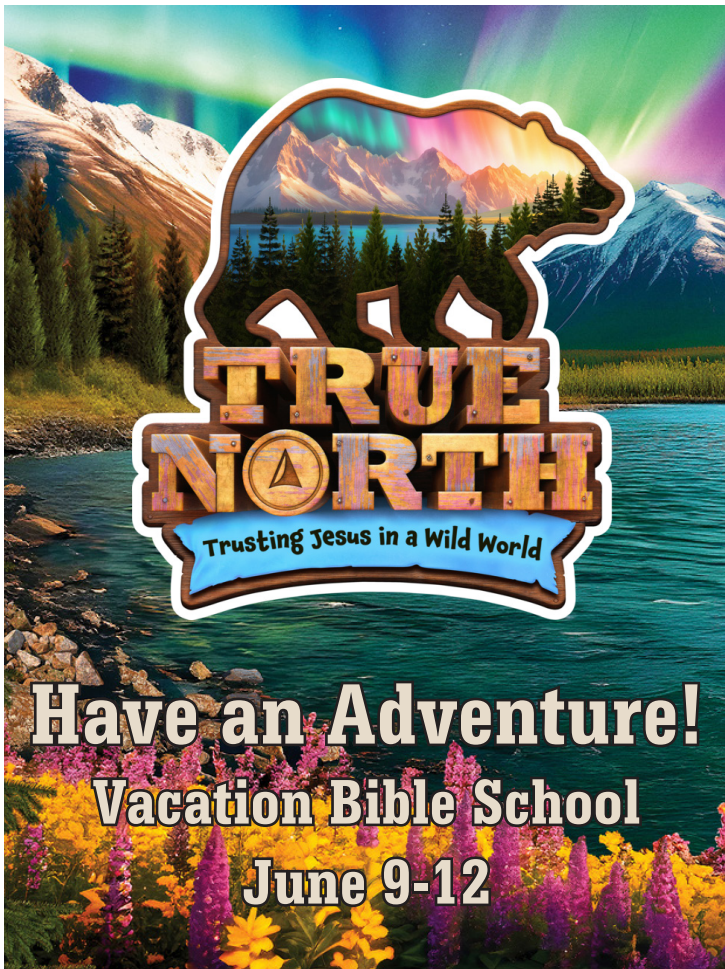


# THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Cornerstone Lutheran Church

March 2025



**Have an Adventure!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 9-12**



**CHOSEN CALLED EMPOWERED LIVING SENT**  
**TOGETHER**  
**Fine Arts Academy**  
**June 16-20**

## Registrations open in March!

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CLC is building God's kingdom by reaching beyond ourselves to bring people into a caring community.

# From the Pastor

## Continuing the Challenge!

I love a good challenge. If you told me I couldn't do something, I was usually all the more motivated to do that very thing. For me, a challenge is a great way to see what you're capable of doing. How far can you go? How much can you push yourself? Where is your limit? Or, as I've often found, how much more than my limit can I actually achieve?

I have asked myself these questions many of times as I prepared for a run. When people ask me why I like to run so far, this is the answer I give. Challenging myself to do more than I thought I could do is exciting, encouraging, and motivating. To be clear, it's not easy. By definition then it wouldn't be a challenge!

Every time I've completed a race, I've still wanted to get back to my normal routine. Maybe the pace changed a bit, but I still wanted to keep running, and after some time, I'd sign up for another race.

As we've wrapped up the *Red Letter Being Challenge*, I find myself in a similar place as the running. This challenge has been a faster pace, and it hasn't always been easy. Yes, there were a few times I had to catch up on multiple days of reading! And some of the content, it pushed me to really reflect on my walk with Jesus.

**KEEP GOING!**

At the same time, I'm excited, encouraged, and motivated to keep moving forward in my faith. It's this part especially that I hope is true for you, too. Just like running, there's another "race." (No, we're not jumping into another 40-day challenge!) Our pace might be a bit different for a while, but there are ways we can continue to grow in our faith both individually and collectively. The question is: how will you do that? How will you continue to move forward in your faith?



Pastor Kevin Thomson



# Lent Worship



## Sundays in Lent

In the sermon series "In the Quiet", Jesus invites us to spend time with Him in the simple and ordinary places of life.

