



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
February 1, 2026

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

	Church Hall	120 Library
2/1/2026	Baptised We Live Pastor Erica/Pastor Tim	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
2/8/2026	Liturgical Art of Ernst Schwidder with Rev. Jim Wetzstein	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
2/15/2026	Ask the Pastor	Bible Survey D. Keammerer
2/22/2026	A Presentation from Daybreak Shelter	Bible Survey D. Keammerer

2026 Lenten Dinners at CLC!!!

During Lent, you are invited to join in Lenten dinners at **5:30 p.m.** Wednesdays at CLC, before each **7:00 p.m.** evening service. **Please sign up for each meal in advance in the East Link so that the cooks know how many to expect, and consider bringing a dessert to share.** A free-will offering will be collected at each meal. Come and join in the fellowship!

As the season of Lent approaches, we are looking for individuals or groups to make the evening meals. Sign-up sheets are in the East Link, for more information call the church office. Remember when signing up to also ask for volunteers to set-up and clean-up the hall.

Dinner schedule:

February 18 ~ Denise Maragos (Something Delicious)

February 25 ~ Hospitality and Outreach (Taco Bar)

March 4 ~ Stephen Ministry (Soups and Surprises)

March 11

March 18 ~ CLC Choir (Sloppy Joes)

March 25

CLC Social Ministry and Mission February 2026

Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless.
(Proverbs 31:8)

Social Ministry Emphasis for February is Hilltop House <https://www.hilltophouse.org> and Refugee Family Support Fund.



February's emphasis is to provide monetary and volunteer support for **Hilltop House, Hilltop Food Pantry**, and CLC's/Valpo's **Refugee Family Support Fund**. HH is located "on a hill" in a neighborhood west of Valparaiso U. where social service needs are real for the families and children living there. HH can provide as a health care provider Medicare and Hoosier

Healthwise benefits to those in Porter County living below the poverty level (estimated to be 9000 children and 4000 women in Porter County). A gift of \$50 permits Hilltop to provide childcare, health care, and community improvement activities within a child's own family setting (also contributions may qualify for Indiana's Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit).

Also, plan to the Hilltop Soup dinner fundraiser Tuesday, March 3, 4-7pm at Porter County Expo Center. And, the Hilltop Food Pantry [Hilltop | Food Pantry \(hilltophouse.org\)](https://hilltophouse.org) welcomes food donations at 606 Union Street, Valpo,

CLC's/Valpo's **Refugee Family Support Fund** has been a wonderful help to our local Refugee Family over the couple of years. Our family has found housing, employment, a means of transportation, English language training, schools and music opportunities for the kids, faith communities, and more. As the family continues to transition to life in Valpo and Northwest Indiana, this Support Fund continues to help the family move towards independence and sustainability.

Also, look for volunteer opportunities throughout the year to assist members of the family and to get to know the family better.



Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in February (over and above giving combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Hilltop** and our **Refugee Family** continue to thrive. Use your weekly worship giving envelope with check to CLC and indicate "Hilltop/Refugee" or contribute through Subsplash on the CLC website clcvalpo.org via the "Give" button, choosing "Social Ministry Emphasis" from the pull-down menu. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

Join the NWIAAA Celebrating Black History Month

Valedictorian {short story}

N. K. Jemisin

Book Discussion

February 1, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

Zoom ID: 4088838497

Passcode: 102020

Read *Valedictorian*
<http://www.lightspeedmagazine.com/fiction/valedictorian>

"Valedictorian" by N.K. Podcasts



The Space Traders by Derrick Bell

History

Book: *Faces at the Bottom of the Well*, by Derrick Bell,

Read the Forward,

Preface

Introduction

the short story "Space
Traders"



Book Discussion

February 15, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

Zoom ID: 4088838497

Passcode: 102020

PDF: [found on Google](#)

or contact George Terrell
for a book

(george.terrell@yahoo.com)



Nickel Boys Film

(Book can be found on Amazon)

February 28, 2026

1:30-5:30 p.m.

Valparaiso University

Christopher Center Room 205

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Bring a snack



Northwest Indiana African American Alliance | PO Box 497, Valparaiso, IN 46384

nwiaaa2013@yahoo.com | nwiaaa.org

LENT/EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

Ash Wednesday

February 18

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Dinners

February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

March 29

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4 @ 4:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Lent





Christ Lutheran CHURCH

2025 Giving Statements

THANK YOU for supporting the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church! Your commitment to our congregation and our community shares the love of Christ with our neighbors here in Valparaiso and all over the world. **Our congregation does so much more than Sunday worship!** During the past few months, Christ Lutheran:

