

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Good News

2021



Faith Formation Opportunities Sunday 9:20 a.m.					
Date	Sanctuary	Church Hall	120 Library	107 Brides Room	Gathering Place
October 3		Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	Celebrating God Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten	LWR Quilt Tying Kathy Stefans
October 10	AMOS Gail Mannington	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	Celebrating God Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten	
October 17	LWR Projects Sandy Keammerer	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	Celebrating God Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten	
October 24	Compass International Tonia Frederick	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	Celebrating God Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten	
October 31 Reformation Sunday	Budget Forum Congregation	Sunday School 1st-4th Grade	Celebrating God Dave Keammerer	Sunday School Beginners- Kindergarten	



Congregational Forums
Sunday, October 24 at 12:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 31 at 9:20 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 14 @ 12:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Join us to elect our spiritual leaders and approve our Ministry Plan for 2022-2023 in the Sanctuary.

CLC Social Ministry and Mission

October 2021

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

Social Ministry Emphasis for October. The focus this month is to provide volunteer time and monetary support for **Lutheran World Relief** www.lwr.org and **ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response** www.elca.org/hunger and www.elca.org/disaster

Lutheran World Relief is affirming God's love for all people, working with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. LWR vision is to be empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, envisioning a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity, and peace. Also, here is a volunteer opportunity in October: helping with the annual northern Indiana Lutheran congregations ingathering collection day (Sat. morning Oct. 30) - loading a semi-truckload of items to be delivered to LWR for shipment overseas. Many items come from CLC: quilts and baby/fabric/personal/school kits. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Irene Adams at iadams102@gmail.com

ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response two hunger/disaster response programs (plus Lutheran World Relief) work closely together on world humanitarian issues, providing relief and hunger assistance, as well as providing opportunities for hunger education and advocacy activities. 79% of funds are used around the world, 12% in the U.S., and 9% for education and advocacy.

Help achieve our goal of \$2500 in October (over and above giving combined with CLC's \$1200 budgeted amount). By achieving our goal CLC will help **Luth. World Relief** and **ELCA Hunger/Disaster Relief** continue mutual support and service activities that are crucial to effective ministry. Use your weekly worship giving mailed in check to CLC and indicate "LWR/ELCA Hunger" or contribute through PushPay 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.

Additional Opportunities:

Northwest Indiana Lutheran Food and Supply Pantries Donations.

Housing Opportunities <https://hoi.help/pantry> 2001 Calumet Ave., 219-548-2800

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. Contributions especially appreciated now are holiday food items such as gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake and cookie mixes. Also, cooking oil, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, olives, pickles.

Hilltop Food Pantry <https://hilltophouse.org> 606 Union St.

Men's Shelter (and Resale Shop) 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 between homes, providing daily meals and a space to be during the day. Overnight services will begin at area churches on October 15. Christ Lutheran will resume our hosting in April 2022. In the meantime, you can help NC feed their guests. Lunch supplies can be dropped off at the resale shop counter during hours of operation (usually 10-5). **Requests include: Lunch meat, Fruit, Individual juice, Snack cakes, and Chips.** Dinners are also appreciated; please call New Creations (219-548-3548) for more information about quantities and scheduling of dinners. Information to follow soon on our scheduled night to feed the men. Meanwhile please pray for those in our community living in cars, tents and on the streets.

LWR Ingathering

Come fill your heart as we fill our truck! We say often that we're connected with other congregations; October 30 help us live it. CLC is again an "ingathering" site for Lutheran World Relief, receiving quilts, personal care kits, baby care kits, school kits and fabric kits from about 30 area churches.

**Every box we load is filled with hugs from Jesus —
come help send hugs to those who need them most!**

When: Saturday, October 30

8:00a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Help all morning or as much as you can

Who: contact Irene Adams (iadams102@gmail.com or 219-801-1585)

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LWR QUILTS

Although we make these quilts to give away to those in need if you see one in the sanctuary that you would like to purchase, the quilters are requesting a donation of \$50, which will be used for shipping the quilts overseas.

Of course if you are not interested in purchasing a quilt but would like to make a donation for shipping please do so. Make the check out to Christ Lutheran and in the memo section fill in "LWR Shipping"

Thank you for helping show God's Love.



ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, **November 7.** We will honor those who have entered into eternal life and have their names listed in the bulletin. If you have any loved one, family or friend, that you would like listed on the insert, please fill out a form located in the Gathering Area.

Little Lamb Preschool

Our New School Year

We enjoyed a wonderful beginning to our school year. All 10 classes have been learning about our wonderful world God created and are now repeating new and familiar prayers before snack time and at circle time. We feel very blessed at LLP and thank CLC for providing this wonderful ministry.

Chapel Time

Chapel Time has begun at LLP! Traditionally Chapel Time takes place in our beautiful sanctuary. Due to COVID restrictions this year and our new portable sound system, we have had Chapel together outside (physically distancing, of course). We gather in our backyard circle drive and hear stories and sing songs. In October, Pastor Tim will be our special guest and throughout the month the children will hear the stories of Moses.

