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From Our Pastor's Desk

CLC: A New Vision for Service

That's our theme for our 2019 Capital Campaign – CLC: A NEW VISION FOR SERVICE.

Our Capital Campaign launches on Sunday, March 10th, and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

We are guided in our campaign by Marilyn Mulvihill, who has worked in fundraising for World Vision and other non-profits. Marilyn has generously donated her time and expertise, providing excellent guidance and support. Although you will receive detailed information as we move along, here is an overview of the Capital Campaign:

By March 10th, we will have received a Declaration of Commitment from every leader of CLC – members on staff, members of the Admin Team, members of the Congregational

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*Mark Your
Calendar!*
Fat Tuesday
CELEBRATION

**Tuesday,
March 5
at CLC**



Live Polka Music!

See page 7 inside!



2019 In the Neighborhood for Good 2019

COVER

Did you know . . . That Fat Tuesday or Mardi (Tuesday) Gras (fat, large) in the French is another name for Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten Season. To be 'shriven' was to do penance to prepare for the denial of self.

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Council, and members of the Capital Campaign Team.

The Declaration of Commitment is for three years. The Capital Campaign Team is working on a Commitment Card, a confidential process for recording commitments, a three-year tracking and feedback process that keeps every member up-to-date on our progress.

We will hold small-group presentations during the Wednesdays of Lent, led by facilitators trained by Marilyn Mulvihill. The presentations include a devotional appropriate to the season of Lent. Each person receives a Declaration of Commitment Card and makes an appointment for a follow-up contact.

The CC Team will keep the congregation up-to-date on Commitments during the season of Lent, with the goal of celebrating the success of the Capital Campaign on Easter Sunday.

At the present time, our goal for the Capital Campaign – CLC: A NEW VISION FOR SERVICE – stands at \$202,345. That number may change, as we are still in the process of nailing down an exact quote or two.

You can become a significant partner in this Capital Campaign by starting to pray every day for CLC: A NEW VISION FOR SERVICE.

Pastor Scott

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - #CLCMillvale

MEETING TODAY'S CHALLENGE

For a moment, think about the retail market. Mom and Pop corner grocery stores have been replaced by the chain grocery giants. Most of us shop at Home Depot or Lowe's rather than the neighborhood hardware store. The Five-and-Dime no longer exists, replaced by Walmart.

Just as the "big box" store has arisen to replace the small independent business; the big box non-denominational church has been replacing the denominational neighborhood congregation.

We held two Christmas Eve services with a little over two hundred people in attendance. Orchard Hill had over 16,000 attend their dozen or so Christmas Eve services. At the luncheon after Don Braun's funeral, one of his sons told me his family wanted to attend CLC on Christmas Eve but our 5:00 and 8:00 services did not fit their schedule. You can be sure that Orchard Hill offered a service that did fit their schedule.

Please hear me. I'm not saying we should have a dozen Christmas Eve services anymore than I think Bill's Hardware Store should carry fifty refrigerators. The point is that it is a challenge for CLC to compete in today's church marketplace.

Victory Church offered a "Christmas Show" at twelve different times featuring sacred and secular music groups with professional lighting, backdrops, and costumes. We offered a brief Sunday School program one Sunday after worship.

As much as we may not like it or understand it,

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**COME
INVITE
WELCOME
SERVE**

The first 3 words of this Credo help us to fulfill the 4th, and in Serving, we fill our hearts with Christ and His Great Commission to spread His teachings to humanity. What a Mission! When you Welcome, let another see Christ in your eyes, your smile, your handshake or hug, and your help. Matthew 28:16-20

Hannah Circle will start the year off with a meeting on Feb. 12 in the Library. **At that meeting we will be weighing and bagging Jelly Beans and Chocolate Eggs for our Easter Candy Sale.** We will be selling the candy at the March and April Neighborhood Table Dinners so that you can place your order with any Hannah member or with Rheba in the office. Selection and pricing will be announced in bulletins and newsletters.