- **March 8/9:** "Confronting the Demons" — Psalm 91:1-13; Luke 4:1-13
- **March 15/16:** "Resting in God" — Psalm 23; Hebrews 4:9-11; Mark 2:23-28
- **March 22/23:** "The Noisiness of Sin" — Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Timothy 4:13-16; Matthew 25:31-46
- **March 29/30:** "Coming to Your Senses" — Luke 13:1-3, 11-32



## Wednesdays in Lent: "A Contrast in Love"

When we experience God's love, we find it delightfully incredible. It is full of contrasts and contradictions from our worldly view. God fills us with His perfect love, so that we can be reflections of Him, increasing the impact of His love. Our Lenten Midweek Worship services take place every Wednesday, March 12 through April 9, at:

- **Carmel:** 12 & 7 PM, Sanctuary
- **Fishers:** 6:30 PM (dinner at 5:45 PM - please bring a main dish or side/dessert to share)
- **Eagle Creek:** 6 PM (dinner at 5:30 PM)

(Rather than Midweek services, Indy will continue their Community Dinners on Tuesdays from 5-6 PM.)

# Upcoming Events

## "True North" – VBS 2025

### Trusting Jesus in a WILD world!

Get ready for an ultimate Alaskan Adventure this summer at our Vacation Bible School! Kids will learn that Jesus is their True North who will always guide them to His love and protection!

VBS this year will be at ALL our sites on Monday through Thursday, June 9-12, from 9 AM to noon. (Yes, ALL of our sites will be 9 AM to noon this year!)



### Register your kids!

You can now register your children ages 3 years old through 4th grade (based

on the grade they will be for the 2025/2026 school year) for VBS at any of our four sites. *(Children must turn 3 by June 1, 2025 and be completely potty trained in order to attend the event.)*

To register, use your Church Center app, or go to our website and search "VBS". If you are reading this electronically, you can use the following links:

**CARMEL: Kids Registration**

**FISHERS: Kids Registration**

**EAGLE CREEK: Kids Registration**

**INDY: Kids Registration**

### Share Jesus! Be a volunteer!

Volunteering for CLC's Vacation Bible School is an awesome time! You get to connect with lots of people AND share the never-ending love of God to the kids. Plus, the more volunteers we have, the more kids we can have at VBS, and that means reaching more families for Jesus! Sign up on your Church Center app, or click a link below if reading this electronically.



**Volunteer at CARMEL**

**Volunteer at FISHERS**

**Volunteer at EAGLE CREEK**

**Volunteer at INDY**

## Save the date for these Easter events...

Coming next month to a Cornerstone site near you! More information will be available in the April newsletter and upcoming eNews editions. Each of these events will take place in the morning.

- **At Indy on Saturday, April 12:**  
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- **At Eagle Creek on Saturday, April 12:**  
Eggstravaganza (Easter egg hunt)
- **At Carmel on Saturday, April 19:**  
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- **At Fishers on Saturday, April 19:**  
Eggstravaganza (Easter egg hunt)



## ...and help us collect Easter eggs!

We are in need of over 15,000 filled plastic eggs for all of our Easter events at Cornerstone! Grab some friends or your small group and fill one of our tubs of empty eggs! (Each tub has about 600 empty plastic eggs to fill.) Contact Sara Konopka ([skonopka@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:skonopka@cornerstonelutheran.church)) to arrange to pick one up at your site.

Not able to fill an entire tub? That's OK, you can donate any amount of filled plastic eggs! Eggs can be filled with:

- Individually-wrapped, peanut-FREE candy (like Starburst, Skittles, Jolly Ranchers, Smarties)
- Stickers
- Erasers
- Rings
- Bouncy balls
- Tattoos
- Small toys

Drop off your donations at your site's Welcome Desk by Sunday, April 6.

Want an easy way to donate? Use our Amazon list to order and deliver prefilled eggs right to church! <https://a.co/2UvXzNu>

Thanks in advance for your help with these Easter events at all our CLC sites this year!

# Upcoming Events

## Men's College Hoops Night

Thursday, March 20  
4-8 PM at the  
CLC Carmel Student Center

Watch the games  
and enjoy pizza and  
sodas with friends.



**Carmel site men:** Please register for this event on Church Center, in your eNews, or [CLICK HERE](#) if reading this electronically.



## Lenten Hymn Sing March 23

There are many wonderful and reflective hymns that are used during the Lenten season, but we can use only a handful of them in worship. Join us on Sunday, March 23, at 4 PM in the Carmel Sanctuary where we will gather together to sing and ponder some of the most beautiful hymns of the Lenten season. Whether or not you are familiar with these traditional hymns, this time of song will be a great opportunity to get (re)acquainted with them!

## "Together"

### Fine Arts Academy June 16-20

Kindergartners through 8th graders can attend the Fine Arts Academy, hosted at our Carmel site, on June 16-20. This week-long summer day camp will focus on being "Together" in community with Him and with each other! Kids get the chance to participate in a wide variety of visual and performing arts, like dance, drama, cooking, painting, needlework, woodworking, music, and more, taught by highly qualified teachers. And they have lots of fun, too!