- Hosted a Lutheran World Relief in-gathering, where we gathered an actual truckload of school supplies, personal care kits, baby care kits, fabric kits, and quilts from congregations all over the region;
- Raised \$4,955 at our annual Silent Auction, which helps send our youth to programs such as Quake and Confirmation Camp;
- Browsed gifts that can help support our neighbors around the world through our Alternative Giving Fair, which raised \$246 for Daybreak Shelter;
- Welcomed Karina Barlow as our new Director of Youth Ministries;
- Created a dedicated space off the Church Hall for Circle, our senior high youth group;
- Began renovating our tech closet and unused closet space into a new office, which will allow our Director of Youth Ministries to have a space closer to the staff offices;
- Moved our handbell choirs into a dedicated rehearsal space, which frees space in our music room for our growing Sanctuary Choir;
- Created opportunities for fellowship (and friendly competition!) at our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off, Thanksgiving pie fellowship, Bread Breakers groups, and Sunday morning Welcome Center chats;
- Welcomed our preschool families to LLP's annual Christmas parties and programs, where they heard the Christmas story and celebrated the birth of Christ;
- Heard the Christmas story from our own Sunday School children at their annual Christmas program;
- Prepared our hearts for Christmas with weekly Advent worship services;
- Rejoiced at the birth of Christ with wonderful music from our Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, first-ever Intergenerational Orchestra, soloists, and South Shore Brass Band;
- Continued our commitment to nurture our faith through Sunday School, Faith Formation Hour classes, Confirmation, Fusion, Circle, book groups, and Bible studies;
- Celebrated baptisms and welcomed new families into our community;
- Provided meeting space for Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Stephen Ministries, and our grief group;
- Repaid \$2,850 borrowed from our restricted funds;
- Raised \$12,079 to share with the ministries of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response, Daybreak Shelter, Gabriel's Horn, and our mission partner Bethel Lutheran in Gary.

YOUR GIFTS to our ministry allow these things to happen - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Please check your email or mailbox for your 2025 giving statement. Statements were sent electronically on Wednesday, January 21; look for an email from Christ Lutheran Church, coming from noreply@secure.subsplash.com. If you do not receive your statement electronically, it was mailed to you (if requested) or left in your church mailbox on January 21. Any statements not picked up from church mailboxes will be mailed on January 30. If you do not receive your statement, or have any questions, please call the church office or email our Business Manager, Heather Budnik (heather.budnik@clcvalpo.org). Thank you for helping change lives as part of our ministry at Christ Lutheran Church!

The colorful banners on display in the Sanctuary, the Gathering Place and Fellowship Hall are being shared by member, Phil Hahn. These banners are on loan from First Christian Church and were created by Phil's late wife, Laurel. Laurel made over forty liturgical banners and hundreds of quilts for family and others. Phil is making this display possible for us to enjoy and in remembrance of Laurel and her many talents.

Phil is an active member at CLC as a worship assistant, musician, and choir member. Phil is also a board member and participant for The South Shore Brass, a brass band that holds various concerts at Christ Lutheran throughout the year.

We appreciate Phil and his kind offer to share these beautiful banners with us over the next few weeks. Thank you, Phil.

~ Worship and Arts Committee

CLC SENIOR GROUP 2026 KICKOFF ACTIVITY

February 26 @ 9:30 a.m. @ Church
(All are welcome to attend)

Thrivent is funding this helping event. We will assist in tying quilts (blankets) that are going to LWR. Both male & female volunteers are appreciated. You do not need any special talents, other than tying knots. All materials will be provided. The tying can be done while sitting or standing. Thrivent is also providing lunch at 11:30 a.m. and all are welcome to stay - please email or text Judy at mbboom@comcast.net or 309-368-9536 or notify the church office, if you will be eating with us, so we will have enough food.

We are planning an event for the morning of March 26th. More information will follow.

LLP Registration

2026-2027 Registration is now open for everyone! We have plenty of Beginner AM and PM classes left and some afternoon Young 5/PreK spots.

The classes that will be offered this coming fall are:

- Beginners Tuesday/Thursday AM 8:45-11:15 (\$225/month). 3 & 4 years old.
Must be 3 by August 1, 2026
- Beginners 3 Session AM Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00-11:30 (\$275/month). 3 & 4 years old.
Should be 3 by Feb. 1, 2026
- Beginners 3 Session PM Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30-3:00 (\$275/month). 3 & 4 years old.
Should be 3 by Feb. 1, 2026
- Pre-K AM Mon/Wed/Fri 8:45-11:15 (\$250/month) 4 & 5 years old.
Must be 4 by August 1, 2026
- Pre-K PM Mon/Wed/Fri 12:15-2:45 (\$250/month) 4 & 5 years old.
Must be 4 by August 1, 2026*
- Young 5's AM Mon-Fri 9:00-11:30 (\$357/month) 4 & 5 years old. Should be 4 by June 1, 2026
- Young 5's PM Mon-Fri 12:30-3:00 (\$357/month) 4 & 5 years old. Should be 4 by June 1, 2026*

*Enrollment of up to 16 students in these classes will combine for a split class of PreK/Young 5.

An Extended Day Program will be available for Registration in Fall of 2026 for Spring Semester. Pre-K and Young 5 AM students, who will be attending Kindergarten the following school year, are eligible to enroll.

LLP reserves the right to cancel classes if enrollment is insufficient. A non-refundable registration fee of \$175.00 is due at the time of confirmation of registration. Additional siblings registering for the same school year may pay a reduced registration fee of \$119.00. Once you receive confirmation of registration from LLP you may pay for registration online via a link provided. The registration fee is not due until you receive confirmation that your child has secured a spot for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please contact Jen Gottlieb at 219-462-6660 #14 or LLP@CLCValpo.org for more information.