THE END OF MY BLOOMINGTON TRIPS IS IN SIGHT

In my psychotherapy practice, I have worked with a long-term model of therapy, often with people who have experienced trauma. So, many of my clients have been with me for years. Bringing our therapeutic relationship to a close must be given time and attention.

Toward that end, I will return to Bloomington three more times in 2019 and then bring my practice there to a close. I will return the weeks of February 25, April 1, and May 13. Deb and I leave after the 9:30 worship service on Sunday and return the following Friday evening.

If you have need of Pastoral care during this time, please contact **Pastor Mike Robinson, St. John's, Perrysville: 412-260-4407.**

today's people are responding to the big box church. This has led to the decline of the mainline congregation, described by church observers as disastrous, as catastrophic, and as "hemorrhaging members."

If any of you still hold onto the antiquated notion that CLC can continue to do the same old thing in any area of ministry, you are no longer living in the real world.

When Ron Barnes, the Executive Director of Anchorpoint Counseling, toured the church a month ago his mouth dropped open. Our final destination was the Youth Room and Ron flopped down at one of the café tables and looked awestruck. He remarked that he has toured many mainline congregations and all are the same: dark, drab and dirty, fading and/or peeling paint, unappealing décor. He spoke of how CLC is fresh and updated, how the nursery is attractive, how he loves the words stenciled on the classroom walls. Full of affirmation for our classrooms, library, and nursery. But, up until a few months ago we would have looked like all those other declining mainline congregations.

The necessity of a Capital Campaign points to the fact we have a long way to go.

I don't have all the answers, but I am humble enough to be constantly reading, talking with pastors and people whose insight I trust, and watching the trends around us.

We need CLC leaders who will join in accepting the challenge of re-creating CLC as a thriving and healthy congregation where children, youth, and adults can grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Because, isn't that the point? *continued on next page >*

CLC AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

The last I knew, nearly 100% of congregations with protected investments do not meet their annual budget. By protected investments, I mean that there is some policy – written or unwritten – against using invested assets.

CLC has not met its annual budget for the past twenty-one years. This makes it easy to connect the dots.

In addition, I have been told by a number of members that the congregation largely has been governed by two unwritten rules:

1. Do not spend money.
2. Don't throw anything away.

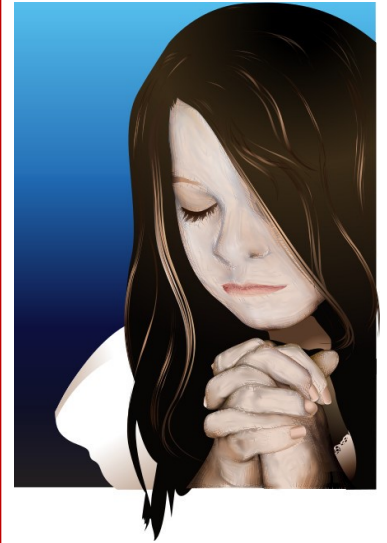
While such guidelines may work for a time, they do not work over a long period of time. And, they eventually train congregational members not to ask for what is needed for the church to function effectively and faithfully. Because to do so, you need to throw out the outdated and you need to spend money.

Such guidelines lead to not updating, renovating, replacing, improving, or investing in new ministries. Congregational ministries can stagnant, significant repairs are delayed, and adequate funding can be denied.

It also leads to what we now face:

- Altar paraments that are threadbare and no longer are capable of having the wrinkles ironed out
- The need for air conditioning
- A social hall that needs renovating
- A generator that no longer works
- A roof that needs repair
- A sanctuary that has not been painted in 20 years

I could go on. *continued on page 6 >*



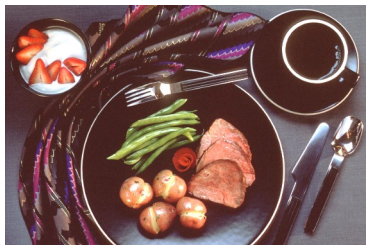
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



“THE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE”

Please join your neighbors at **Christ Lutheran Church’s NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE**

for a free meal. This is a neighborhood dinner here at Christ Lutheran on the first Monday of every month.

