

THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Cornerstone Lutheran Church

December 2017

Christmas Eve & Day Worship Times

Carmel:

Worship Center

- Dec. 23 (Sat): 4:45 pm
- Dec. 24 (Sun): 10:35 am
4 & 6 pm

Sanctuary

- Dec. 23 (Sat): 5 pm
- Dec. 24 (Sun): 10:45 am
3, 5, 7, 9, 11 pm
- Dec. 25 (Mon): 10 am

Fishers:

- Dec. 24 (Sun): 10 am
5, 7, 11:15 pm

Downtown Indy:

- Dec. 24 (Sun): 10 am



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Cornerstone Lutheran Church is reaching out, caring for, and building people toward maturity in Christ!

Special Worship Services



Wednesday Advent services

Our midweek Advent worship will focus on a different activity for our "to-do list" that is focused on giving and sharing instead of on materialism. The theme verse for the entire series is: "Save us,

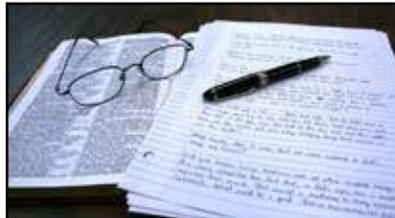
O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise" (Psalm 106:47).

Services take place Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at:

CLC Carmel – 12 p.m. (Chapel) and 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)
CLC Fishers – 7 p.m.

Advent devotionals

This year, our Advent devotions will be a little different from past years. First, each devotion will be written by our own staff members at CLC (so, that's pretty cool!). Second, if you already receive our weekly eNews, you will receive daily email devotions from December 3 through 24! (If you don't but you want to receive these daily devotions, go to goo.gl/agF5uz to sign up.)



The entire devotion series will also be available in print at a worship site, beginning December 2-3, if you prefer to pick up a copy.

And, for kids...

This year, the children will receive an Advent bag every week in Sunday School full of Advent activities to do throughout the week.

Festival of Lessons & Carols: Dec. 9-10

- Dec. 9, 5 p.m. – Carmel Sanctuary
- Dec. 10, 8 & 10:45 a.m. – Carmel Sanctuary
- Dec. 10, 9 a.m. – Fishers



These worship services are filled with special music and readings that foretell and celebrate the birth of Christ. Saturday's service at Carmel will be led by our Children's Music program and other youth, making it a great service for families with children to attend. Sunday's services at both Carmel and Fishers will feature choirs, handbells, and other instrumentalists.

The glad sounds are sure to inspire you to hold onto the joy of the holiday season. Invite a friend to join you for one of these music-filled services!

Christmas Eve & Day worship service times

CLC CARMEL

Worship Center

Dec. 23 (Sat): 4:45 p.m.

Dec. 24 (Sun):
10:35 a.m. & 4 p.m.
(family-focused)
6 p.m.

Sanctuary

Dec. 23 (Sat): 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 (Sun):
10:45 a.m.
3, 5, 7, 9, 11 p.m.

Dec. 25 (Mon): 10 a.m.

CLC FISHERS

Worship Center

(no services outside this year)

Dec. 24 (Sun):
10 a.m. (family-focused)
5, 7, 11:15 p.m.

CLC DOWNTOWN INDY

Dec. 24 (Sun): 10 a.m.



(Services on Dec. 30-31 are the usual weekend service times—there are no additional evening worship services on Dec. 31.)

Giving to Others

Cornerstone Lutheran is participating in the following collections for others in need. We hope you and your family are able to help with one or more of these efforts!

Help a child this Christmas

- Through December 13

Make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year by purchasing an extra gift or two for those in need. This year, CLC is helping three organizations. All gifts are due back to church by Wednesday, Dec. 13, unless otherwise noted at the display.

Shepherd Community Center (at Carmel, Fishers, Downtown Indy)

This ministry allows low-income parents to choose their own gifts to give their children (ages infancy through college) through your gift donations. Information on giving to this organization is available outside a worship area. To download a suggested shopping list, click here. For more information, contact Karen Carlson (karen.carlson@talktotucker.com, 317.440.3662).



