLC began as an ELCA suburban mission congregation almost 52 years ago. The ELCA I-K Synod Mission and Urban Congregation programs some years ago refocused on needs of urban, rural, and diverse congregations.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in December (over and above giving combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Bethel Lutheran** continue to thrive as a congregation with outreach activities to organizations such as Interfaith Action Network, Crisis Center, and Sojourner Truth House. Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "Bethel" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website <https://clcvalpo.org> via the "Give" button. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.



Angel tree & Priscilla sisters who were able to help decorate

Angel Tree Project 2022 is underway!

Priscilla Circle will repeat our gift giving to family units that live in Porter County and sponsored by our partner groups such as Hilltop Neighborhood House, Housing Opportunities, Caroline Place, Disabled American Veterans, Little Lamb Preschool and our congregation. Donations from members & friends of CLC will go toward purchasing \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards. Based on last year's experiences, our partner groups have suggested that we offer the Walmart cards to the adults & children that each group serves. The generosity of last year's donors made it possible to show the love of Christ to 57 adults and 34 children. Over \$2,000 was generously donated for last year's Angel Tree. The need of the families served by our partner groups continues this year, on a greater scale. Please be as generous as you can to share the love & joy of the birth of the Christ child with the hearts & lives of our sponsored adults, children & families. **The last day to donate is Monday, December 5.**

Angel Tree Project 2022 is ready to receive electronic donations through the **CLC Giving Center** at <http://clcvalpo.org/give>. Set up or use your existing account, indicate a one-time gift, date, then select Angel Tree Project 2022. **Checks** can also be made out to Christ Lutheran and mailed to 2610 Campbell St. Please make sure to put **Angel Tree 2022** on the memo line & on the outside of the envelope. You can also place **cash** or checks into an envelope, marked with **Angel Tree 2022**, in the outside lock box or in your offering. Your generous support will reflect God's love & care for our community.

You Are Invited to Join Us!

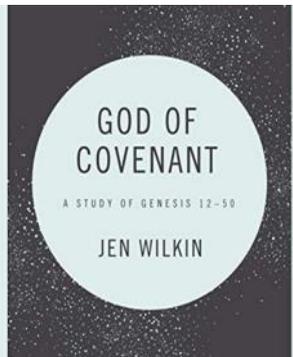
January 2023 Ladies Evening Bible Study starts on **1/24/2023 & meets each TUESDAY @ 7:15 pm on ZOOM.**

Topic: The Study of Genesis Chapters 12 to 50.

Study Guide: God of Covenant by Jen Wilken available on Amazon or @ www.Lifeway.com

Please join us from the comfort of your home during the winter months for ladies bible study and fellowship and prayer! We meet weekly each Tuesday evening on Zoom @ 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm you can join via your computer or cell phone.

Questions? Call or email Grace Safrin Facilitator @ 219-309-3809 or FCTucker1stTeam@gmail.com





Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. It concludes with a session devoted to identifying and choosing next steps.

The ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod, in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, IN, invites you to join in this discussion circle beginning Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and meeting every other week for 11 sessions, each 90 minutes, with our final session falling on June 7, 2023. A weekday session will be offered during Lent for church staff; see registration site for details. We will meet via Zoom.

Registration is open and will close on December 19, 2022, or when registration is full, at 80 participants.

For registration, go to: <https://clcvalpo.org/sacred-ground>

To watch a video about Sacred Ground, go to: <https://subspla.sh/4x9tczk>

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Owen (jlo46383@msn.com) or Kathy Sutherland (ksutherland54@yahoo.com). For more information about Sacred Ground, please see this link: <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about>

Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Advent Worship: 12/7, 14 @ 7:00pm

Longest Night Service: 12/21 @ 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm with Youth Orchestra
7:00pm with Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble
and 10:00pm with Brass**

Christmas Day Service of Lessons & Carols: 10:00am

New Year Day Service: 10:00am

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!



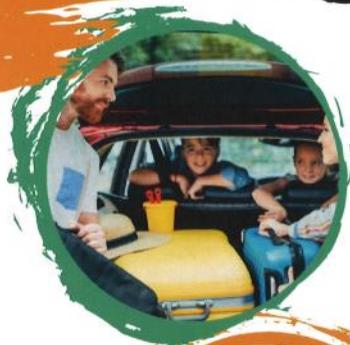
Service

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.



Apply by December 30, 2022

Monthly meetings beginning in January, 2023

NEW BACKWATER
A LUTHERAN MISSION

**ORGANIZED BY LUTHERAN
DEACONESS KAT PETERS**

Costa Rica facilitators:
Lutheran Deaconess Heidi Michelsen
and members of the Casa Adobe
intentional Christian community

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New Coats for Children in Foster Care:

Christ Lutheran is teaming up with Bethel Lutheran, our sister church in Gary, to provide 10 **new coats** for children in foster care. **Hands of Hope Indiana** is requesting coats, along with matching hats and gloves, to support foster families in Northwest Indiana. **CLC has committed to 5 of these new coats.**

Here's what you can do:

- Find the coat poster in the gathering space.
- Take one of the removable buttons from the poster with coat/accessory info for a particular child. (If you'd like, you could ask another person/family to partner with you)
- Shop!
- Pack your coat and accessories, **with their original button of info**, in a gift bag.
- Bring them to the gathering space **on or before Sunday morning, December 4**, and leave them below the poster.
- Consider joining us to celebrate at the **Happy Birthday, Jesus** event at Bethel on December 4. Watch for info in the Scribe!



**Shake Up Your
Holiday Tradition**
Give Blood

Blood Drive
Christ Lutheran Church
Activity Center - Door 14
2610 North Campbell
Valparaiso

Wednesday, December 28
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



SOUNDS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Concert to Benefit Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church and the
South Shore Brass Band**
(With members of the Christ Lutheran Handbell Choir)

Christ Lutheran Church

2610 Campbell St. Valparaiso (across from Valpo High School)

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 - 4 PM

Free Admission

(Free Will Offering will be collected)