**Monday,
February 4
at 6:00PM**

**WE ARE NEED OF
DESSERTS** ~ If anyone would like to help set up or make desserts, please call Jaime Renda, 412-523-6927. The next Dinner will be on Monday, March 4.

MEETING TODAY’S CHALLENGE

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At our January Leaders’ Retreat (Staff, Admin Team, Congregational Council), the Congregational Council unanimously passed these two motions:

1. CLC will use our financial assets to support our ministry by providing adequate funding.
2. We will upgrade, replace, renovate, and improve all areas of church life on a timely basis.

Your CLC leaders are committed, wise, and faithful people. Trust in their judgement. Support their leadership.



Inviting your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to worship with us is a wonderful way to introduce people to CLC. In our world, people are hungering for a word of hope, a community of caring people, and a place to grow spiritually and relationally. You can be the friendly face that invites someone to find their way to their spiritual home.

At The Neighborhood Table

The Millvale non-profit organization, Emergence: A Women's Collective is happy to offer a free legal clinic. Local attorneys will be available to sit with you and discuss any legal concerns you may have. Free and open to residents of the Triboro EcoDistrict communities of Millvale, Etna, and Sharpsburg. Legal information and limited advice only: no representation will be provided.

It’s FAT TUESDAY at CLC **Tuesday, March 5 from 4-7PM**

Handmade Pierogies will be sold to eat in, or take home frozen on Fat Tuesday, along with Potato Pancakes. Pierogies are Cheese & Potato, Jalapeño-Potato, and Loaded Potato. Pierogies are \$10/dozen or \$1 each.

There will also be a Chinese Auction for anyone interested in winning great baskets and prizes. All proceeds go to the Youth Group at CLC. They have put in a lot of hard work to make many pierogies and are excited to see what else they can learn and do with CLC and the neighbors around us. The Youth Group thanks everyone for their support.



Eat-In, Take-Out

Enjoy POLKA MUSIC

Accomplished Accordion

**by Kevin Solecki
from 4 to 7PM**



SPIRITUALITY and WELLNESS

Begins Sunday, February 10

**at the Faith and Family Café, 8:30AM
in the Social Hall**

Presenters include Deb Olbert, Dr. Roger Owens from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pastor Scott and many more.

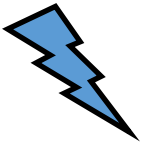
WORKING WITH YOUR DREAMS - FEBRUARY 10 AND 17 - PASTOR SCOTT

Everyone dreams 4-6 times a night. But do our dreams have any meaning? Was it just that anchovy pizza raising its ugly head? Or the plot of the last TV show I watched creeping into my sleep? The ancient church believed that God speaks to us through our dreams. The practice of psychotherapy sees dreams as a “royal highway” to our development. Plan to attend this eye-opening introduction to the world of your dreams. It might change the way you look at the world!

8:30AM every Sunday in the CLC Social Hall

Come early to get a good seat and something to eat and drink! We partner with The Cupcake and Cookie Company to provide breakfast refreshments at a reasonable cost.

Please note: We ask that all parents of Sunday School children come to Family and Faith Café instead of remaining in the children’s Sunday School rooms. We appreciate your cooperation.