Lutherwood (at Carmel)

Lutherwood is a secure, residential treatment facility for children and teens who exhibit mental and behavioral health issues. Gift collected will go to these children. Each tag on this tree lists the age of the child and the item requested. Please return your unwrapped gift, along with wrapping paper and trimmings, back to that tree. For more information, contact Mary McGhiey

(mcghieym89@gmail.com, 317.413.2338).

Prison Fellowship "Angel Tree" (at Carmel)

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program gives prisoners an opportunity to stay connected to their children, and gives CLC disciples a chance to witness the love of Jesus to these families. More information is available at this tree outside a Carmel worship area, or contact Marie Bade (mbade5814@comcast.net, 317.626.9151).

Warmth Bag Project 2017

- Sunday, December 17
- During education time at Carmel & Fishers
- All ages and families are working together to complete the packing!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~ Matthew 25:40

Last year, Cornerstone Lutheran established a Student Ministry outreach effort called "Warmth Bag Project" to support the area's homeless by preparing care packages that includes several of those most needed items. These backpacks contain a full-size fleece blanket, knit hat, scarf, fleece gloves, a pair of thermal socks, toothbrush and toothpaste, and Carmex. The packages are prepared by our youth and their families, then delivered directly to those who are in greatest need through a partnership with Christ Cathedral Church in downtown Indianapolis.

Last Christmas, we distributed 144 bags, but this year we plan to pack more than 500 at all three sites on December 17 during the Sunday School hour! Although this service



Some of last year's 144 Warmth Bags. this service project is sponsored by High School ministry, all ages and families work to complete the packing.

If you would like to help support this ministry and make it sustainable, you and your family can participate by contributing the cost of one or more bags (or support at any level is welcome).

The cost of all the items including the bag is only \$16 each. Thanks to past donations, we've raised \$2,500 so far to help the homeless! To contribute, or for more information, go to www.cornerstone.lutheran.church/high-school. For any other questions, contact Shawn Hecksel (shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x220).

Special Holiday Events

At CLC Carmel



Christmas Cookies, Crafts & More!

**Saturday, December 9
9-11 a.m.**

Cornerstone Lutheran Church

4850 E. Main St.
Carmel, IN

Fill a can with Christmas cookies at our annual cookie walk!

Other home-baked items, stocking stuffers, and crafted gifts also available.

Profits will go to:

Bikes for Vets Project
Connection Ministries
CLC's Guatemala Mission
World Vision Clean Water

Questions? Call 317.844.2329

At CLC Fishers



Living Nativity

- Saturday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.
- CLC Fishers (inside & outside)

Join us this evening for a retelling of the nativity story, complete with live animals, Christmas carols, hay ride, cookies, and more. Be a part of this celebration of the greatest event in the history of the world! Cost is a non-perishable food item or new toy.

Come anytime you like between 6-8 p.m. Groups will head out every 20 minutes. (A portion of this event will take place outside, so dress accordingly.)

Can you give your time for this event? As this is an event for the community, we are in need of volunteers to make the event successful and memorable for them! Sign up to volunteer at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (search "living nativity").

Christmas Caroling

- Thursday, Dec. 21. 5:30 p.m.

CLC Fishers will be hosting a night of Christmas caroling! We'll meet at CLC Fishers at 5:30 for a light dinner, then leave for caroling in a nearby neighborhood at 6:15. We'll wrap up the evening back at church at 7:30. To RSVP for dinner, contact Ann Sobierajski (anns@cornerstonelutheran.church).

We need your help!

This very popular event for the church and community (sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is always well attended, so we need lots of cookies and other items! If many people from CLC bake at least six dozen cookies each, or pies, breads, coffee cakes, candies, jams, and more, we will be able to fill the needs of our customers. We hope you will be able to find a way to contribute!

