



**Christ
Lutheran**
CHURCH

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The Good News April 2023



CLC Social Ministry and Mission



HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Resolving and preventing homelessness.

- Each month the Social Ministry highlights a special giving opportunity. April's emphasis is providing monetary and voluntary support for **Housing Opportunities** www.hoi.help (2001 Calumet Ave., Valpo).

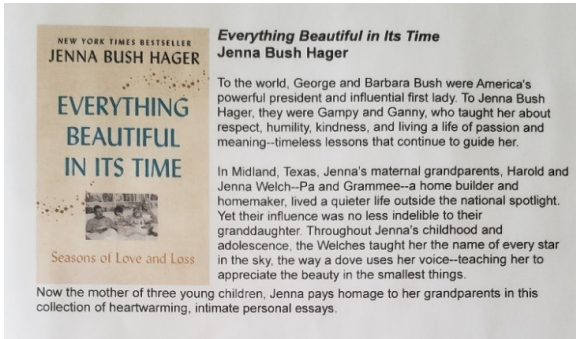
- With the extraordinary support from donors and the dedicated work of staff, Housing Opportunities serves many clients each year. Because of supporters, H.O. in fiscal year 2022 served 1,192 people across all programs. Thousands of hours of housing advocacy are provided to clients each year. Also, H.O. has a resource center for vulnerable folks to shower, wash clothes, use pantry etc.
- We've been through a lot these past few years and while some difficulties are behind us, the return to any sense of normalcy does not provide a sense of relief for our neighbors struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity. Today, there are 129 households in our community who do not have secure homes or a warm place to sleep at night, who are having to choose between paying the bills and putting food on the table.
- Food Pantry donations are welcomed! *Please see Facebook and www.hoi.help for updates needs
- Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in April (over and above giving combined with CLC's budgeted amount of \$1200). Use your weekly worship giving envelope mailed with check to CLC and indicate "H.O." or contribute through SubSplash on the CLC website <https://clcvalpo.org> via the "Give" button and choose Monthly Social Ministry Emphasis. Thank you to members for supporting monthly social ministry emphases.

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.

Book Club



Our next book will be *Everything Beautiful In Its Time* by Jenna Bush Hager. This book will be available in the box after our meeting on Tuesday and we will meet to discuss it on Tuesday April 25th.

Stephen Ministry ~ Always here for you

I feel so lonely...if I just had someone to talk to.



A Stephen Minister may be just who you need. Call the church office (219.462.6660) or talk to a Stephen Minister (look for the blue badges) or one of the Pastors.



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>



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



Little Lamb

PRESCHOOL

A ministry of Christ Lutheran

Chapel Time

Chapel is a wonderful time to share stories and set minds wondering about the good news of Jesus. This month we will be focusing on the stories about Easter and Jesus' love for all of us.

NAEYC Accreditation

Little Lamb Preschool Earns National NAEYC Accreditation

Program recognized among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

Valparaiso, IN – Little Lamb Preschool located in **Valparaiso** has earned accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC)—the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

NAEYC Accreditation is a rigorous and transformative quality-improvement system that uses a [set of 10 research-based standards](#) to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in high-quality early learning environments. **We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,** “said **Jen Gottlieb, Director**

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, **Little Lamb Preschool** went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to verify and ensure that the program met each of the ten program standards, and hundreds of corresponding individual criteria. NAEYC-accredited programs are always prepared for unannounced quality-assurance visits during their accreditation term, which lasts for five years.

In the 30 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 6,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC—less than **10 percent** of all child care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationally achieve this recognition.

“NAEYC-Accredited programs have committed to a process that takes time, energy and dedication to complete” states Alissa Mwenelupembe, Senior Director Early Learning Program Accreditation.

“Little Lamb Preschool has demonstrated their commitment to young children and their families.”



Christian Mission Statement

Little Lamb Preschool, in union with Christ Lutheran Church, serves God by shepherding God's children as we nurture the whole child in partnership with families.