**BE HERE
TO HEAR!!**

February 10
February 17
February 24

WORKING WITH YOUR DREAMS, Pastor Scott
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THE PURPOSE OF THERAPY, Deb Olbert

March 3
March 10

THE PURPOSE OF THERAPY, Deb Olbert
THE BODY, MASSAGE, and THE SPIRIT,
Becky Nyren

March 17
March 24

REIKI: ENERGY AND THE BODY
NUTRITION: CARING for the TEMPLE,
Mary Mook

March 31

NUTRITION: CARING for the TEMPLE,
Mary Mook

April 7
April 14
April 28

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, Dr. Roger Owen
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SPIRITUAL HEALING, Renny Sherrow

May 5
May 12
May 19

SPIRITUAL HEALING, Renny Sherrow
CENTERING PRAYER, Pastor Scott
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Christ continued,

there is something for everyone at Christ Lutheran Church. Your special invitation to visit is on our list below:

- Faith and Family Café, Sundays @ 8:30AM during Sunday School
- Frolic Sunday School Curriculum: Pre-Schoolers 3 to 5
- Sunday School Grades K thru 5



- Nursery and Infant Nursery, Sundays during Worship
- Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Graders
- First Communion Class
- High School Sunday School on 2nd and 4th Sundays
- 2 Adult Bible Studies, Sundays @ 10:30AM and 4:00PM

CLC GOALS FOR 2019

At their Leaders' Retreat, the staff, Admin Team and Congregational Council looked at the key traits of healthy and growing congregations. Working together, they chose to focus on five goals for 2019:

1. **Children's ministry that kids don't want to leave.** This goes far beyond fun and games, but those are certainly part of it. Imagine kids being in an environment that allows them to understand God's love for them while being invested in by caring adults who partner with parents to disciple them.
2. **Genuine heart for the lost and the desire to embrace the mess.** Inward-focused churches are dying churches. Growing churches aren't just conscious of the lost, they pursue them and are ready to take on the messes of life they may bring.
3. **Clear outward focus.** Their members intentionally know non-believers. They provide evangelism training. Their budget reflects dollars spent to start new ministries and expand services.
4. **They have a strong core group, but they also equip and invite others to serve.** Long-term members are still critical to the work of the church, but they open the door for new members to serve as well. These churches genuinely work on setting up the next generation to lead the church into the future.

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5. **Shareable Church Communication That Inspires and Informs.** Too many churches do a bad job of communicating past Sunday morning. A church that is healthy and growing communicates constantly in a variety of ways.

Youth Lock-In Sleepover on February 16th

Attention all youth group members and parents. Our new Youth Minister Aaron and Jade will be having a "Lock In"/Sleepover here at CLC on Saturday February 16th.

We will provide dinner and snacks. We are using this as an opportunity to get to know each other a little more, and the youth will have the chance to learn how to make pierogies. All those old enough to attend are either in confirmation classes or are in the high-school class. Youth should start arriving at 4PM on February 16th.



Make sure to bring blankets, pillows, and any other necessities you may need. We will wake up on Sunday morning to attend classes and church. Jade can be contacted at her email - jadelane101@yahoo.com or her cell phone number 412-709-2440.

Communion to Shut-Ins

Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 24 Shut-Ins have been visited and given Communion during the month of January.

Thanks to Steve and Julie Slepecki, Bernadette Thompson and Amy Shaufl for bringing the love of Christ and Congregation to our Shut-Ins.

Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!

The Best Christmas Gift . . . Todd and Ellie Davis were blessed with a 7-lb. 1-oz. baby boy, Brooks Glenn Davis, on December 15th. Happy grandparents are Glenn and Donna Davis.

COPIES OF LAST SUNDAY'S SERMON are available in the Narthex. Take one to a friend, neighbor, or co-worker. It's an easy way to let people know about CLC. Also available at: CLCmillvale.com to view and download.

Thanks to our February Ministry Team

ACOLYTES Deja Lane, Evan Visconti, and Emma Charles.

ALTAR GUILD Jean Thens, Linda Thens, the Lane Family, Bev and Rick Dreves, and Gail Jameson.

GREETERS Beth Rios, Diane Curry, the Lane Family, Sandy Burmaster, and Jean Thens and Linda Thens.

ASSISTING our MINISTER Holly Duss, Wendy Murphy, Steve Slepecki and Jade Lane.

Thanks
to Dave Platt for Wi-Fi configuration and compartmentalization.

