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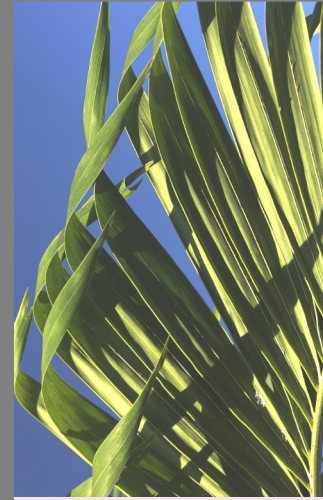
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APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Easter Week Services at CLC



Palm Sunday

APRIL 14
9:30AM Worship Service



Maundy Thursday

APRIL 18
7:00PM Service



Good Friday

APRIL 19
7:00PM Service



Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

TWO Easter Celebrations!!

7:00AM Youth Sunrise Service

with Steve Slepecki preaching and Contemporary Worship with the Band.

**** 8:00AM to 9:15AM EASTER BREAKFAST ****

9:30AM Easter Festival Worship

with Pastor Scott preaching and Traditional Worship with the CLC Choir.

Easter Egg Hunt 9AM

2019 In the Neighborhood for Good 2019

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THANK YOU

I am grateful.

The installation service was such a joy! The singing, Ed's playing, the Shadyside Brass, Steve's preaching, and your attendance.

Thank you.

The teacher, Lewis Smedes, writes: "Gratitude is one of the finest feelings in life. Nothing beats gratitude for sheer joy; it is, perhaps, the origin of all other really good feelings in the human repertoire."

So, I am grateful.

That I have this opportunity to be with you as your Pastor.

That there is such a great feeling on Sunday morning.

That you have been open to making changes that make a difference in the long run.

That we have such a friendly, talented, and hard-working staff.

That our Capital Campaign is off to such a hopeful beginning.

That you are a welcoming, open community of faith.

That the spirit of the suffering and risen Christ is present among us.

I am grateful.

Scott M. Olbert

Pastor, CLC Millvale

SAVE THE DATES

CLC has **BIG EVENTS** up ahead. Save these dates right now!!!!

♦ **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3:** In what we hope will become a yearly event, we host the first **CLC COMMUNITY CARNIVAL!!** Right in our front yard. Game booths, food, festivities, and lots of fun. In addition, we hope to have the Sunday morning band play a concert that evening.

♦ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:** The plan is to launch our new Rock n' Soul contemporary worship service at 5:00. We are gathering a great group of musicians and we will set you free with an upbeat and uplifting worship experience. Our goal is to have the Social Hall renovated so that we can "cut the ribbon" on what we think will be a beautiful new fellowship space.

♦ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:** With their first appearance in any church in Pittsburgh, the **STEELERS STEELINE** drummers will help us celebrate the start of fall programming on Rally Day! We're also working to have the Shadyside Brass with us so that we really blow the roof off the church!!



**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

BIBS or APRONS?

As young people and adults aware of the Credo above, we come to Church to receive Christ. We depart to serve the people of His mission in many ways. Let's put on our spiritual aprons and serve as many as possible in Christ whenever and wherever we can, and watch CLC (and our own hearts) grow in grace and evangelization.



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 two more times in 2019 and then bring my practice there to a close. I will return the weeks of 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.**

COMING UP at FAITH AND FAMILY FORUM

Ongoing attendance at each Sunday Faith and Family Form of has been consistent - thank you for exploring and coming to receive the beneficial information at the CLC Spirituality and Wellness presentations.

On April 7 and 14 Dr. Roger Owens will present "Christian Meditation". Dr. L. Roger Owens is Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality and Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He received his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Duke University and Divinity School. Dr. Owens is excited to be with us for two weeks to share with us his deep commitment to Christian Meditation. Come learn this meaningful spiritual discipline. ~ Following Easter, Renny Sherrow will be with us for two weeks to discuss "Spiritual Healing."

On May 12 and 19, Pastor Scott will present "Centering Prayer".

Faith and Family Forum is each Sunday, 8:30AM, at the Faith and Family Café in the CLC Social Hall. All are Welcome! See the Schedule on page 10 here in the Newsletter.