Faith Formation Opportunities

Sundays 9:20 a.m.

Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
April 2		Jesus: The Greatest Story: Bible Study Cheryl Slack	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
April 9 Easter	Break	Break	Break	Break
April 16	Worship Olympics Pr. Tim/Pr. Erica		Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
April 23		Costa Rica Trip Breakfast Fundraiser All Welcome!	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
April 30		Jesus: The Greatest Story: Bible Study Cheryl Slack	Jesus Calls Us Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch

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. 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!

April Altar Gifts

Communion Wine

Andrew Teeple ~ In thankfulness for family

Altar Candles

Lois & Michael Felten ~ In memory of Arnold & Rick Felten

Eternal Lamp Candles

Ellen Swayne ~ In memory of Gladys Swayne

Diana Ahlbrand ~ In memory of Wendell Ahlbrand

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. (pre-service music begins at 7:50 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.). Easter Egg Hunt begins at 12:00 p.m.

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)

Quilts

2023 Goal: 500

Quilts Completed: 145

Personal Care Kits

Kits Completed: 345

Baby Care Kits Project

2023 Goal: 500

Kits Completed: 325

Fabric Project

2023 Goal: 150

Kits Completed: 48

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!!



COSTA RICA BREAKFAST Invitation

Sunday April 23rd from 9:00- 10:30

in the CLC Fellowship Hall

Come eat and learn more about this first ever CLC intergenerational, international mission trip taking place from June, 24- July 2, 2023.

FREE WILL OFFERING to help cover costs of host family stays, service projects, and to offset the mission team's carbon footprint.

Costa Rica Coffee

Gallo Pinto

Queso Fresco Cheese

Eggs

Avocadoes

Fruits

Tortillas

Pastry

An Auction and Pampered Chef items too





- 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 • aweigner@porterstarke.org



**Division of Mental
Health and Addiction**

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

EASTER *Bake Sale*

CLC Youth
Fundraiser

April 9, 2023
7:30AM-12:30PM



Questions? Email Clint at clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org or
Kaitlyn at kaitlyn.jedrzejewski@clcvalpo.org





Christ Lutheran YOUTH

Weekly Programming Schedule April and May 2023

High School (9th – 12th grades)

Circle meets weekly on
Sundays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
4/2, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

Middle School (5th – 8th grades)

Fusion meets weekly on
Sundays, 9:20am – 10:20am
4/2, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30,
5/7, 5/14, 5/21

Confirmation (8th grade)

Class meets weekly on
Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 7:25pm
4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
5/3, 5/10, 5/17

High School Lock-In

Current 8th – 12th graders
May 26th, 6:00pm – May 27th, 8:00am

For more program information, as well as questions, e-mail Clint at

clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org or

Kaitlyn at kaitlyn.jedrzejowski@clcvalpo.org



Christ Lutheran YOUTH

**Youth Director
Report March
2023
Clint Mullet
Youth Ministry Report**

Transition Update

- We are so excited to welcome Kaitlyn Jedrzejowski (pronounced Yen-Jay-Off-Ski) to Christ Lutheran Church as our new Director of Youth Ministries. Kaitlyn has started working and will transition into the role full-time, over the coming 6-8 weeks.
- Clint will continue to assist with Fusion and Circle meetings, as well as handling administrative duties.

Circle and Fusion Updates

- Circle continues to grow! The high schoolers have warmly welcomed our 8th graders. A larger community identity is forming with the group, which is exciting to see! In March, Circle saw its highest average attendance in many years. We are grateful for the church's continued support of our young people!
- Fusion continues to meet on Sunday mornings. We've continued to explore the stories of Jesus in the Gospels, as we focus on how God enriches us in new ways.

Confirmation Report

- Our 2023 Confirmation class is working through the Lord's Prayer unit. Pastor Tim has been leading the class in a collaborative effort to create their own version of the Lord's Prayer, which has been a fun experience!

