



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIBE  
March 26, 2023

## Faith Formation Opportunities

*Sundays 9:20 a.m.*

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
March 26	Break	Jesus: The Greatest Story: Bible Study Cheryl Slack	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Break

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be Sunday, April 9th after the 10:30 service.

Donations of candy and treats to put in eggs are needed. Please drop your donations off at the CLC office.

## LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Lenten Dinners @ 6:00 p.m..	March 29 (Youth ~ Breakfast)
Lenten Mid-Week Services	Wednesday, March 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.

Quilts  
2023 Goal: 500  
Quilts Completed: 140

Baby Care Kits Project  
2023 Goal: 500  
Kits Completed: 325

Fabric Project  
2023 Goal: 150  
Kits Completed: 48

Personal Care Kits  
Kits Completed: 285

April Needs: BCK: 4 oz. dial of soap (not the yellow bars)  
Fabric: Cotton fabric in three yard lengths  
PCK: CASH, Any cash contributed by Easter Sunday will be matched by Dave

Still collecting CANS!!

## CLC Social Ministry and Mission

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



Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity pertaining to hunger, homelessness/housing, or mission. March's specific emphasis provides monetary/volunteer support for the **Valpo New Creation Men's Shelter/Resale Shop**

[newcreationempowers.org](http://newcreationempowers.org) + [facebook.com/newcreationresaleshop](https://facebook.com/newcreationresaleshop)

**New Creation** (2102 N. Calumet Ave.) was created several years ago as a center for homeless men in Valpo and Porter County. The Men's Center currently offers supportive services for homeless men year-round during daytime hours and overnights at area churches. The Resale Shop is always in need of donated furniture and appliances, household and office supplies, laundry essentials and toiletries, and cleaning supplies and paper goods.

**New Creation Men's Center** helps educate the community on the problem of homelessness in Porter County and on the challenges faced by clients, with the goal to create self-sufficiency. For numerous years now, from April to October, CLC members have assisted the Men's Shelter program in several ways i.e., hosting men overnight at CLC on Saturdays (Apr.-Oct.), preparing/serving meals (dinner and breakfast), and taking time to sit and talk with the men who are taking advantage of Shelter services. Along with six other churches (one each night), CLC is planning to resume the overnight program with New Creation on Saturday evening, April 15, 2023. Please see various announcements in March about how CLC folks can volunteer for time slots and/or and bring meals on Saturdays beginning soon and continuing over the summer.

## Livestream Tech and Light/Sound Tech

Making sure that our members who are watching our worship service from home is a valuable job. We are looking for more help with running the livestream computer/camera at the 10:30 service.

We are also looking for more help with the lights and sound during both services.

Please call the church office if you are interested and we can get you connected to one of our techs for training. Thank you!!

## 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](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.

## HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday** (April 6) - 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** (April 7) - 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
*Candlelight prayer around the cross.*

**All-ages Easter Vigil on Saturday** (April 8) - 4:00 p.m.

*We keep the ancient tradition, in a family-friendly way. Gather around the fire to hear the stories of God's saving love through the ages, remember the gift of Baptism, hear the Easter story as we gather around Christ's table.*

**Easter Sunday** - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00.

*Festival worship to celebrate the Resurrection! Come celebrate the risen Christ.*

### Easter Egg Hunt

12:00– Pre-k & K (near the Memorial Garden)

12:10– 1st– 4th grade (out in the field)

12:15- 5th-8th grade (in the woods)

## ANNUAL YOUTH BAKE SALE

The Youth are excited about the annual Easter Bake Sale here at Christ Lutheran! The Gathering Area will be filled with a wide variety of goodies for you. The free-will donations raised from this bake sale will go towards youth special programs. Thank you!

## 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

If you have questions, contact:

Lisa Owen (219-477-9240; [jlo46383@msn.com](mailto:jlo46383@msn.com))

Diana Iltzsche (219-628-0950; [diltzsche@hotmail.com](mailto:diltzsche@hotmail.com))

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Tony Reinhold (219-241-0914; [tonyrein@aol.com](mailto:tonyrein@aol.com))

## **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 [dnsk@frontier.com](mailto:dnsk@frontier.com). Dave Keammerer

**KEEP THE CANS COMING! Every donation big and small helps to provide funding for LWR.**



- Are you 50 or older?
- Looking for ways to stay healthy?
- Want to meet new people?