Also needed: Craft items (any season) for our "New But Never Used" table (please price your items), large trays for cookies, and round metal coffee cans. All these items, as well as cookies and other baked goods, can be put in the east (gym) kitchen by Friday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. Questions? Contact Pat Nash (patnash3@aol.com, 317.844.2329).

Gift Ideas

The Christmas gift that helps missions



The 2018 Discover Indy Savings Books (restaurant/entertainment coupon books) are available at the Sanctuary

Welcome Desk (CLC Carmel) on Sunday mornings. This book is jam-packed with savings to many of Central Indiana's favorite restaurants, family-friendly activities, services (dry cleaners, oil changes, etc.), golf courses, and more! Cost of each book is \$25, with \$10 going to missions (see more, below).

Can't get to the CLC Sanctuary to get your book? No problem! Contact Marie Bade (mbade5814@comcast.net, 317.570.0489) to arrange to have one sent to the worship location of your choice (CLC Fishers or CLC Downtown Indy).

Do you already get your Discover Indy book through a school or Group One? Help us out and get your book at CLC. Why? Because \$10 of every book we sell here will go to missionary Pastor Todd Roeske to use in his mission trip to the Philippines. Last year, we were able to send him \$1,000. Help us surpass last year's total and get your books now—for a teacher, a neighbor, a nanny, a co-worker, mom and dad... everyone!

Cornerstone Witness Wear is here!

Want a unique Christmas gift that is also a wearable witness? Our online apparel store, CLC Witness Wear, offers many choices, from T's and fleece to jackets and hats, for men, women, and children. There are tote bags, too! Each item includes your choice of full-color or white embroidered CLC logo. Orders will be available in about one week, and you will be notified when it is ready to be picked up at the site of your choice.



See the variety of choices we have available! Visit CompanyCasuals.com/cornerstonelutheran.

Assisting in Worship

How will you help in the new year?

Looking to the new year often gives us pause to consider what we can do to help others. Why not consider assisting in a worship service at CLC?

As you can imagine, with nine worship services over three sites, the need for volunteers to keep worship services running smoothly is vital. And, it's up to ALL of us to take just a little time to help make that happen. At which site are you worshipping? How can you help before, during, or after a service?



Reading is just one of the many ways you can assist in worship.

A great part about volunteering for a worship service is that you'll already be at church, so it really doesn't take much of your time! And, you'll only be helping for certain service times, not every week.

Please look at the list below and see where you can serve. And don't worry, you'll get brief training on what to do. These volunteer jobs are needed for all services at CLC Carmel Sanctuary & Worship Center, CLC Fishers, and CLC Downtown Indy.

- Altar Guild
- AV/Sound
- Bulletin Assembly
- Coffee/Donut Time
- Communion Assistants
- Facilities Lock-Up
- Greeters
- Readers
- Ushers
- Welcome Desk

To be part of a specific volunteer group at your worship site, contact Karen Minniear (kminniear@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x269).

General Info

Voters' Meeting Election Results

At the CLC Voters' Assembly Meeting on Monday, November 20, the following people were voted to the Governing Board:

- Ann Solzak, Secretary
- Matt Thompson and Scott Fearnin, Members-at-Large

We thank outgoing board members Loraine Seyfried and Tim Stamp for their service to Cornerstone Lutheran.

Winter Ministry Catalog

The 2017-18 Winter Ministry Catalog will be available the weekend of Dec. 9-10. This handy catalog lists CLC events taking place between December 2017 and February 2018. Be in the know this winter—pick yours up at church! Or, download a copy at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (click on the rotator).



Fellowship

Seniors Luncheon Dec. 4

Our CLC Seniors Adults will have their next monthly pitch-in luncheon on Monday, December 4. This will be their Christmas Celebration Luncheon in CLC Carmel room 102 starting at noon. Meats will be provided by the luncheon committee.



Preschool children sang for the Seniors in 2016.

After lunch, the CLC preschoolers will sing Christmas songs for us, followed by our pastors leading us in singing Christmas carols. You'll certainly catch the holiday spirit!