Trivia Night – Update and Thanks

- Our Trivia Night event raised \$1,500.00 for Confirmation Camp and Missions Trip expenses this summer. We had over 100 attendees who competed in CLC's battle of wits. Thank you to everyone who attended!
- A special thank you to Amy Knauff, Robyn Werberig, and Kyle Otten for organizing and leading this effort!
- Last, but not least, an extra big thank you and shout out to our youth volunteers! They did a marvelous job!



8th - 12th Graders



SUNDAY, JUNE 25 – SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Join us for a week of meaningful community service alongside strong local ministries and non-profit organizations in the Louisville area. Our time will be packed with practical acts of love and service as we engage people with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will give us the opportunity to sample the culture and diversity of Kentucky's largest city, including a community cookout with bluegrass band.

We will leave on Sunday, June 25 and return on Saturday, July 1st. Christ Lutheran Church in Jeffersontown, Kentucky will be our 'home base' for the week. We will spend Monday through Thursday doing volunteering and service work throughout the Louisville area. We will spend Friday at Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park and Hurricane Bay Water Park.

The cost is \$150 per person, which is all inclusive! This will cover all transportation, meals, entertainment, and lodging for the trip!

Contact Clint at clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org to sign up!



Christ Lutheran YOUTH

Camp Lutherwald June 11-16, 2023 Information Letter #3

March 24th, 2022

As summer draws near and schedules are finalizing, I hope you will consider sending your child for a transformative week at Camp Lutherwald in Howe, Indiana. Every year, our CLC kids have the chance to spend a week deepening their faith, friendships, and having a life-changing experience at Camp Lutherwald!

What is Confirmation Camp?

Confirmation Camp is a 5-day program that invites our incoming 6th, 7th, 8th, and outgoing 8th graders into a deeper exploration of their relationships with God, each other, and nature. The camp staff works alongside church staff to bring learning, games, activities, and worship opportunities every day!

What is Servant Leader Camp?

Servant Leader Camp is a 5-day program that invites our incoming 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to deepen their faith, serve in practical ways, and hone their leadership skills. High school campers also get to participate in portions of the 'traditional' camp programs in the afternoon and evenings! (*Note: Graduating seniors cannot attend this camp*)

What's the schedule?

This year's camp dates are June 11th – June 16th. Check-in begins on Sunday, June 11th in the afternoon and programming begins that evening. On weekdays, Confirmation campers spend the mid-morning with their pastors and adult leaders, who lead discussions and activities to teach and deepen your child's understanding of Jesus and faith. Servant Leaders spend this time in participating in Bible studies and service projects around camp.

The afternoons are spent participating in structured activities. Evenings involve large group games and a time for worship and reflection. Check-out begins Friday, June 16th, after the last program in early afternoon. Carpool transportation (to and from Camp Lutherwald) is available. Families may provide transportation themselves.

Interested in sign up? Email Clint Mullet (clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org)

Both camps cost \$400.00 to attend. We are committed to making camp affordable for all families. See the following page for more details! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clint. He will gladly answer any questions, address concerns, and share more with you about Confirmation Camp, Lutherwald, and our plans for this trip!

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Christ Lutheran YOUTH

Camp Lutherwald June 11-16, 2023 Information Letter #3

Registration Instructions

Important – Do not register online! Please turn in all registration paperwork and payments to Church Lutheran Church. Paperwork should be turned into the office. Payments should be placed in the black boxes located inside and outside of Door 3.

1. Fill out the LOMIK paperwork attached to the Confirmation Camp e-mail
 - a. Summer Camp Registration Form
 - b. Camper Information Form
 - c. Camper Health Form instructions: this form should be turned in to camp staff during camp check-in on Sunday, June 11. If your child is carpooling, you may send the form with CLC staff.
2. Fill out the CLC Onboarding Form
3. Turn in all forms (except the Camper Health Form) and a \$100 deposit payment to Christ Lutheran Church. Normal registration ends on April 30th, 2023. Late registration ends on May 11th.

Making Camp Affordable!

