



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

**WEEKLY SCRIBE**  
**February 22, 2026**

| <b>Faith Formation Opportunities ~ <i>Sundays 9:20 a.m.</i></b> |  |                                     |
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|   | <b>Church Hall</b>   | <b>120 Library</b>                  |
| 2/22/2026   | A Presentation from<br>Daybreak Shelter  | <b>Bible Survey</b><br>D. Keammerer |
| 3/1/2026  | Parenting Book Discussion<br>"The Anxious Generation"<br>Christian Education Committee | <b>Bible Survey</b><br>D. Keammerer |
| 3/8/2026  | Parenting Book Discussion<br>"The Anxious Generation"<br>Christian Education Committee | <b>Bible Survey</b><br>D. Keammerer |
| 3/15/26   | Revisit Deepening Our Welcome  | <b>Bible Survey</b><br>D. Keammerer |
| 3/22/2026   | Revisit Deepening Our Welcome  | <b>Bible Survey</b><br>D. Keammerer |

## Music at Christ Lutheran Church

**Thursday (6:00 – 7:10 pm):** Celebration Ringers Handbell Ensemble

**Thursday (7:30 – 9:00 pm):** Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

*If you enjoy singing or interested in ringing, we'd love to have you join one of our musical ensembles! Contact our music director Brian Bartusch ([brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org](mailto:brian.bartusch@clcvalpo.org)) or speak to him after a worship service if you are interested or have any questions.*



## 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://www.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](https://www.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.

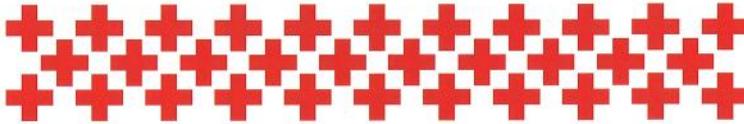


## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Set clocks one hour ahead

### 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: ChristLutheranValpo to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to  
RedCross.org



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



Scan to schedule  
an appointment

## LENT/EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

### Mid-Week Lenten Dinners

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

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

February 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





# PALM SUNDAY ACTION

**JOIN US IN WITNESS TO JESUS' CALL:**

**FEED THE HUNGRY.  
HEAL THE SICK.  
WELCOME THE STRANGER.**

**MARCH 29, 2026 | 2:00PM**

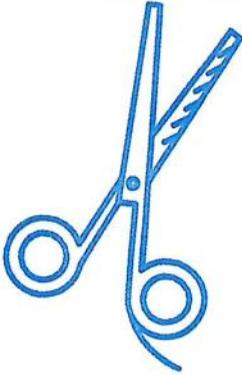
**MEET AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, VALPARAISO  
PROCESSION TO COURTHOUSE FOR PROGRAM**

**BRING YOUR OWN PALMS!**



PEO CHAPTER ED PRESENTS

# crafting day



**\$40**  
per person

A Charity Event to Support  
Women in Education

Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner,  
beverages all included.

**Saturday, Feb 28**

from 9am to 9pm

Christ Lutheran Church

2610 N. Campbell St, Valpo

**RSVP:** Complete the form  
electronically through the  
QR Code or email:  
[chaptered.in@gmail.com](mailto:chaptered.in@gmail.com)

PEO Chapter ED Presents - 2026  
Crafting Day



**PAYMENT OPTIONS** - Venmo: P.E.O. Chapter ED. For other  
payment options contact - [chaptered.in@gmail.com](mailto:chaptered.in@gmail.com)

We are once again invited to provide delicious desserts for the Hilltop House Soups. The event is located at the Porter County Expo Center on Tuesday, March 3 from 4-7pm. Would you be willing to provide a dessert?

Please call the CLC office (219-462-6660) before February 24 if you have any questions or sign-up with this QR code:

The desserts should be delivered to CLC on Monday, March 2 - please put in the kitchen with a label and the desserts should be pre-cut.

Another way to help would be to deliver soups from the restaurants to the Expo Center on March 3rd. Contact Irene Adams (219-801-1585) if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance!