All CLC seniors are invited to attend our Christmas luncheon for fun and fellowship, especially those new to our church. For more information, contact Bates McIndoe (batesandjudy@yahoo.com, 317.571.0877).

Young Adult Ministry

Learn more about this great ministry!

Singles and couples in their 20s and 30s are invited to meet some of our Young Adult Ministry team members and grab a plate of cookies to celebrate Christmas. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about our upcoming events and opportunities to meet, connect, and grow. See us outside a worship area at Fishers and Carmel after each service on December 2 & 3.



Friendsmas! December 20

Come join us on Wednesday, December 20, at 7 p.m. for cookie decorating, white elephant gifts, and some Christmas spirit! Bring a white elephant gift and a Christmas dessert and wear your best ugly Christmas sweater or sweatshirt. We will meet at Wes Smith's house, so please RSVP to him (wesley.smith@betasigmapi.org).

Stay informed!

Find out more about Young Adult Ministry by contacting Clarissa Hay at the church office or at chay@cornerstonelutheran.church. Keep up-to-speed on fellowship events, service opportunities, and upcoming Bible studies by following us on:

 Facebook – [Cornerstone Lutheran Young Adult Ministry \(CLCYAM\)](#)

 Instagram – [@clcyam](#)

Outreach

2018 mission trip opportunities

Houston mission trip

CLC disciples have the opportunity to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We're still finalizing details, but trip is being planned for sometime between mid-January and early February.

We will be working with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, who has committed to rehab a neighborhood of 32 homes. Rehab may include hanging drywall and doors, trim work, painting, and more.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Dave Reed (davidcsa@aol.com, 317.842.4737) or Kelly Howe (kelly_willing@yahoo.com, 317.690.0522).

Alaska mission trip

- **Info Meeting at CLC Carmel: Monday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.**

We have tentatively scheduled a mission trip to Alaska for July 28 through August 8. We will be working in Copper Center with missionary Todd Roeske during the first part of the trip and then spend a few days at the end of the trip touring parts of Alaska.

If you are interested in this trip, please plan to attend an informational meeting on January 15 at 7 p.m. at CLC Carmel. At that time we will share an itinerary, estimated costs, and our work plan for this trip. If you have any questions before this meeting, please contact Dave Reed (davidcsa@aol.com) or Eric Nelson (enelson@cornerstone.lutheran.church).

Preschool

Learning about Christmas

As Christmas approaches, we hear the sounds of Christmas joy at here at Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool. Each school day is filled with preparations for Jesus' birthday. The children are busy making gifts for their parents. They joyfully sing songs about Baby Jesus in the stable. The teachers are telling and retelling the wondrous story of our Savior's birth. It's an exciting time! And just like the shepherds in Luke 2, the children are eager to tell the Good News of Great Joy to everyone!

One of the highlights of December for our preschool is the Christmas Worship we have with the children and their families. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to tell their parents, grandparents, and friends about Jesus' birth. We gather in the Worship Center and listen to these young children sing the message of God's love. Another generation sings "Away in a Manger" with sincere faith to the grown ups who have set aside this time to listen.

Many of our preschool families are unchurched, so this brief Worship service will probably be the only Christmas Worship experience they will have as a family. As they come to hear their children sing songs, please join us in praying that these families will also hear the message of the songs. And that, just as the shepherds did, "they returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen." (Luke 2:20)

Blessed Christmas from our Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool!



Children remember the story of the First Christmas by playing with the Nativity.

Parent Connections

- Starts Sunday, January 7
- CLC Carmel room 101A

Are you the parent of a child in Sunday school? While they are in class, take the opportunity to let this be a special time for you as well! Be part of a fun, relaxed atmosphere with other parents. You'll get to know each other, participate in interactive discussions, and read and reflect on the Book of Romans together. Each week stands alone, so if you are scheduled to volunteer, have an ill child at home, or are out of town, you can join in the next week and not feel like you've missed something. Our first meeting on January 7 will include some good eats, so don't miss it! For more information, contact Tom Vandergrift (tvandergrift@att.net, 317.407.4069).

