



**Christ
Lutheran**
CHURCH

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The Good News February 2023



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.

Additional Opportunities:

Northwest Indiana Lutheran Food and Supply Pantries Donations.

Men's Shelter (and Resale Shop) <https://newcreationresaleshop.com> at 2102 Calumet Ave, 219-548-3548. You can help feed our neighbors experiencing homelessness: New Creations Men's Center continues to be home base for both single men and women in between having a "home", providing daily meals and a space to be during the day. You can help feed their guests at their daytime Center: lunch supplies can be dropped off at the resale shop counter during open hours (usually 10-5). Needed items include: lunch meat, fruit, individual juice, snack cakes, and chips. Call 219-548-3548 for more information. There is a basket inside door #3 for food donations.

Housing Opportunities <https://hoi.help/pantry> 2001 Calumet Ave., 219-548-2800. Food Pantry Needs: Peanut butter, Jelly, Spaghetti sauce (in jars), Tuna, Canned Chicken, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo. Non-Pantry Needs: New Pillows, Twin size sheets (can be used – no stains). One click donating! on Amazon wish list – items shipped directly to the shelter! www.hoi.help/pantry or drop off items in lobby at 2001 Calumet Ave.

Immanuel Food Pantry <https://immanuelvalpo.org/food-pantry> 1700 Monticello – drive up drop off items. Donations can be dropped at Immanuel, best done Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 pm, at entrance between church and school.

Hilltop Food Pantry <https://www.hilltophouse.org/hilltop-food-pantry> 606 Union St.

The "We Tie Together Quilters" make 400-500 quilts per year for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts bring comfort and warmth to people in need all over the world. The quilts are made with donated fabrics and materials and we are very low on things to use in the middle of the quilts to make them warm. If you have any of these items, we would gladly accept your donations of sheets, blankets, mattress pads, or rolls of batting. Items need not be new. But must be clean. Items may be dropped off at the church office or in the Church hall on Wednesdays 9-11am while the quilters are at work. Contact Kathy Stefans with questions 847-612-3025.

Northwest Indiana African American Alliance (NWIAAA) February 2023 Black history month

A series of Discussions on Reparations and Repair based on reading the book: **"The *Color of Law*,"** by Richard Rothstein

While the Emancipation Proclamation ended legal slavery 160 years ago, the Color of Law explains how federal, state, and local governments in the 20th Century deliberately and systematically imposed racial neighborhood segregation with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white Neighborhoods. The result is segregated and unequal education and the ability of whites to build generational wealth through home ownership which is denied to Blacks.

This will transform our understanding of twentieth-century urban history and force us to face the obligation to remedy our unconstitutional past.

**The Discussions will be held on Sundays
February (5th, 19th, 26th and March 5th)
Time; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. by Zoom.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7950330459>

Sun Feb 5

Preface – Chapter 6, pages 1 - 99

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Chapter 12

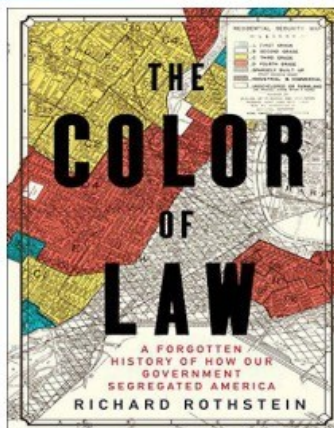
Considering Fixes – Epilogue

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Sun March 5

Appendix: FAQs!

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repair initiatives



Northwest Indiana African American Alliance, PO Box 497, Valparaiso, IN 46383

nwiaaa2013@yahoo.com | nwiaaa.org

This organization was founded in 2011 to better serve African Americans in the Northwest Indiana area in racial equity, social equality, and racial accountability.

To donate to reparations cause, [click here](https://projectneighbors.org/FRF).