**Mark your calendar for registration!** It opens Sunday, March 16, at 1 PM (and fills up quickly!). To register, visit [CornerstoneLutheran.church/faa](https://www.cornerstonelutheran.church/faa) or find the registration form on your Church Center app. The brochure with class offerings, prices, and other information, is available at the web page listed above.

We look forward to being TOGETHER with you at FAA camp this summer!

**2025 Student Ministry  
Golf Scramble**  
Friday, June 27  
Eagle Creek Golf Club

**SAVE the DATE!**

*Registration & sponsorship info coming this spring!*

A promotional poster for a golf event. The background is a blurred golf course at sunset. In the foreground, a white golf ball sits on a green tee. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Faith Formation: Children



## Bibles for 3 year olds

This March we will have our special Bible presentations for our 3 year olds (those who are or will turn 3 by August 1, 2025). There will also be a Parent/Child class the same day during the Sunday School time. A special part of the morning is presenting that Bible to your child during a worship service!

Please register to participate at your site, using one of the links, below. Or, fill out a registration form on your Church Center app.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- **Carmel:** 8:30 AM Sanctuary, 10:45 AM Worship Center
- **Fishers:** 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Reading this online? [Register for Carmel or Fishers HERE.](#)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- **Eagle Creek:** 10:45 AM
- **Indy:** 10:45 AM

Reading this online? [Register for Eagle Creek or Indy HERE.](#)



## Registration open for the 2025-26 school year

Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool at our Carmel and Eagle Creek sites are accepting student registrations for the 2025-26 school year. Find out more about our preschool, and register your child, at:

[CornerstoneLutheran.church/preschools](https://www.cornerstonelutheran.church/preschools)

# Fellowship Events

For more information on any of the following items, either contact the person listed through your Church Center directory, email [connect@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:connect@cornerstonelutheran.church), or call church at 317-814-4252.

## EAGLE CREEK/CARMEL: Let's play euchre

- **EAGLE CREEK:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (Mar. 5 & 19), 1-3 PM, in the portable classroom. (Facilitator: Robert Lucke.)
- **CARMEL:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month (Mar. 12 & 26), 1-3 PM, in the Senior Lounge. (Facilitator: Verne Hanson.)

## CARMEL: Monthly Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be Monday, April 7, noon, in Carmel room 102. We will have a guest speaker, and as always, great food! Please bring something to share for our pitch-in luncheon.

## CARMEL: Widows

Please join us Thursday, March 27, 11:30 AM, at Uptown Cafe (2271 Pointe Parkway, Carmel) in Merchants Pointe off 116th Street. RSVP to Barb Malmloff or the church office.

## FISHERS: Older Adults Lunch

Our Older Adult Gathering and luncheon will be Tuesday, March 25, at noon. Lunch will be provided (free will offering) along with water and iced tea. For food planning purposes, please let us know if you are attending by contacting Jackie Gehrlein through your Church Center directory, or the church (information above).

# Outreach

Every month we share concrete tips and ideas around a particular outreach theme.

## February's Outreach Thought: The Splash Zone

by Jason Taber, Pastor of Outreach



When I was in high school my family attend a Blue Man Group performance and we sat in the Splash Zone. That meant at the climax of the performance colorful slime was *splashed* onto us. Maybe that sounds like a miserable experience—a great way to ruin an outfit—and it would have been... except that we were provided with a poncho before we sat down.

The poncho meant the slime could do us no harm—wouldn't hurt any clothing or stick in anyone's hair. With the poncho in place, the slime literally rolled right off of us and turned what could have been a real mess into a fun experience.

As we engage those around us, we can often feel like we're in the splash zone. Maybe you worry about this: what's going to stick to you or tarnish you or harm you if you get too close to non-Christians? But remember how Jesus is described in Jude: The one who is able to present you unblemished before the Father (1:24). You are sealed as a child of God. Your identity and your eternity are secure in Him. That's your poncho! Whatever might be splashed onto you will roll right off.

All this to mean, you can receive any critique (of the Church or Jesus or Christians); you can meet any person wherever they are; you can engage any idea or belief with openness (not necessarily with full affirmation). It's all safe—it won't harm you. None of it will shake or impact who you are in Jesus even a little bit, so you can go where you need to go and engage whoever is before you for the sake of the Gospel. As you go into your various communities, be confident in your poncho and engage!



## Community Dinners growing at Indy site

Indy's weekly Community Dinners have been growing steadily since they began. A strong community

of "regulars" and new faces has developed over the past few months, allowing us to build deep relationships with those in the neighborhood.

