



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE
February 26, 2023

Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
Feb. 26		Making Sense of Christian Nationalism Rev. Erik Grayvold	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Break
March 5		Making Sense of Christian Nationalism Rev. Erik Grayvold	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
March 12	Men's Shelter Ministry: Homelessness update Erin Miller—Director of New Creation	Making Sense of Christian Nationalism Rev. Erik Grayvold	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
March 19	Shelter Volunteer Training	Jesus: The Greatest Story: Bible Study Cheryl Slack	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Lenten Dinners	Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Mid-Week Services	Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Services	April 7 @ 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil Service	April 8 @ 4:00 p.m. .
Easter Sunday Services	April 9 @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**CLC Social Ministry and Mission
February 2023**

*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>

February's emphasis is to provide monetary and volunteer support for Hilltop House and Hilltop Food Pantry. 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).

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** continue to thrive. Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "Hilltop" 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.

Also, look for the Hilltop Soup dinner fundraiser March 1 at VU Union (volunteers from CLC are being solicited to help with setup, cleanup, and other activities). And, the Hilltop Food Pantry [Hilltop | Food Pantry \(hilltophouse.org\)](https://www.hilltophouse.org) welcomes food donations at 606 Union Street, Valpo.

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, 2023**.

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.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LENT

As we enter the season of Lent, we are reminded of Christ's supreme sacrifice for us. Lent is a time for remembering, a time for reflection on Jesus's life and death and a time for sacrifice in our personal lives. It is a time to remember the many gifts that we have received in our life and to remember those less fortunate than we are. In this spirit, I am asking that you remember those in need and make a financial gift to the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits project during the six weeks of Lent. It is better to receive cash donations, as then I can make bulk purchases and show a considerable savings, making our money go much farther. The cost of the items needed to complete a kit is approximately \$6.00. In the spirit of the season, I will match all monetary gifts made during the Lenten season. Thank you for participating in our project which will help our brothers and sisters throughout the world. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me at 219-462-8447 or dnssk@frontier.com. Dave Keammerer



Trivia Night is Back!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12th from 4-7:30pm.

Tickets are \$10 for teens/adults, \$5 for youth aged 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

Tables should be no more than 8 teens/adults. Dinner included.

Sign up will be on the CLC website, forms will be in the east link and can be turned in to either Clint Mullet or Amy Knauff or click on the QR code:



We have a new addition to our music room. A former member, Cynthia Urbytes has gifted a beautiful Mason and Hamlin Baby Grand piano to the congregation after her husband, Dr. Bert (Heriberto) Pagan died late last year. Cynthia is very happy that the piano will be loved for years to come. The move was also gifted by Two Men in a Truck—we are truly blessed.





Presents

The Valpo Trolley Story

**Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM First Christian Church,
1507 Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso, IN**

**Slide Presentation and Brass Quintet
Concert**

Free Admission

Visit our website at: www.southshorebrassband.com



What: Costa Rica team training schedule

Where: Church Hall

Dates: March 5 - Ed J Birthday

March 12: 12-2:00 p.m.

April 16: 12 - 2:00 p.m.

April 30: 12-2:00 p.m.

May 21: 12-2:00 p.m.

June 11: 12-2:00 p.m.

Are You Ever Cold?

Sure you are—you live in NWI! But what do you do? You reach for a blanket to put over you!

But what if you are a baby in a poor community, war torn country, or a place devastated by a natural disaster? Then that baby might be the recipient of a Lutheran World Relief Baby Layette that has been assembled and bundled at CLC under the direction of Sandy Keammerer.

Three years ago, one could easily find flannel for less than \$3.00 per yard to make those blankets. Now? Not so much. Flannel, along with everything else, has gone up in price. Thus, this program can use your support.

To assist in the Baby Layette Program at CLC, I have applied for and received a Thrivent Action Grant that will provide \$250 for this CLC project. However, I would like to see that \$250 grow to \$750 (or more), but I need your help? Over the month of February 2023, I will match dollar for dollar your donation to the Baby Layettes up to a maximum of \$250. This means we could reach the \$750 goal—Thrivent Action Grant of \$250, your total donations of \$250 (or more), my match up to a maximum of \$250. Can you help with a small donation?

Just put your donation in an envelope marked **Baby Layettes** and place it in the CLC collection plate on any Sunday in February!

If you have any questions contact Karl Reichardt by email or mobile phone (karl.reichardt@valpo.edu, 219-252-9519).

Practicing Hospitality

What a blessing this beautiful Christ Lutheran Church building is. And one of the ways we are blessed through it — and can be a blessing — is by “having company.” Every Saturday night for six months, beginning April 15th, we will be having dinner and overnight guests— yes, we will be hosting the men’s shelter program again.

Welcoming these men for dinner and offering them a safe place to sleep over the past 10+ years has given many of us a chance to understand better how homelessness can happen, and how alike we all are— all people who need God’s guidance and grace.

How can you be a part of this ministry?

Bring a meal

Buy groceries for our shelter pantry

Do a load of laundry

Spend 4 hours drinking coffee and answering emails while the men sleep

Exercise your organizational skills as part of the scheduling team

Pray for our guests and volunteers

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space, and on **March 5th, 12th and 19th** there will also be people in the Gathering Space ready to answer any questions you may have. On **March 12** during our education hour, come and hear Erin Miller, director of New Creations, talk about the services provided there and how these ministries work together.

If you have questions, contact:

Lisa Owen (219-477-9240; jlo46383@msn.com)

Diana Iltzsch (219-628-8950; diltzsch@hotmail.com)

Tim Sutherland (219-309-4413; sutherla@iun.edu)

Tony Reinhold (219-241-0914; tonyrein@aol.com)

Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

Activity Center - Door 14
2610 North Campbell
Valparaiso

Tuesday, February 28
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New group for Christ Lutheran Church

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) founded in 1957 is an international fellowship of people who have a compulsive gambling problem. They meet regularly to share their "experiences, strength and hope", so they can help each other solve the problems compulsive gambling has created in their lives, and to help others recover from the addiction of compulsive gambling.

When: Every Sunday (starting 2/19)
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Room 107
Contact: Mark Anderson 219-588-1428

Lenten Dinners are returning to CLC!!!

During Lent, you are invited to join in Lenten dinners at 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays at CLC, before each 7:30 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, we have one date left.

Dinner schedule

March 1 - New Stephen Ministers ~ Soup, Bread & Veggie's

March 8 -

March 15 - CLC Sanctuary Choir

March 22 - Denise Maragos

March 29 - Youth ~ Breakfast

EASTER FLOWERS



We invite you to share lilies and tulips with us for the Easter morning festival services. Forms are in the Gathering Place, please have your order ready by Sunday, March 12 or phone the Church Office.

Thank you!

Lilies \$13
Tulips \$11



**FAREWELL COFFEE
WITH
THANNE WANGERIN**

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
9-11AM
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are gathering to say farewell to Thanne who is moving to Michigan. Join us for coffee and treats in the Gathering Space.