Students

Confirmation Corner

Ever wonder what the 7th and 8th grade confirmation students are learning each Sunday evening to prepare for the confirmation of their Lutheran faith? Confirmation Corner will provide the congregation a sneak peek into what the students are learning and offer some specific things you can be praying for to encourage our young people as they grow in their faith.

Did you know...

- The 5th Commandment, You Shall Not Murder, not only means that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor, "but help and support him in every physical need." (*Luther's Small Catechism*)
- War is not considered murder when we are fighting for people who need protection.
- We must be mindful that we can "murder" with our words through bullying and putting others down.

Please pray for...

- The future spouses of our Confirmands.
- That our Confirmation groups continue to be a safe place to bring forth issues.
- That the Pastors and Confirmation leaders be able to tackle tough questions with wisdom and direction from God.

Warmth Bag Project

- Sunday, December 17, education time
- CLC Carmel and Fishers

Last year, Student Ministry started an outreach effort called "Warmth Bag Project" to support the area's homeless. This year, students of all ages and their families at both Carmel & Fishers sites will help during their Sunday School hour to prepare these care packages. Our goal this year is 500 bags! (*See p. 3 for details.*)

Among Us

Births

Michael Alexander Schumm, son of John Schumm & Alyssa Brune, Oct. 24.
Jason Richard Hillhouse, son of David & Lisa Hillhouse, Nov. 15.
Charlotte L. Bennett, granddaughter of Jeffrey & Mary Ann Wehmueller.
Natalie Elizabeth Hirsch, granddaughter of Douglas & Kathy Metcalf, Nov. 10.
Rebekah Rose Gilbert, daughter of Pastor Jack & Jenny Gilbert, Oct. 24.

Baptisms

Finley Wade Hornbacher, son of Wade & Brooke Hornbacher, Oct. 28.
Bodie Allen Greeman, son of Brad & Abbie Greeman, Oct. 29.
Kinsley Jo McManaway, daughter of Ryan & Rebecca McManaway, Oct. 29.
Norah Geneive Henry, daughter of Wes & Megan Henry, Nov. 5.
Logan Maddox Eyler, son of Cory & Courtney Eyler, Nov. 20.
Taylor Marie Maicher, daughter of Don & Sara Maicher, Nov. 22.
Londyn Mae Hoffman, daughter of Adam & Jenna Hoffman, Nov. 25.
Brooklyn Marie Scaff, daughter of Michael & Kara Scaff, Nov. 26.

Wedding

Jeremy Carlson (son of Gayle & Nancy Carlson) & Cordia Kell, Nov. 11.
Alex Prichodko (son of Peter & Christine Prichodko) & Kaylie Waltz, Nov. 25.

Sympathy to the Family of

Jim Campion (Sara VanDyke's father)
Wilbur Huffman (Craig Huffman's father)
Louis Koelsch, Jr. (Duke Koelsch's father)
Bonna Oldson (Victoria Olson's grandmother)
Lisa Cordes Ratliff (Pr. Dan Schumm's cousin)
Ruth Blank (Kathy Williams' mother)
Mary Anderson (Becky Harvey's grandmother)
Gene Hinderliter (Kathy Grecco's father)

Way to go!

Congratulations to these CLC students and members of the Carmel H.S. Marching Band, winners of the 2017 Bands of America Grand National Championship: Anthony Clifford, Emma Clifford, Grace Comerford, Delaney Durgin, Claire Evanson, Madison Kolanowski, Katherine Long, Broderick Mayes, Aaron McGhiey, Anna Scholer, and Maddie Schultz.

Women

Ladies Night Out

- Monday, December 11, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Nickel Plate Bar and Grill in Fishers

Enjoy an evening of food, fun, and girl talk! Women of all CLC campuses are invited to gather with other disciples for a relaxing night out. Catch up with friends, reconnect with “old” ones, and meet new ones! No RSVP—simply put it on your calendar and show up! For questions or more information, please contact Donnell Bradley (812.573.3658).