Thank You!! Thank You!! The experience of Fat Tuesday was truly wonderful - wonderful help and a wonderful time; an amazing evening! Thanks from Judy, Sherrie, Jade, Aaron and the CLC Youth Group. See the Newsletter insert for more details.

STAY AT HOME MISSION WORK CAMP

As I'm sure most of you know, Stay at Home Mission Work Camp was started by Pastor George. Instead of heading to some distant locale, Pastor George saw that home repairs were needed for lower income families right in Millvale. My sense is that, even though other congregations support and participate in SHMWC, CLC emotionally considers it part of our ministry in the community.

So it was that I met on January 7th with Jerry Lynn, the Synod Disaster Response Coordinator, and one of the key adult leaders for SMHWC. From my perspective, we had a great meeting. We set the date for this summer, exchanged some ideas to improve the program, and I offered the talents of Aaron Jackson, to publicize the program on social media.

In addition, I was open about conflict with the Ingold family and that they had transferred to Emmanuel Lutheran in Etna. Nevertheless, I told Jerry I felt I could work with Pastor Chrissy Hough and pledged to do so. We shook hands and I felt good about this year's SHMWC.

On Friday, February 15th, CLC received a letter stating the "Board of SHMWC" was moving the SHMWC to St. John's Lutheran Church in Highland.

Intuitively, an alarm went off about the finances and I checked the SHMWC mailbox in the office. The

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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.

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

bank statements were gone and the “SHMWC” label on the mailbox had been removed.

I called Jerry Lynn and asked him why SHMWC had been moved. He said that, although he urged that SHMWC remain at CLC, other Board members voted to move it out of the congregation. Even though there is no officially elected “Board,” the usual “planning group” for SHMWC includes Pastor Chrissy Hough and her husband, Tom, Amy Scariot, Dean and Charalene Ingold, Chris Atwood, and Jerry and Sylvia Lynn.

When I told him about the missing bank statements, Jerry said knew nothing about it. The SHMWC is a CLC bank account at First National Bank in Millvale.

Paul Bell and I went to First National Bank on Tuesday, February 19th, and spoke with Perry, the bank manager. Turns out that on February 7th, Jerry Lynn wrote a check for \$5,333.53 from the SHMWC bank account to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Etna, where his son, JJ Lynn is Pastor. This left a zero balance in the CLC SHMWC account.

I contacted the Bishop by email and related these events. He invited me to meet with he and Jerry Lynn to hear Jerry’s perspective and to share my concerns. I declined to do so.

Tim Wach, Paul Bell, and I then spent many hours in the following weeks exploring the situation

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with an attorney and Tim Komoroski, the Millvale Chief of Police. We were told that these actions were unethical, and “shady,” but they were not illegal. Jerry Lynn was on the signature card at the bank and so he had the right to write the check.

At its last meeting, your Congregational Council decided to invite the Bishop and Jerry Lynn to a meeting to discuss this situation. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Recently, the SWPA Synod sent out an invitation to the Synod’s youth to participate in the 2019 SHMWC at St. John’s Lutheran, Highlands....



CLC Ladies’ Night Out is April 6

Our next ladies night is Saturday, April 6th at The Candle Lab in Lawrenceville! The event starts at 5pm and it is BYOB! Unfortunately they don’t allow snacks. We will be choosing from 120 different scents and making our own candles!

Materials are supplied, the only thing we need to bring is a cocktail (cups are provided). Candles take 90 minutes to cool, so the shoppe suggests exploring the area around the store before we pick up. (April 6th is Deb Olbert’s birthday, we could grab a bite to eat nearby and celebrate!) Please email the Church at ChristLutheran917@gmail.com to register (preferred) or call 412-821-4300.

The candles are \$19 once completed. For more info text Alayna Getchell at 309-533-5226 or message her on Facebook.

FIRST COMMUNION

We’ve had a request from one of our young members to receive Holy Communion. We like to have a small group that joins together in each child making his or her own loaf of bread for First Communion.