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Little Lamb

PRESCHOOL

A ministry of Christ Lutheran

Registration Continues

Little Lamb Preschool (LLP) registration is now open for the fall 2023-2024 school year. All information is available on our webpage- www.CLCValpo.org. Please make sure to visit our webpage and take the tour. Please call Jen Gottlieb at 462-6660 if you would like more information, have any questions or are interested in a tour. We would love to have you become part of the LLP family!

Dudes and Donuts

This year we are pleased to welcome our dudes back in person to our annual Dudes and Donuts Day. The children and their special people come to spend activity time together and share delicious donuts provided by Family Express. We are happy to have Pastor Erica deliver a special blessing during this event.

Art Show and Breakfast Fundraiser

Our Art Show is BACK!!!! This fundraiser is coming March 11 from 8-11 AM. This is a wonderful time for Little Lamb extended families to come, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, view preschool art and see the classrooms and visit with our teachers. We also have a marvelous silent auction with fabulous items geared toward preschoolers and their families. This is such a happy morning with preschoolers, their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles visiting and enjoying each other! Little Lamb is such a great place to be!

Mission Statement & Educational Philosophy

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.

Educational Philosophy Statement: We are a Christian preschool whose goal is to provide excellence in education and opportunities for faith formation in a loving, safe learning environment for every child. Based on evidence that shows young children learn best through play, we provide developmentally appropriate opportunities for them to explore, make discoveries, and learn respect for themselves and others. We firmly believe that all children are wonderful gifts from God to be cherished and nurtured. In collaboration with families and Christ Lutheran Church, we encourage and support children to learn and grow socially, emotionally, academically, physically, and spiritually.



Faith Formation Opportunities <i>Sundays 9:20 a.m.</i>				
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 (Library)	119
Feb. 5		Deepening our Welcome: CLC Member Stories	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
Feb. 12		Deepening our Welcome: Small Group: Sharing/ Learning	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Parent Coffee Klatch
Feb. 19		Making Sense of Christian Nationalism Rev. Erik Grayvold	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Break
Feb. 26		Making Sense of Christian Nationalism Rev. Erik Grayvold	From Darkness to Light Dave Keammerer	Break

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. 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 22 Hospitality and Outreach

March 1 New Stephen Ministers

March 8

March 15

March 22 Denise Maragos

March 29

Book Club for February

Yours Cheerfully by AJ Pearce, which is available in the book club box now. We will meet to discuss this book on Tuesday February 28th at 7pm.



Christ Lutheran CHURCH

January 2023

Dear siblings in Christ,

Christ Lutheran Church is a place that makes a difference in our lives and the lives of people in Valparaiso and far beyond. This is only possible because of you and your faithful support! Thanks to your giving, our congregation accomplished our intent to **Live Bold** in 2022:

- Our investment in Worship Opportunities created opportunities for more people to share their gifts in worship!
 - Sixteen students participated in our Christmas Eve orchestra.
 - Twelve students shared solo and small ensemble pieces throughout the year.
 - Four handbell choirs, including a newly-formed Youth Handbell choir for teenagers, presented music in worship.
 - Thirty people offered their voices to our Sanctuary Choir.
 - Professional musicians enhanced our festival services on Easter, Pentecost, Reformation, and Christmas.
- Our investment in Sustaining Ministry Excellence enabled our staff to continue offering high-quality programming to our congregation and community!
 - \$19,060 received by our preschool from Early Learning Indiana funded re-branding, new logos, an updated website with more robust streaming capabilities, and our first-ever Christ Lutheran Church app.
 - Ten to fifteen youth attended our high school group, Circle, each week.
 - Ten to twenty kids attended our middle school group, Fusion, each week.
 - Fifty children attended our in-person Vacation Bible School.
 - Eleven Stephen Ministers offer support to our congregation and community, and five additional Stephen Ministers have begun training.
 - Fourteen new members were welcomed into our ministry.
 - Six children were baptized, and eight teenagers were confirmed.
- Our investment in Property maintenance ensured that our facilities were ready to support our ministries!
 - \$19,920 received by our preschool from Early Learning Indiana funded a much-needed Teacher Prep Room, which gives our teachers and assistants their own space outside of the classrooms.
 - \$1,500 received from NIPSCO funded an expansion of our Bioswale Project.
 - Five guests, who would have been out on the street, sheltered in our building during the Christmas blizzard and cold snap. Countless volunteers from our congregation and community provided meals, snacks, supplies, and companionship.
 - Guests from New Creation Men's Center lodged in our building every Saturday night for six months. Again, countless volunteers from our congregation and community allowed this ministry to thrive.