Thanks to our February Offering Count Team

who steadfastly and graciously connect each week to record what members give from their hearts . . . Gary Milliken, Donna Davis, Beth Rios, Linda Thens, Helen Schwab, Judy Alberth, Sherrie Lane, Paul and Sandy Bell, Dorie and Frank Budzik, and Recorders Bev & Rick Dreves.

WORSHIP at CLC CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

At 9:30AM each Sunday, we celebrate Christ in Worship. You can visit this **traditional Lutheran Worship** each week throughout the year, so come as you are and join us! **Visit us and uplift your soul.**



Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays in February:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5 Kevin Jansen, Alice Renaldi | 20 Sarah Bond |
| 8 Chase Vogel | 21 Katelyn Feicht, |
| 9 Nicholas Satovich | Jamie Davis |
| 12 Nathaniel Oesterling | Linda Jansen |
| 14 Zachary Paulik | 24 Mary Lou Ebner |
| 17 Carole Altenbaugh | 26 Gerald Bookwalter, |
| 18 Justin Bauer, Arianna Cahoo | Margaret Coyne |
| 19 Joshua Williams, Zoey Vida, | 27 Brea Rian Pritchard |
| Braelyn Cahoo | 29 Joyce Janosik |

Thanks to our February Ushers

Tim Wach, Judy Alberth, Pat Bauer, Mandy Freiss, Shareen Jordan, Wendy Murphy, Tina Galioto, Linda Thens and Steve and Julie Slepecki.

Thanks to Michelle Hilliard for the beautifully designed Valentine magnolia florals in the hall near the office. Funding courtesy of Sherrie Lane.

January Birthdays

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Andrew Satovich
Carol Dressel | 16 Nicholas Satovich
Emily Cooper
Jacob Berger |
| 2 Sandra Kaiser
Andrew Herbster | 17 Aaron Lardin |
| 3 Adam Lucas
Sharon Wach | 18 Jason Hischemellor
Jamie Mazza
Emily Pfeifer
AJ Lardin |
| 4 Violet Pfeifer | 19 Audrey Stucky |
| 5 | 20 Rebecca West
Alexandra Jaeger |
| 6 Mary Lou Ebner
Jacob Berger | 21 Michael Watson |
| 7 Mary Jane Cooper
Norman Trapp | 22 |
| 8 Lisa Liptak | 23 |
| 9 Vicki Corfield
Alysa Gumto
John Venturella | 24 Verla Stoker
Doug Blum
Linda Collins
Travis Shay |
| 10 | 25 |
| 11 Heather Werner | 26 Terry Heberle
Melissa Benna
Dalton Lau |
| 12 Joanne Erjavac | 27 Zoey Vida |
| 13 Nathaniel Oesterling
Emalee Renda | 28 |
| 14 Joy Smallwood | 29 Julie Slepecki |
| 15 Alice Renaldi | 30 Judy Alberth
Joyce Janosik |
| Our January Birthday List is re-published due to a faulty computer setting. | 31 Connor Suchma |

PAUL BELL NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

In Pastor Scott's ongoing effort to build a diverse staff of talented leaders, Paul Bell is coming on staff in a volunteer position as Director of Organizational Development.

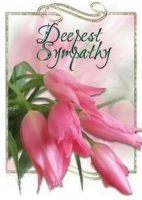
Although Paul's focus will be on driving long-term projects, his main focus will be developing and supporting Ministry Teams at CLC. He brings his work at Staples and other businesses to his ministry at CLC. Welcome Paul!

DO YOU KNOW A TALENTED MUSICIAN?

Behind the scenes we're working hard to prepare a new contemporary worship service. We want to have two groups of musicians who alternate throughout each month so that no one bears too much of a load.

We need one more bass guitarist and at least one more guitarist. **Know anyone in your family or friends circle? Contact Pastor Scott!**

Ramona Benn,
mother of Rory
Benn entered
Eternal Life on
January 9. Our
deep sympathy
is with the Benn Family.



Darlene Ivanosic, mother of
George, entered Eternal Life
on January 11.



ARE YOU CONNECTED?