How do you know if your child is ready? If he or she shows interest in what is happening when you come forward for Communion or if he or she is asking questions. The child’s curiosity is most important.

Let Pastor Scott know or call Rheba at the church office (821-4300) if you would like to have your child join in the next First Communion.





“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, April 1 and Monday, May 6 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, April 1.

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. *Continued on next page >*

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 do Free Simple Wills**, and discuss 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.

CAMP LUTHERLYN YOUTH FEST is April 26 to 28, 2019 - Registration forms are at www.lutherlyn.com, for Jr. & Sr. High Youth and Adult leaders. Group Building, Bible Study, Workshops, Camp Activities, Service Project, Campfire & Recreation.

CLC GOALS FOR 2019

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.
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.

Triboro Teen Solar Fellowship Program

The Triboro Teen Solar Fellowship is an outreach & education project of the Triboro Ecodistrict Initiative, designed to introduce 10 teens from Millvale, Etna, and Sharpsburg to the growing use of renewable energy in our communities. Participants learn about renewable energy and interact with experienced technicians, learning about the process of installing solar panels. Participants will also be prepped for a solar professional certification.

At the end of the program, participants will be awarded a \$100 stipend. Interested? Apply today! Projected Program Dates, After School: April 3rd and 10th and All Day Saturday: April 13th. Google Triboro Teen Solar Fellowship or use this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/6LUtYWQ5Qg5ns6f03>

Thanks to Tina Galisto!!

Don't Forget the Hannah Circle's

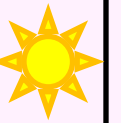
EASTER CANDY SALE

at the Neighborhood Table Dinner, 6PM on Monday, April 1 and in the Office.

DID YOU KNOW WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR HANNAH CIRCLE?

Proceeds from the Hannah Circle Easter Candy Sale go to help the homeless women at Bethlehem Haven Shelter, residents at Evergreen Assisted Living, the Veterans at the Aspinwall Veterans Administration Hospital and needy families and persons referred by our Pastor. Thank you for your participation and support!!

The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.



Martin Luther

SPIRITUALITY and WELLNESS



throughout Sundays in April and May
at the Faith and Family Café,
8:30AM in the Social Hall

April 7 CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, *Dr. Roger Owen*

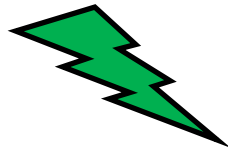
April 14 CHRISTIAN MEDITATION, *Dr. Roger Owen*

April 28 SPIRITUAL HEALING, *Renny Sherrow*

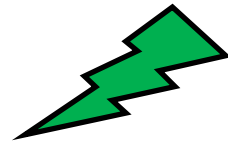
May 5 SPIRITUAL HEALING, *Renny Sherrow*

May 12 CENTERING PRAYER, *Pastor Scott*

May 19 CENTERING PRAYER, *Pastor Scott*



**BE HERE
TO HEAR!!**



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.



Capital Improvement Campaign Update

Sisters and Brothers -

As you are all well aware by now, the first week of Lent kicked off our 2019 capital improvement campaign, which we have titled "CLC - A New Vision For Service." The campaign's primary intended commitment period will continue to run thru Easter Sunday - that said, there is no hard "cutoff point." If you have not yet committed by Easter Sunday, we will continue to accept commitments after that date!

The primary time and place for obtaining more information about exactly what we're hoping to accomplish - what projects we're planning, and what amounts we're hoping to raise - will be in the small group sessions being held on Wednesday nights throughout Lent (ending on Holy Week), as well as after worship on two Sundays. One of those Sundays was March 24th, and the next will be April 7th. Please be sure to sign up for a session if you have not already! Sign up sheets are in the pews.

Pastor has asked me to give you all an update - as of the date of this writing, Monday March 25th, I've received a total of sixteen commitments. The running total we've raised thus far, is \$50,235.00. This puts us nearly a quarter of the way to our goal!

Thank you to all who've committed thus far!