Will you share Jesus’ love with the little ones?

Do you love children? Would you like to earn a little extra cash? Our Carmel MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group is in need of loving adults to care for their children while the moms meet. We are also seeking those who may be interested in working as a substitute caregiver when absences arise. Pay is \$10/hour and you can bring your child with you, if needed. MOPS meets 1-2 Fridays each month from 8:30-11:30 a.m. through April. For more details, contact Sarah Lawhorn (sarah.m.lawhorn@gmail.com, 317.938.1327).

What is MOPS? We are a group of moms who gather to provide a support system to all moms, and we have the best support to offer... Christ’s guidance and love!

Women’s Book Club Jan. 2

CLC’s Women’s Book Club meets the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m., at the Barnes & Noble on Greyhound Pass. (Note: There is no meeting in December).

The next book discussion is listed below. No need to contact anyone ahead of time—just show up and join us! For more information, contact Debbie Salefski (dsalefski@sbcglobal.net) or Nancy Mills (namills3@att.net).

- Jan. 2: *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery

News from the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League



Christmas Cookies, Crafts & More!

On Saturday, December 9, from 9-11 a.m., the LWML’s annual “Christmas Cookies, Crafts & More!” will be held at the CLC Carmel gym. Christmas cookies are baked by CLC disciples, and those attending fill cans with cookies of their choice.

For more information, including a list of all the items we need to make this event great and how you can help, please turn back to page 4.

Ladies Daytime Fellowship

We will meet on Friday, December 8, at 2 p.m. (note different start time) in the CLC Carmel gym kitchen. We will put cookies on trays for the next day’s Cookie Walk.

Wrapping the world in comfort— one quilt at a time

We give thanks to the ladies who are a part of our Sewing for Missions group. Throughout the year, they meet every second and fourth Wednesdays to make quilts for various relief and mission organizations. This year, they made 335 quilts! See a sample of their beautiful work in the hallway outside room 123.



Thank you, ladies, for your hard work, time, and dedication to missions throughout the world. (Note: Sewing for Missions will resume Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2017.)

Always looking for fabric & thread donations

Do you have any old linens you no longer want? Donate them to Sewing for Missions! They take sheets, blankets, mattress pads, draperies, bed spreads, quilts, bath towels, fabric, and thread. Any fabric can be used! Put these items, marked “Sewing for Missions”, in room 123. Questions? Contact Barb Potts (317.846.8056).

Stewardship

For questions on any of the items listed below contact Holly Reay (hreay@cornerstonelutheran.church) or Bruce Williams (bwilliams@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Take advantage of the IRA-to-Charity provision

Taxpayers aged 70.5 or older who must withdraw annual required minimum distributions (RMDs) from their IRAs are allowed to make tax-free distributions directly to a charity from an IRA of up to \$100,000 per year. Eligible taxpayers do not include these contributions/distributions in gross income or claim them as deductions on their returns so they are not subject to the charitable contribution percentage limits.

If eligible, taking advantage of this provision may provide significant tax benefits and provide another way to fulfill Hearts Compelled to Share pledges or General Budget contributions. Please consult your financial advisor to see if this may work for you.

Gifting stock

Account information is listed below for CLC's stock account. When gifting stock, please notify us and provide stock name, number of shares and designation (general budget, capital campaign, etc.) to make sure the contribution is correctly posted to your account.

Cornerstone Lutheran Church

Account #59211915
DTCC #0725

Miller Wealth Advisors
9449 Priority Way West Drive
Suite 119
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Contact:
Aaron Miller
317.218.3155
aaron.miller@raymondjames.com

Offering envelopes

Offering envelopes will continue to be mailed to your home address quarterly throughout 2018. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like some, please let Holly or Bruce know (contact information above).

Annual giving statements

One of the many benefits of CLC Connect is that you can review and print your giving information at any time! Log in to CLC Connect, click your name in the upper right corner, then "Profile", then "Financial" in the middle of the page and then "Giving Statement" on the lower right. Select "Family" under Type and then choose the time frame for which you would like to print the statement. If you prefer to receive a hard copy of your giving statement, they will be mailed out by the end of January 2018.