You can join us for this engaging opportunity, not only to meet an important need among our neighbors, but also to build strong connections with them! If you want to be a part of this rewarding opportunity, there is room for you! Dinners are every Tuesday from 5-6 PM, and volunteers are asked to be there from 4-6:30 PM. Available dates have been scheduled through March. Click here to sign up for one or more Tuesdays. Contact Vicar Logan ([ldavis@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:ldavis@cornerstonelutheran.church)) if you have questions.

## March Collection: Everyday Items

As we at Cornerstone Lutheran Church have expanded to worship sites in four different locations, our outreach has grown to include a larger, more diverse community. Some of our neighbors struggle to bring home even simple things. Those needs may seem ordinary, easily solved by a trip to Costco or Meijer, but for others they may be unattainable.

We can help! This month's collection list is simple and straightforward, but meaningful to those who will benefit. These donations will go to Family Promise of Hendricks County and Indy's Little Free Pantry. If we exceed capacity at our two designated sites, we will share with some of our other community partners.



Items we are collecting are:

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Paper towels | Shampoo     |
| Toilet paper | Conditioner |
| Diapers      | Body Wash   |

If you are giving large bundles, like those from Costco or Sam's, please make sure that they contain smaller packages inside. These large packages will be broken down into easily-distributed items.

Thank you for your generosity! Donations are due to your site by March 30.

# LCMS Gathering News

## Be a part of Team Flex at the Gathering

Are you looking for a flexible volunteer opportunity *and* a way to make an impact on our youth at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering this July in New Orleans? Serve on Team Flex! Team Flex volunteers, adults ages 18 and older, can apply to serve at the Gathering, anywhere from 4 hours on a single day up to 8 hours all 5 days of the Gathering—the time commitment is up to you!

As a Team Flex Volunteer you commit to:

- Arranging and paying for your own travel, housing, and meals.
- Serving the Gathering anywhere needed on the dates you're available.
- Wearing "Team Flex" blue and serving Gathering participants with a smile!

*(Team Flex volunteers do not pay a registration fee.)*

Visit [LCMSgathering.com/volunteer](https://LCMSgathering.com/volunteer) for detailed FAQs about the Team Flex opportunity and registration. Deadline to register is April 30.



# Among Us

## Birth

Daisy Marie Behmlander, granddaughter of Kirk and Theresa Scheumann (parents: Evan & Hannah Behmlander).

## Baptisms

Colten Bogan (adult), Feb. 2.

Jaylee Marie Garrison, daughter of Josh & Jessie Garrison, Feb. 16.

Beckham Chase Knepper, son of Sean & Megan Knepper, Feb. 16.

Emilia Ann Drey, daughter of Kelly & Jordan Drey, Feb. 16.

Archer Sloan McMillan, son of Austin & Morgan McMillan, Feb. 23.

## Wedding

Meliah Wray (daughter of Craig & Janene Huffmann) & Isaiah Frank, February 15.

## Sympathy to the families of

Margaret Rosser (CLC disciple)

Robert Whirrett (CLC disciple)

Louise Bellon (CLC disciple)

Norm Townley (CLC disciple)

Bill Lewis (Bob Lewis' father)

Fred Pollert (Bill Pollert's father; Barry Bobb's brother-in-law)

Irma Darlage (Greta Achenbach's mother)

Joan Marcotte (Duke Koelsch's mother)

Agnes Hazen (Kara Hakos' grandmother)

Angela Kolanowski (Jonathan Kolanowski's sister-in-law)

## Cornerstone Job Opportunity: Finance Manager

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is seeking to hire a full-time Finance Manager. The purpose of this position is to serve the church by providing accurate accounting and appropriate business records. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Maintaining income statements and balance sheets for the church, Preschool, and Foundation; maintaining general ledger and month-end and year-end statements; coordinating preparation and development of the fiscal year budget; overseeing the counting of offerings; monitoring monthly expenses; maintaining employee and payroll records; and administering compensation and benefits. Skills include having a servant heart and good people skills, solid technical skills, an Accounting Degree with 3-5 years significant experience, attention to detail, and ability to deal with sensitive information in a confidential manner. CPA preferred but not required.

For a full Finance Manager job description, visit [CornerstoneLutheran.church](https://CornerstoneLutheran.church) and click on "Job Opportunities" at the bottom of the page.

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## Beautiful Nights for Dancing!



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE  
Cornerstone Lutheran Carmel  
2025

It was a magical night at the Daddy Daughter Dances last month at our Carmel and Fishers sites! The dance areas were decorated beautifully and the girls and their dates enjoyed music and dancing, snacks, and more. Each location had more than 350 attendees! We thank all the volunteers, including those Middle School youth who helped out, and our Carmel and Fishers MomCo groups for hosting these opportunities for our dads and daughters to spend special time together.