Steve Slepecki

SIGN UP for SMALL GROUPS DURING LENT

Rather than visiting in homes, we are presenting our Capital Campaign in small group meetings during Lent. Please sign up for a time that works for you. You can sign up any Sunday morning during worship. You have the choice of any Wednesday during Lent (April 3 and 10) or after Worship on Sunday, April 7. *Our Wednesday Small Group Meetings will include a devotional and prayer time together.*

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.

The secular (non-Christian) world sees money and hedonism as ends in themselves, welcoming the "non-compassionate use of accumulated wealth". Francis Schaeffer, Evangelical Christian theologian and apologist.

Thanks to our April Ministry Team

ACOLYTES Deja Lane, Evan Visconti, and Emma Charles.

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

GREETERS Sherrie Lane, Bernadette Thompson, Holly Duss, Judy Stennett, Bewth Rios and Sandy Burmaster.

ASSISTING our MINISTER Lennie Jansen, Steve Slepecki, Paul Bell, and Wendy Murphy.

Thanks to our April Ushers

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

Thanks to our April Offering Count Team

who steadfastly and graciously connect each week to record what members give from their hearts . . . Dorie and Fran Budzik, Gary Milliken, Donna Davis, Beth Rios, Linda Thens, Paul and Sandy Bell, 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 April:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 Joanne Erjavac, Linda Manners | 21 Shari Heller |
| 2 Deborah Baldinger, Doris Budzik | 22 Brandon Bauer |
| 3 Julia Jerome, Danielle Visconti | 23 Matthew Benna, Sharon Wach, Emma Strafalace |
| 4 Peg Byrne | 24 Allison Bauer |
| 6 Ash Leigh Schelling | 26 Amanda Platt, Christine Platt, Colin Shay |
| 7 Glenn Davis, Anna Marie Ruzomberka | 27 Morgan Thomas, Ryan Thomas |
| 8 Paige Paulik | 28 Holly Duss, Heather Werner, Xena Ziegenfuss |
| 9 Susan Meyer, Paige Herbster, Andrew Herbster | 30 Kelly Iezzi, Megan Papale |
| 10 Erica Strafalace, Michael Watson | |
| 12 Dennis Conrad, Jacob Berger | |
| 13 Alyssa Gumto | |
| 14 Colton Yunker | |
| 19 Carly Jo Heller | |
| 20 Arlene Kremer, Emily Cooper, Zoe Ogburn | |

GEARING UP FOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We're hoping to launch our new contemporary worship service on Saturday, September 7th, at 5:00 on Rally Day weekend.



Contemporary worship requires a few basics:

- A reliable group of musicians: keyboard(s), guitar, bass guitar, and drums at a bare minimum.
- An engaging worship format.
- Some method for visually displaying the lyrics of songs. Younger generations want to look up and sing without a bulletin or hymnal in hand.

After much hard work, we've found a group of reliable, excellent musicians, both from within and outside the congregation. Just like paying an organist, we will need to pay musicians who come to us from outside the congregation. In today's congregations, this is routine. Contemporary musicians work just as hard to perfect their art as do organists and other traditional church musicians. It's a new day!

We're also well on the way to completing an engaging worship format that is upbeat and uplifting. Although Heart and Soul was a beautiful worship service, it clearly did not attract the new worshippers we were looking for nor did it attract younger folks. We also will try our new worship opportunity at 5:00 on Saturday.

Finally, every congregation that has a contemporary worship service has some way to visually display lyrics. There are two choices: a large screen or television monitors.

After much research and discussion by your Congregational Council and others, inside and outside CLC, we are recommending television monitors. A large screen or screens would negatively impact the beauty of the altar.

Television monitors, attached to the pillars, will allow provide easy and comfortable viewing and, when not in use, lay flat against the walls.

In addition to their use during the contemporary service, we can televise announcements, run video of youth events and congregational activities, and display images and graphics during sermons.

Graciously, Eric Stennett and Beth Rios are donating the Television monitors and all necessary supporting technology!

Communion to Shut-Ins

Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 20 Shut-Ins have been visited and given Communion during the month of March.