We fundraise for our youth program quarterly at Christ Lutheran Church! Together, our congregation gives and supports these events. Our goal is to ensure our summer programs remain accessible and affordable.

Below, you will find information about our camp costs, automatic rewards, and scholarship opportunities!

On-time Registration Award

- Turn in your \$100.00 deposit and registration paperwork before April 30th and we will deduct \$50.00 from your child's camp fees.

Fundraising Scholarship

- Any CLC student who volunteered at any 3 out of 4 fundraisers during the 2022-2023 school year will receive a \$50 award toward their camp fees.

Additional Assistance Available

- If you are interested in further assistance, please contact Clint for more information. Both CLC and Lutherwald have additional resources available to assist you!

Pampered Chef Fundraiser for the Costa Rica Mission/Learning Trip

You can support our congregation's team by stocking your kitchen with high-quality kitchen tools through this Pampered Chef fundraiser hosted by Becky Fry.

25% of the sales will be deposited into the team's trip fund.

Shop through this link and share the link with friends and family.

www.pamperedchef.com/party/beckyfry0318

Orders are direct-shipped to each guest and can be shipped anywhere in the U.S. That means you can share this link with **anyone** and their order will support the fundraiser!

If you have questions or prefer not to shop online, contact our consultant and she'll be happy to help you:
Kathy Stefans 847-612-3025 kathy.stefans@gmail.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 dnssk@frontier.com. Dave Keammerer

Men's Shelter:

Welcoming Those Experiencing Homelessness

When: Every Saturday night from mid-April to mid-October, beginning April 15th thru October 14th, 2023

How: Welcome our guests for food, fellowship, and a safe and warm place to sleep, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Where: CLC's Fellowship Hall and Activity Center

HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS MINISTRY?

FOOD:

- **Dinner:** We will be using our "Take Them a Meal" website account to schedule Saturday evening meals. The site is an easy way to sign up for providing meals to our guests. You can find a friend and share the making or providing of a meal, or it can be an opportunity for a family event. Come with your meal, serve our guests, and share some fellowship with them (usually 12-25 men). ***An e-mail will be sent to the listed dinner meal provider to tell them how many anticipated meals to prepare for the week.*** The meal website is: <http://www.takethemameal.com>; **Login:** Recipient Last Name: Shelter **PW:** Meals
- **Pantry:** Provide breakfast or lunch materials on a one-time or regular basis for our shelter pantry. Provisions include milk, bread, lunch meat, cheese, cereal, and fruit.
Pantry coordinators will contact you via email to inform pantry providers of current needs.

SUPERVISION: Contact one of the following persons regarding an opportunity to provide intake services or overnight supervision services to the guests, or sign up in the gathering space. Any of us would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Lisa Owen (Intake and Lead):

Tony Reinhold

Diana Iltzsche (Meals and Lead)

Tim Sutherland (Lead)

jlo46383@msn.com or 219-477-9240

tonyrein@aol.com or 219-241-0914

diltzsche@hotmail.com or 219-628-0950

sutherla@iun.edu or 219-309-4413

Please consider trying one of these shifts if you never have. We will pair you with a partner who has experience working the shift. All shifts require that at least one man be present during the hours we provide services to our guests. We have three supervision shifts each Saturday to Sunday for 26 weeks from April 15th through October 11th. We will start the availability and scheduling process after April 1. **Watch for sign-ups in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings in March and April.** Training will be provided in late March or early April.

Intake and evening shift: 6:30 pm -- 10:00 pm

- Late evening and overnight shift: 10:00 pm -- 2:30 am
- Early morning and breakfast shift: 2:30 am -- 7:00 am
- Meals are served from 7:10-8:00 pm; doors generally open at 6:30 for volunteers to set up. Our guests are admitted at 7:00 pm unless weather causes us to open earlier.

LAUNDRY: Contact Kathy Lundstrom at klundstrom@frontier.com

- Bedding used by our guests is washed every four weeks.

And please **PRAY** for this ministry, our volunteers, and our guests -- that Jesus's love may be shared and that God may receive glory through it.