All of this happens because you respond to God's abundance with generosity. Thank you for being faithful stewards of God's blessings. ***Because of you, this church changes lives!***

In God's amazing grace,

- Pastor Tim

Rev. Timothy L. Knauff, Jr.

Please Join Us for Deepening Our Welcome Events

Sunday, February 12th: 9:20am Discovery Cafe, Location: Church Hall

Explore ÿ Share ÿ Listen ÿ Connect ÿ Discover Join us at our Discovery Café! In small groups around tables, we'll explore meaningful questions about our Deepening Our Welcome process. As we thoughtfully share and deeply listen to one another, we will make new connections and discover collective insights guiding us toward creative action. This dynamic process includes switching tables along the way enhancing the unity of all present.

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.



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:



EASTER FLOWERS



We invite you to share lilies and tulips with us for the Easter morning festival services. A form is in your bulletin, please have your order ready by Sunday, March 12 or phone the Church Office. Thank you!

Lilies \$13
Tulips \$11

February Altar Gifts

Communion Wine:

To the Glory of God

Altar Candles:

Vickie and Gregg Copeland ~ In Honor of Grandchildren

Eternal Lamp Candles:

To the Glory of God

Attention all Youth:

If you are participating in the ISSMA program this year through your school, we would love to have you share your talents with us in worship. If you are interested, please contact or speak with Mr. Bartusch to schedule a time to play during our Sunday morning worship services.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

for Ed J. Seykowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church – **Church Hall** – Door 10
2610 Campbell St
Valparaiso, IN 46385

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**NO GIFTS. FREE WILL DONATION
FOR CLC YOUTH MINISTRY & COSTA RICA TRIP**

**RSVP BEFORE FEB 20 TO
KJSEYKOW@FRONTIER.COM**

Capacity of Church Hall is 100
Please RSVP early, before February 20



Please give
blood.

American Red Cross

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.

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

Please enter through Door #14.



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Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10
Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And,
automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2
to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card
and more! Terms: rcblood.org/heart.



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Costa Rica Training Schedule:

- *February 12: 12-2:00
- *March 12: Fundraising breakfast between services AND
team meeting from 12-2:00PM
- *April 16: 12 - 2:00
- *April 30: 12-2:00
- *May 21: 12-2:00
- *June 11: 12-2:00

June 24th-July 2 Costa Rica trip

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).



23rd Year for SOUPS
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Harre Union from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Tickets (\$25) available at the door or in advance at Hilltop
For HNH Childcare Scholarship Fund and Food Programs

CLC Pre-Volunteers

Volunteers to roll plastic tableware in paper napkins for diners to use at SOUPS
 Dinner – Holy Rollers.

Date & time to be arranged

Location: CLC—Church Hall

Volunteers to make desserts SOUPS.
 Specifics for quantity & types will be forthcoming early in Feb.

Volunteers to transport 5 gallon containers
 of soup from restaurants to VU Harre Union

Volunteers should have a vehicle large enough to carry
 1-2 large containers filled with soup – may work in pairs
 Details for where & when will be arranged mid-February.
 VU will provide helpers to unload your vehicle at the Loading Dock

Sign-up sheets for all will be available
 on the counter in the East Link Hallway.