As a supplement to our
newsletter, you could
receive reminders and
special announcements -
short & sweet! - about
your church's activities.

We don't share your
e-mail address. During
the Lutheran Liturgical
Year, we have shared e-
moments for many
seasons and celebrations,
but apart from that we
use it only to keep you
informed. Just e-mail
your address to:
ChristLutheran917@gmail
.com

www.CLCmillvale.com

Our NEW CLC Website is up and running with
mobile access. Thanks to Shareen Jordan,
visitors will have a user-friendly aesthetically
pleasing (beautiful) experience. As you take a
break from the busy-ness of your day or week,
get your favorite drink (don't spill it on your
phone or computer) and go to:

www.CLCmillvale.com to connect with your
Church.

LUTHERAN ADULT STUDIES AT CLC . . .

John Curry is teaching a Bible study on the **Gospel of
Luke at 4:00PM on Sunday afternoons** so you can
combine the study of Scripture.

Luke's Gospel is the most broad-minded and the most
forgiving. Every chance he gets, Luke has Jesus forgiving
people, right up the good thief on the cross. Luke sees
God as generous, merciful, and inclusive.

Presently, John serves as Vice-President of East Liberty
Lutheran Church. **The Lutheran Study is ongoing into
2019.**

Steve Slepecki serves as facilitator for the
continuation of the study of **Luther's Small Catechism on
Sundays at 10:30AM.** For nearly five centuries, this
Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for
the Lutheran Church. Steve serves as CLC's Minister of
Visitation to our homebound, and is exploring the path
toward ordained ministry.

February Birthdays

1	Linda Jansen Dominic Crieghton	16	Janet Weiher Allison Bauer Caitlin Grimm
2		17	Tricia Leight Linda Mikelas Braeden Strack
3	Mark Weinbrenner	18	Glenn Davis Justin Bauer Aleta Lardin Allison Creighton
4	Linda Manners	19	Doris Budzik Douglas Weinbrenner
5		20	
6	Margaret Coyne Linda Feicht	21	Irene Hodgkiss Nova Kroll
7	Madeline Bond	22	Amanda Medford
8	Brea Pritchard	23	Brandon Bauer Dave Meyer
9	Gabriella Cross Erica Strafalace Betty Sipes	24	Jodi Mueller
10	Emily Liptak Carly Heller	25	Betty Ebeling David Yee
11		26	Lisa Bookwalter Jessica Verbanic Amanda Platt Christine Platt Colin Shay Susan Meyer
12	Deborah Baldinger	27	
13		28	Donna Davis
14	Diana Mueller Megan Papale		
15	Ashleigh Schelling Lillee Strongosky		

We're connecting
Your Family with
our Sunday . . .
**HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**ATTENTION ALL
TEENS and
PARENTS of TEENS!**

**Don't forget, we are
up and running with
our High School Sunday
School class!**

**We meet on the 2nd
and 4th Sundays each
month.** All post-
Confirmation teens are
welcome.

**If you have a High
School Student who
would like to attend,**
please email Steve
Slepecki and let him
know: [steve91281@
hotmail.com](mailto:steve91281@hotmail.com). Or just
flag him down before
or after church.

Thanks!

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Thursday, February 14 is St. Valentine's Day. Tell someone that you love them. Tell someone that nobody loves them like God loves them and He wants them to have the best that life has to offer.