The WISE Program is for you, and it's FREE!

## WISE Program

**Host:** Priscilla Circle  
**Location:** Church Hall  
**Dates:** April 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th  
**Day/Time:** Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm

The WISE educational program includes six lessons that cover a wide range of topics about health and wellness for older adults. Join us for this fun and engaging program. You'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the **aging process** and how to **make healthy lifestyle choices**
- Celebrate this **exciting stage of life** and all the **benefits** that come with it
- Discuss **risk factors and behaviors** you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine **how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently** and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to **use simple tools to help you feel more empowered** about your health and the healthcare you receive
- Receive **giveaways** for participating in the program

**Register for WISE today! Contact:**

**Angela Wehner, BSW**

*Older Adult Grant Project Director, Porter-Starke Services*

**219.706.1044 • [awehner@porterstarke.org](mailto:awehner@porterstarke.org)**



**Division of Mental Health and Addiction**

Funding provided by the State of Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

**The AMOS TEAM is on the move again.  
NOVEMBER 2023**

Needles, yarn and things like that,  
could you help us make a baby hat.  
New to this world a babe is born,  
breezy and cold. Let's keep him warm.

Off to Guatemala in November will be,  
training the midwives, thanks, CLC.  
AMOS and our ladies, hand-in-hand,  
making a difference, together we stand.

***Remember to Update Your Contribution in Subsplash***

A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our stewardship campaign! If you have changed the amount of your offering, please remember to update your contribution in Subsplash. The church office cannot do this for you. The instructions listed below will guide you through the process:

1. Go to our website: [www.clcvalpo.org](http://www.clcvalpo.org). Under the "Give" menu, select "Give Now." This will take you to the church's mail giving page.
2. In the top right corner of that page, you'll see an icon that looks like the head and shoulders of a person. Click that, and then click sign in. You will be prompted to sign into your account using email, Facebook, or Apple. Choose the option that you originally used to setup your account (for most people, that will be email).
  - Email: Log in with your email address as your user ID and your password. If you have forgotten your password, click on "Forgot Password," and a link to reset it will be sent to your email.
  - Facebook and Apple: You will be automatically signed in by your device.
3. Click the person icon at the top right of the screen, then click "Recurring Gifts." You should see your current setup displayed on the screen. Click the arrow to the right of the displayed gift. This will open a window that allows you to make any changes to your current setup.
4. When you are finished, be sure to scroll all the way down to the bottom and click the large purple button that says "Save and Update Gift."

You're all set! If you have any problems with the steps listed above, please contact Heather Budnik in the church office. She'll be happy to help!

## Our next Director of Youth Ministries

We are delighted to announce our next Director of Youth Ministries: Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski! Kaitlyn is a familiar face at Christ Lutheran as for several years she has been interning with our youth ministries, Confirmation, and Sunday School. She has preached for us and led a Faith Formation Hour series, and already been a confirmation mentor for one of our students.

Kaitlyn is graduating from Valparaiso University with majors in Theology & Ministry and General Economics. She spent last summer with YouthWorks work camps, coordinating the mission trip experiences of youth groups from around the country and providing worship, teaching, coordination and troubleshooting. She interned with her home congregation in youth ministry and again in Christian Education. She has worked with the VU Chapel, Intervarsity, and in leadership with her sorority.

With Clint's move to part-time, we are able to have Kaitlyn join us while she finishes her classes. She will be working with Clint and our staff on transition details, joining our youth activities and meeting as many people as possible, as she prepares for full-time leadership in May.

### LWR Update

On March 6, we took 85 boxes containing baby care kits, personal care kits and quilts to a gathering site in Elgin, Illinois. Those boxes along with others that were received throughout that week were taken to Maryland for transport to Turkey and Ukraine. We are changing lives around the globe! Thank you, Becky Fry

### Treats and Greetings Needed

Please consider donating to the Welcome Center.

You can scan the QR code or use the Sign-up Genius Link. Treats can be dropped off Sunday mornings by 09:00 in the Welcome Center.

We are also in need of Greeters who can give a friendly hello, set out the baked goods, and show visitors where to sign in before or after service. Thank you !

Please call or Text Jacquie with any questions 219-309-6437

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AAEA72EA1FC1-welcome>