Thanks to Steve and Julie Slepecki, Bernadette Thompson and Amy Shauffl for bringing the love of Christ and Congregation to our Shut-Ins. *Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!*

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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, check out the many user-friendly additions: youtube, sermon songs, downloadable and printable sermons, and much more. 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 through 2019.**

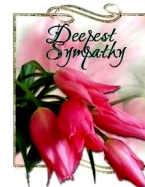
Steve Slepecki serves as facilitator for the continuation of the study of **Luther's Small Catechism on Sundays at 10:30AM.** For nearly five centuries, this Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the Lutheran Church. Steve serves as CLC's Minister of Visitation to our homebound, and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

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ARE YOU CONNECTED? As a supplement to our newsletter, you could receive special announcements about your church's activities. We don't share your e-mail address. During the Lutheran Liturgical Year, we have shared many e-moments, and we use it only to keep you informed. Just e-mail ChristLutheran917@gmail.com

April Birthdays

1	Page Leas	16	Daniel Kapp
2	Pastor Tom Stennett Jessica Sansotta Donna Platt	17	Donna Moser
3	Mildred Buechel Lindsay Nickel	18	Nichole Zaborowski Troy Otlano
4	Melissa Munroe Patricia Gumto Mason Tomko	19	Alaina Weiher Frank Mileto
5		20	Michael Michalski Brooke Schweitzer
6		21	Charles Topnick Edith Zimmerman David Harry Caton II
7	Taylan Coyne	22	Antoinette Woodall
8	Paige Paulik	23	Sharon Zaborowski
9		24	Allison Bauer Abigail Juzwick
10	Janet Corfield Janice Benna	25	
11	Kylie Cross	26	
12	Brian Buechel	27	
13		28	Anna Bauer LuAnn Kissling
14	Elijah Osgood McKenzie Holland	29	
15	Preston Moore Jaxson Lardin	30	Nicole Ruzomberka



Eternal Life

Nancy Jane Beck entered Eternal Life on Friday, March 15. CLC extends deepest sympathy to Peggie, Julie, Jim, Jeff and Kevin and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Amy Jo Lau, mother of CLC member Dalton Lau, entered Eternal Life on Saturday, March 23. Our CLC congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Dalton and Lawrence, grandchildren and family members.

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. Or just flag him down before or after church.

Thanks!

April 2019 Calendar at Christ Lutheran Church

Monday, April 1	4PM St. AfterSchool Program 6PM The Neighborhood Table Dinner with Hannah Circle EASTER CANDY SALE 6:15PM Yoga
Wednesday, April 3	Small Group Meeting for Capital Campaign, 7PM in Library
Thursday, April 4	7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, April 5	6PM Girl Scouts #649; 7:30PM NA, Social Hall
Saturday, April 6	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Social Hall
Sunday, April 7	8:30AM <u>Faith and Family Café-Spirituality & Wellness: "Christian Meditation",</u> <u>by Dr. Roger Owen; Sunday School;</u> 9:30AM Traditional Worship; Small Group Meeting for Capital Campaign, after Worship; 10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, April 8	4PM St. AfterSchool Program; 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Tuesday, April 9	Hannah Circle, Library
Wednesday, April 10	Small Group Meeting for Capital Campaign, 7PM in Library; 5:30PM Daisy Troop, Social Hall
Thursday, April 11	7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, April 12	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, April 13	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA
Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday; 8:30AM <u>Faith and Family Café-Spirituality & Wellness: "Christian Meditation",</u> <u>by Dr. Roger Owen; Sunday School; High School Sunday School</u> 9:30AM Traditional Worship with Baptism of Brooks Glenn Davis; 10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, April 15	4PM St. AfterSchool Program; 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Council Meeting
Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM
Friday, April 19	Good Friday Service with Tenebrae, 7PM; 7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, April 20	9AM AA, Social Hall; 7PM NA, Social Hall
Sunday, April 21	Youth Sunrise Easter Service, 7AM; Easter Festival Worship, 9:30AM Easter Breakfast 8AM to 9:15AM; Easter Egg Hunt, 9AM
Monday, April 22	6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Wednesday, April 24	5:30PM Daisy Troop, Social Hall
Thursday, April 25	7PM, Choir Practice
Friday, April 26	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, April 27	9AM AA, Social Hall; 7PM NA, Social Hall Violin Concerto by Monique Mead, 7PM in the CLC Sanctuary
Sunday, April 28	8:30AM <u>Faith and Family Café-Spirituality & Wellness: "Spiritual Healing",</u> <u>by Renny Sherrow; Sunday School; High School Sunday School</u> 9:30AM Traditional Worship with Baptism of Zandra Mae McComb; 10:30AM & 4PM Adult Bible Study
Monday, April 29	4PM St. AfterSchool Program; 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support