February 2019 Calendar at Christ Lutheran Church

Friday, February 1 6PM Girl Scouts #649; 7:30PM NA, Social Hall
Saturday, February 2 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Social Hall
Sunday, February 3 8:30AM Faith and Family Café; Sunday School
9:30AM Traditional Worship
10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 4 4PM St. AfterSchool Program
6PM The Neighborhood Table Dinner
6:15PM Yoga
Thursday, February 7 7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, February 8 7:30PM NA, Social Hall
Saturday, February 9 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Social Hall
Sunday, February 10 8:30AM Faith and Family Café: Working with Your Dreams-Spirituality & Wellness;
Sunday School; High School Sunday School
9:30AM Traditional Worship
10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 11 4PM St. AfterSchool Program
6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Tuesday, February 12 Hannah Circle
Wednesday, February 13 5:30PM Daisy Troop, Social Hall
Thursday, February 14 7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, February 15 6PM Girl Scouts #649; 7:30PM NA, Social Hall
Saturday, February 16 Youth Group Lock-In & Sleepover, Social Hall
9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA
Sunday, February 17 8:30AM Faith and Family Café: Working with Your Dreams-Spirituality & Wellness; Sunday School
9:30AM Traditional Worship
10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 18 4PM St. AfterSchool Program
6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Wednesday, February 20 10AM Food Cupboard, until 1PM
Thursday, February 21 7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, February 22 7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, February 23 9AM AA, Social Hall; 7PM NA, Social Hall
Sunday, February 24 8:30AM Faith and Family Café: The Purpose of Therapy-Spirituality & Wellness;
Sunday School; High School Sunday School
9:30AM Traditional Worship
10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, February 25 4PM St. AfterSchool Program
6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Wednesday, February 27 Food Cupboard Delivery, 10AM
Thursday, February 28 7PM, Choir Practice
Thanks to Sherrie Lane for her dedication in keeping the Calendar!!

Office Hours	412-821-4300
Monday – Friday	8:00am – 2:00pm
Church Website	www.CLCmillvale.com
Church Facebook	Christ Lutheran Church Millvale
Office Email	ChristLutheran917@gmail.com
EVERY SUNDAY:	
Sunday Worship Services	
Traditional Worship	9:30AM
First Sunday each month	Children's Choir Sings
Sunday School	8:30am Pre-K through High School High School meets on 2nd & 4th Sundays
Faith and Family Café	8:30am During Sunday School
Nursery and Infant Nursery	Open During Sunday School
Adult Bible Study	Sundays: 10:30am and 4:00pm
Community Services	St. AfterSchool - 4-6PM Mondays Food Cupboard, 3rd Wed. , 10-1
N. A. Meeting	Fridays @ 7:30pm Saturdays @ 7:00pm
A. A. Meeting	Saturdays @ 9:00am
Yoga	Mondays @ 6:15pm

CLC "Saint AfterSchool" is

every Monday when school is in-session, from 4-6PM at CLC, with Homework Help, Crafts, Games, Recreation, and a Meal; cost per child is 50c per week. It is open to K thru 3rd Grades in Millvale, Reserve and Shaler Area schools. Call your school for a registration form, or CLC 412-821-4300, or see Sherrie Lane.

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE SERMON, NOW YOU CAN!

We love having children—and lots of them—at worship, and we want parents to be spiritually nurtured by worship, prayer, and preaching. Our Nursery is up and running each Sunday. Not only that, the Nursery is staffed by qualified childcare providers who supply consistent and competent childcare Sunday after Sunday during Worship. You'll find the Nursery next to the CLC Choir rehearsal room.



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James, age 4, was listening to a Bible story. His Dad read, "A man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city. His wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." Concerned, James asked, "What happened to the FLEA?"

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Brought to you by:

House of Thrift, Millvale Community Library and North Hills Community Outreach

Co-Founder and President of House of Thrift, Lisa McDonough, will conduct the workshop.

Topics include Resume Writing, Cover Letter Writing, Reference Page Writing and Interviewing.

TWO WORKSHOPS will be held:

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 starting at 11AM at

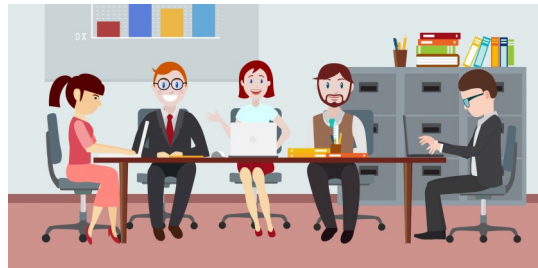
North Hills Community Outreach

416 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209

Thursday, February 28, 2019 starting at 6PM at

Millvale Community Library

213 Grant Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209



Why attend? To develop your employment-focused writing skills so that you may enhance your chances of attaining gainful employment.