Registration is online at www.clcvalpo.org
(click through to the LLP page).



February Altar Gifts

Holy Communion Safrin Family ~ In Celebration of Cam Kozloski's birthday

Altar Candles Vickie and Gregg Copeland ~ In Honor of Family

Eternal Lamp Given to the Glory of God



Planning is important. And when your plan is part of God's larger plan, you can make an eternal impact for those who have yet to hear the story of Jesus. Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Are your plans for generosity, service or mentorship established as you look to the future?

If supporting the CLC Ministries is important to you, consider a gift option to the CLC Endowment Fund. For more information or contact Pastor Tim or our ELCA regional gift planner.

Endowment Funds ending balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$167,415.78.
The account balance is reflective of the market value as of 12/31/2025. The balance remains invested and is subject to market fluctuations.

Initial investment as of 1/25/2025 = \$135,034.53.
Additional deposit made in November 2025 of \$10,000.

Thank you.
The Endowment Committee

NEEDED:	CHRISTMAS CARDS
WHEN:	ANYTIME
WHERE:	SANDY KEAMMERER'S MAILBOX

Sandy collects cards all year, so keep them coming.

QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 53

BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED-105



FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-16

PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT

KITS COMPLETED 168

FEBRUARY NEEDS-CASH TO BUY NEEDED ITEMS IN BULK.

Lent is a season when traditionally Christians make a sacrifice of some type to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. In this spirit, I am making this request for this time during lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Good Friday, I will match any contributions to the Personal Care Kit Project. Please help me help remember those people all over the world that are less fortunate than we are. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase items to be included in the kits. Thank you for your participation in this project.

ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

Cans collected-0

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. The core group of peer support welcomes others to walk together in our grief journey .

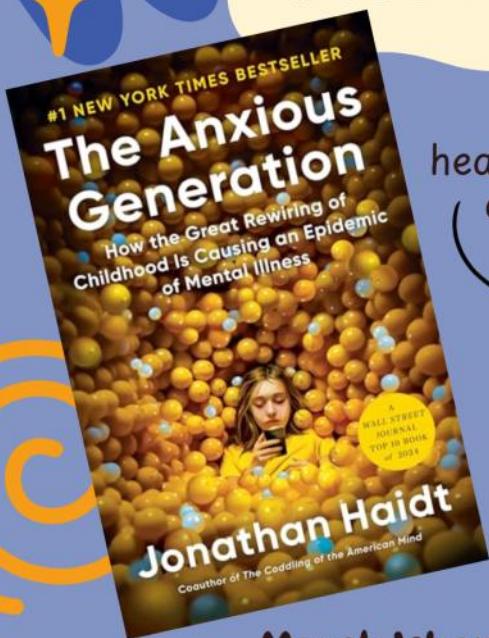
Come when you can. Coffee and Kleenex available.

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 February 22, 25, 2026.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARENTING BOOK DISCUSSION



hear from the
author



Come share
your thoughts
and questions!
Whether you've
finished the
book or are
just curious,
everyone is
welcome.

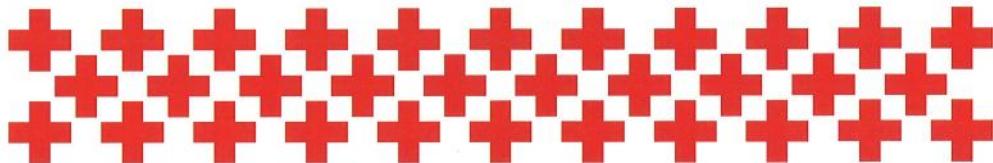
March 1st and 8th during Faith
Formation hour in the Church Hall

FACILITATED BY THE
CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Christ Lutheran Church

Activity Center - Door 14
2610 North Campbell
Valparaiso

Tuesday, February 24
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ChristLutheranValpo to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your
choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Attention All Thrivent Financial Members!

Do you have any ***Thrivent Choice Dollars*** that have not been directed to the charity of our choice?

Minimum and maximum Choice Dollars Designations

Eligible clients will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars and a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per eligibility period (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31).



Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed **until March 31, 2026.**

There are two ways of directing ***Choice Dollars*** to Christ Lutheran Church:

Computer: Go to the Thrivent Financial web site (www.Thrivent.com) and direct the ***Choice Dollars*** on-line.

Phone: Call Thrivent Financial at 1-800-847-4836. When prompted by the electronic answering system, say "***Thrivent Choice.***" Follow the remaining prompts, and a representative will come on the line to assist you. You will need your Thrivent membership ID number and will need to answer some other personal questions to verify that you are the Thrivent member who is on the line.

CIRCLE Dinner Providers Needed for 2026

Meals are needed for the high school youth group. Circle meets every Sunday from 6-8pm, with a meal to start at 6:00. Would you be willing to cook a meal and share it with the kids? You would be cooking for about 15 people and are welcome to stay for fellowship. If you are interested, please scan the QR code.