LCEF — what is it?

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is a financial institution of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). It makes available loans for congregations to build churches, schools, and home mortgages for Lutheran teachers, etc. The funds are used for furthering God's kingdom.

Where does LCEF get their funds?

Members of LCMS congregations like Cornerstone Lutheran make investments into the fund. LCEF pays those who invest with them 2.5% interest (for funds left in for five years) to 3% interest (up to \$5,000 for new investors) on the funds invested. When you invest with LCEF, you support the work of sharing the Gospel throughout the world.



Your investment is 100% guaranteed and refundable any time. It's a win-win for all concerned!

For more information about investing with the LCEF, contact CLC's representative Bill Moeller (317.339.7580).

You can also find out more at lcef.org.

In the Community

Thanks for your generosity!

We thank the disciples at CLC Carmel for all the donations to the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis! We were able to share over \$1,500 worth of clothing, food, hygiene products, and more (see photo).

And, thank you to the CLC Fishers disciples for celebrating their one-year anniversary by donating nearly 1,000 pounds of food that was distributed to the "Come to Me" food pantry at Fishers United Methodist Church and ICAN (Irvington Community Advocacy Network) in downtown Indianapolis.

Thanks for living generously and "excelling in the grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7)!



Christmas concerts



Community concert at CLC Fishers

"STAR Financial Bank presents the Fishers Community Chorus Christmas Concert" will be performed on Saturday, December 2, at CLC Fishers at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the Fishers Community Chorus and Orchestra and a special guest appearance by the Indianapolis Children's Choir's Preparatory Choir. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 18 years old and younger. A food drive will also take place at the concert. For tickets, visit fishersmusicworks.org.

Lutheran H.S. Christmas concert

- Sunday, December 10, 4 p.m.
- Lutheran H.S. Ruth Lilly Auditorium (5555 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis)
- Featuring the high school's choirs and bands performing Christmas favorites
- Concert is free



Community Life Builder application

Community Life Builders (CLBs) at the National Youth Gathering are a key group of volunteers who are trained and resourced to serve Gathering participants and help the event run smoothly. Known as the "Yellow Shirts" because of the yellow shirts they wear, CLBs work in the Gathering hotels, convention center, and stadium during the event.

Community Life Builders make a considerable investment in the Gathering, including being available **July 8-15, 2019** for training and service. CLBs are aged 25 years old and older, have a desire to serve both youth and adults, must complete a background check, and submit a reference form completed by an LCMS church worker or LCMS district staff. If you are interested in being one of these servant leaders, or know someone who would make a great CLB, please consider completing the application. The application is available at lcmsgathering.com/club through February 28, 2018.

(Please note, the application to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer—aged 25 and younger—opens July 2018.)

Change Service Requested



The Good News is published monthly for the disciples and friends of Cornerstone Lutheran Church. We welcome you to worship with us! For information on service times, please call the church office at 317.814.4252 or visit our website at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church. (Cathy Klemm, Newsletter Editor – cklemm@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Order your Christmas poinsettias



Help adorn the Cornerstone Lutheran Carmel and Fishers sites for the Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias! They are \$8 each, and information **received by Sunday, Dec. 17**, will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.

Your poinsettia(s) may be picked up following the late service on Christmas Eve, after the Christmas Day service, or any time later that week. Thank you for helping to beautify Cornerstone Lutheran Church!

You may also order and pay online at CornerstoneLutheran.church (search "poinsettia").

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____

Phone or email (in case we have a question): _____

I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$8 each.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
(Checks payable to *Cornerstone Lutheran Church*)

Please check the appropriate box(es) & PRINT the following information:

- Given to the glory of God by _____
- Given in memory of _____
by _____
- Given in honor of _____
by _____

(Use back side to write any additional information.)

Your order form and check/money can be put in an envelope and placed in the offering plate, or mailed/dropped off to the church office.