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Duquesne Light and First Energy are offering Energy Conservation Kits with LED Bulbs and various other components (see right and below). If you do not want your Kit, please consider donating it to CLC. Dave Platt will make good use of the LED lighting, etc. to reduce costs. Thank you!!

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- 1 Go to www.wattchoices.com and click Residential "Learn More."
- 2 Click Online Energy Audit "Learn More."
- 3 Enter your account number and click "Detailed Home Analysis."
- 4 Answer a few questions and your kit will be mailed to your home.

EACH KIT INCLUDES:

(4) 9 WATT LED, 800 LUMEN Bulbs	(2) 11 WATT LED, 1100 LUMEN Bulbs
(2) 15 WATT LED, 1600 LUMEN Bulbs	(2) Luminescent Night Lights

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4 60W equivalent LEDs	1 3-way CFL
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Visit www.PAenergykit.com or call **888-427-5361** to start saving energy and money!

One Energy Conservation Kit per residential account. Customers who have received a kit since June 2013 are not eligible to receive another kit. Kit components subject to change. You will not be charged separately to receive this Energy Conservation Kit. The costs of energy efficiency programs are recovered through customer rates in accordance with PA Act 129 of 2008. For a complete list of commercial, industrial, residential, and low-income energy efficiency programs, please visit www.energysavePA.com.

Also, you might receive a call from one of our representatives to help you sign up for a kit.

Life Interrupted Biblical writings from the Old Testament speak about a decision made by Adam and Eve to believe a fallen angel . . . life interrupted.

Millennia later, Christ tells us that he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18) long before Adam and Eve made their decision. Many other angels, a third of them, fell along with him, and for them, there was no offer of redemption.

What was brought into the Garden of Eden by a corrupted being compromised humanity, but we somehow (perhaps because Satan's offer of "being like God" was deceptive and did not originate with Adam and Eve) have such standing in the heart of God that He came down from heaven to visit us in our human form (Christmas). No technology was necessary for this to happen.

Why can't God just accept everyone's free will? Our Father in heaven dearly wants and loves each of us, but does not want us (and heaven) corrupted with the chaos of our bad decisions as earth has become. It is literally groaning with earthquakes within land masses and bodies of water, blowing its top through volcanoes, and stirring extreme weather all across its face as if it is somehow trying to wash itself. Biblical events . . . leaving life interrupted for many.

In our time 2000 years after the first wonder of the Epiphany, quantum physics are beginning to address other dimensions in time and space and we see more of the

awesome unfathomable beauty, power and width and breadth of God's creation unveiled. It is within the authority of each person's free will to live in the words of Jesus. No more life interrupted as we begin to walk with Him and enjoy what He offers.

CLC, in mission with Christ, offers help in our walk with Jesus. You can feed your spirit each Sunday at a joyful, meaningful and encouraging Worship Service, experience two Adult Bible Studies, learn more of Christianity from childhood-to-young adult Sunday Schools, participate in youth events, and have fun and fellowship at the Faith and Family Cafe. **Let God equip you.**

More is on the way. Within his extensive experience and training, Pastor Scott has designed a season of "Spirituality and Wellness" topics, a sort of toolkit that can tune-up the health of mind, body and spirit. Beginning on Sunday, February 10th, the Faith and Family Cafe opens at 8:30AM with **"Spirituality and Wellness"**. Each Sunday into the month of May, all are welcome to visit the Cafe for ongoing presentations on Centering Prayer, the Purpose of Therapy, Christian Meditation, Working with Your Dreams, Spiritual Healing, and more. Be good to yourself and plan to attend some or all, learn, and enjoy yourself in the process. **Let God equip you.**

See pages 10 and 11 in this Newsletter.