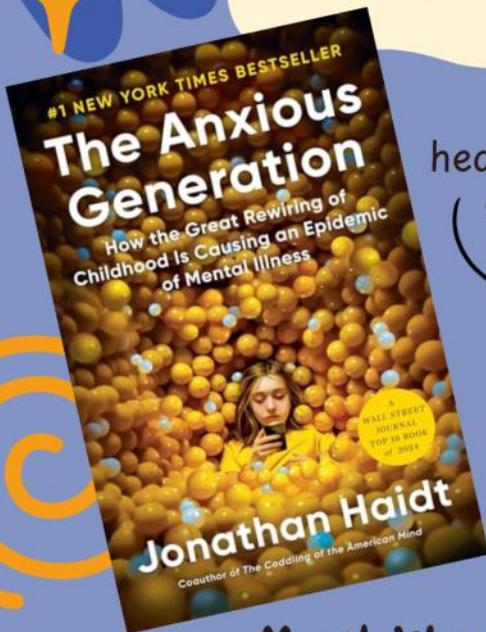


A colorful poster for the Hilltop Neighborhood House Soups event. The background features a sunburst pattern. At the top, there are illustrations of red and white striped tents. The text 'HILLTOP Neighborhood House' is written in a playful, multi-colored font. Below this, the word 'SOUPS' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. The poster includes the following text: 'COME ONE' in the top right corner; 'STEP RIGHT UP TO OUR GREATEST SOUPS YET!' in red; 'Our 2026 Soups event raises funds for hunger relief programs &amp; scholarships.' in black; 'TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 4-7 PM' in red; 'Porter County Expo Center' in black; 'Tickets \$25' in black; and 'Available at the door, in advance at Hilltop or by scanning the QR code' in black. There are two QR codes: one at the top right and one at the bottom center. The bottom of the poster features a red banner with 'HILLTOPHOUSE.ORG' on the left, the bottom QR code in the center, and the phone number '(219) 477-4222' on the right. Illustrations of a circus elephant balancing on a ball and a tiger are also present.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# PARENTING BOOK DISCUSSION

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



hear from the  
author



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

FACILITATED BY THE  
CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS

### QUILTS

Quilts Completed: 84



### BABY CARE KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-500

KITS COMPLETED-150

**FEBRUARY NEEDS**-Boys and girls PANTS, jackets, sweaters, and sweat shirts, and financial support to purchase flannel and soap. Sizes continue to be 6 months to 2T. Financial support can be sent to Heather Budnick who will put it in our Baby Care account.

**INTERESTING FACT**-2025 LWR numbers are in. 66,984 Baby Care Kits were delivered to 10 global locations. Of that number 22,934 were distributed here in the United States. Christ Lutheran had packed in 2025 700 Baby Care Kits.

### FABRIC KIT PROJECT

2026 GOAL-100

KITS COMPLETED-16

**FEBRUARY NEEDS**-Cotton fabric in 3 yard lengths. Also, 1 yard or more lengths of cotton fabric that can be used for receiving blankets. Gently used flannel flat sheets that are not torn or stained can also be used. Please indicate if they are washed.

**INTERESTING FACT**-LWR 2025 total number for Fabric Kits dispersed was 9,368 to 4 countries. Most of these kits went to the United States. HURRICANES AND WILD FIRES here in the United States produced a tremendous need for LWR KITS. Christ Lutheran assembled 136 Fabric Kits in 2025.

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

KITS COMPLETED 228

Thanks to all who have contributed so far. Don't forget: Any contributions made during Lent will be matched dollar for dollar. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### ALUMINUM CAN PROJECT

2026 GOAL-\$250

A HUGE THANK YOU for all the cans that have appeared in the Red truck and White basket. We are close to taking our first trip in 2026 to the recycling location. KEEP THOSE CANS COMING!

**INTERESTING FACT**- Since 12/2023 (when this project started), Every CAN that had a tab on it was removed and given to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Riley continues to request tabs to support their mission of medically helping children.

*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.*

## LLP Registration

2026-2027 Registration is now open for everyone! We have plenty of Beginner AM and PM classes left.

- 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



## 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



## EASTER FLOWERS

We invite you to share lilies, tulips and Hyacinths with us for the Easter morning festival services. The forms are located in the Gathering Place (put completed form in the basket in the Gathering Place or give to church office), please have your order ready by Sunday, March 22 or phone the Church Office. Thank you!

Lilies \$14  
Tulips \$13  
Hyacinths \$13

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 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22.**

## 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!

### Dinner schedule:

**February 25** ~ Hospitality and Outreach (Taco Bar)

**March 4** ~ Stephen Ministry (Soups and Surprises)

**March 11** ~ CLC Book Club (Potato Bar)

**March 18** ~ CLC Choir (Sloppy Joes)

**March 25** ~ Anna Zervos/Kathy Rowberg/Mary Michna (Ham and Potatoes)

## 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](http://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.

## Help Needed

Work is ongoing to renovate the building at 604 Monroe St, next to Union Community Church. The drywall is being finished so the whole interior is ready to paint.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 22**, from noon until 3:00 there will be a **painting party**. (This activity will preclude the monthly ECHO activity which would normally occur at this time next door in the UCC Church. So all ECHO participants, plus CLC members and friends, are encouraged to come help with the painting.

Remember, the mission of this effort is to resurrect this church owned property to provide a home to a family AND some additional income for the church.

So, put on your work clothes. There will be instruction as to how to paint new drywall, and there will likely be snacks.

Contact Christiana McLean [christiana\\_mc@yahoo.com](mailto:christiana_mc@yahoo.com) with questions.