Helping LLP

We have been in school for a little more than a month. We are blessed every day that we get to come to school. Please pray for our staff, students and families for a healthy, safe and happy in-person school year.

Did you know?

This Fall LLP has 142 joyful students and 10 very energetic classes. We have a staff of 13 energetic teachers, teaching assistants, and director. We are wonderfully supported by Christ Lutheran Church and seven dedicated people on Little Lamb Preschool Board.

Christian Mission Statement

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



Youth Director Report – October 2021 Clint Mullet, Director of Youth Ministries

Circle and Fusion Updates

- Our youth ministry continues to meet in-person, following precautions, and following best practices as outlined by our church's safety plan and the Porter County Health Department. All of our kids are excited to have our normal schedule return! Fusion meetings have returned to the Faith Formation hour, while Circle has expanded back to two hours on Sunday evenings.
- Fusion is currently averaging 14 kids a week. I anticipate more kids will begin attending as adult Faith Formation opportunities return
- Circle is averaging 12 kids a week, which has been our normal attendance since last April. We will begin meeting outdoors, on some Sundays, to take advantage of the good weather for the Fall.

Confirmation Report

- In September, our next Confirmation class began meeting together. We currently have 9 confirmands in the class, who are in the process of selecting their mentors!

Popcorn Fest

- The Popcorn Festival booth saw another successful year completed! In the midst of this everchanging pandemic, we made the decision to move forward with this fundraiser. I am especially thankful to Faith Noe for organizing our cashiers and finances. We raised \$1,449.00 for our trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota next fall.

Other work

- Porter County Substance Abuse Council's Valparaiso Coalition on Prevention
 - * I am excited to be part of the Council's podcast this month. I will be discussing the role of churches as important community support systems for young people.
- Indiana-Kentucky Synod
 - * I reaffirmed my commitment to be the Synod Day Coordinator at National Youth Gathering for the Indiana-Kentucky synod. I am looking forward to my training session in Minneapolis later this year!

Status of National Youth Gathering

- 2022 National Youth Gathering
 - * July 23 – July 29; Cost: \$600 (\$200.00 in available scholarships)
 - * Mandatory Covid-19 vaccines OR negative test in the last 72 hours will be required
 - * Our current budget for National Youth Gathering is \$40,000.00.
 - * We currently have over \$10,000.00 raised. Families will pay a \$150.00 deposit when they register. Additionally, we have requested \$10,000.00 from the church operating budget for next summer as well. Our goal is to fundraise as much of the needed money as we can before the trip.



Christ Lutheran Church Youth Ministries / OCT

Circle (High School)

Sundays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, in person
October 3rd, 17th, 24th, and 31st

<https://clcvalpo.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/circle>

Fusion (Middle School)

Sundays, 9:20am – 10:20am
October 3rd, 17th, 24th, and 31st

<https://clcvalpo.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/fusion>

Confirmation Class (8th graders)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

<https://clcvalpo.churchcenter.com/groups/small-groups/confirmation-class-2021-2022>

National Youth Gathering – Information Meeting

- Sunday, October 3rd, 12:00pm – 12:30pm in the Church Hall

Circle Game Night

- Sunday, October 31st, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at CLC Activities Center
 - * We will have a Game Night loaded with classic fall games, some classic Circle games, and some good food to keep you fueled up!

Quake Dates

- Our annual trip to Quake will be February 25th – 27th, 2022, in Schaumburg, IL! At this time, we are asking that you simply mark your calendars. You are welcome to RSVP with Clint for the trip. Information about deposits will go out next month!

Confirmation Class

- A reminder to all 8th grade families that Confirmation classes have begun! If you are out of the loop, please contact clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org for more information! We will accept last minute sign ups through October 8th, 2021.
- 8th graders have Confirmation class through the 2021-2022 school year. Our 7th graders will attend class next year, during the weeks of Lent!



Are you going to the 2022 National Youth Gathering?
Registration paperwork and deposits are due
on October 31st, 2021!

What are the dates?

We will leave on July 23rd and return on July 29th!

What's the cost?

A non-refundable \$150.00 deposit is due by October 31st, 2021. The out-of-pocket cost for families will be \$600.00 per person, not including \$200.00 in scholarships that can be earned.

How will the pandemic affect the National Youth Gathering in 2022?

All Gathering participants must provide proof of full vaccination for Covid-19 or a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours before arrival at the Gathering on July 23rd.

Will we cancel our trip to the National Youth Gathering in 2022?

We will not cancel our trip, though it is possible the Gathering may be cancelled. In the event of a Gathering cancellation, full refunds will be distributed.

What is our current plan?

Registration is open and ends on October 31st. This time frame allows us to secure the 'Early Bird' rate, which is a significant savings for everyone. Due to the logistics of planning for food, transportation, and housing, we will not accept any late registrations for this trip!

Next steps to register:

1. Email Clint at clint.mullet@clcvalpo.org to start the process
2. Join the Group Page for the trip with the link Clint will email to you
3. Download the Registration, Release, and Medical forms
4. Turn in your forms and your \$150.00 deposit to Christ Lutheran Church