Thanks to Sherrie Lane for her dedication in keeping the Calendar!!

Office Hours		412-821-4300
Monday – Friday		8:00am – 2:00pm
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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
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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Walk in the Woods

Randomly scanning through old computer files I discovered a poem I came across years ago. It was a poem by Sydney Lanier (1842-1881), a poet born in Macon, Georgia.

A Ballad of Trees and the Master (1880) . . .

Into the woods my Master went, clean forespent, forespent,*	Out of the woods my Master came and he was well content;
Into the woods my Master came, forespent with love and shame.	Out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to him, The little grey leaves were kind to him, The thorn tree had a mind to him, When into the woods he came.	When death and shame would woo him last, From under the trees they drew him last, 'Twas on a tree they slew him last when out of the woods he came.

Walking in the woods alone is a unique experience, there is no one to distract your mind, you come across things you have never seen, sounds you may never have heard, and often strange smells, pleasant or foul. In such a place it is easy to lose yourself and be lost from others. Upon your return you usually feel refreshed, renewed.

“The woods are lovely, dark and deep,” Robert Frost reminds us. Dark and deep indicates to me that something mysterious is just beyond our view. Prayer is a mystery, just beyond our understanding, our private conversations with God: confession, praise, requests, questions, and responses.

The Garden of Gethsemane was and still is to this day an olive grove, a gathering of trees, the ‘woods’. In such a place Christ went to pray, away from all distraction. The reader has two perspectives of The Master, outside going in and inside when he arrives, then outside when he returns. What the poet does not tell us is what happened between the coming in and going out. We do know that The Master returned content because he had received the answers he needed, he was refreshed, he was ready.

Think of prayer as going into the woods of your own mind but you will not be alone since The Master will be beside you and you will be going to meet God. What will happen there we do not know; you will return refreshed and ready with the knowledge of God’s importance in your life.

Joseph Imhoff

*Forespent, adj. Archaic, 1: worn out, exhausted

CLC MARCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

- Pastor Scott opened with devotions centered on the beautiful plaque that Mandy and Jeremy Freiss made for him for his installation. The verse reads: "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy."
- We had a discussion about the wonderful installation service and how Steve Slepecki has taken his gift and turned it into his calling to preach the word of the Lord.
- We are hiring CLC member Patty Ellison for 6 hours a week to help Rheba with data entry. Patty has been volunteering her time already to assist Rheba but now will be compensated.
- We are trying to host an Active Shooter Awareness Training Class on March 31st at 11 AM if the instructor Dan Papale is available. If not, the training will be rescheduled. All will be welcome.
- We are looking into CPR training which will include the proper use of our defibrillator. Details coming soon.
- The North Hills outreach has changed the location of the Food Cupboard to the Millvale Community Center. We are currently developing other programs to serve the community in its' place.
- In conjunction with Anchor Point, our church will be hosting low cost counseling for the community led by Pastor Scott and Deb Olbert starting in the Fall.
- We are planning a Church Carnival for the beginning of August where we will have games, food, fellowship and more. Additional information to come in the following weeks.
- We are going to kick off our new Contemporary Service on Rally Day Weekend in September. The service will be on that Saturday Night with the dedication of our new Social Hall to follow.
- The Capital Campaign has officially kicked off and we are receiving positive feedback from the congregation.
- A digital Baby Grand Piano was purchased for \$500 to assist the choir and the older, broken piano will be disposed of.
- The council meetings have been incredibly productive. Your Leaders are doing our best to improve our church and worship service to help grow the congregation and better serve our current members.

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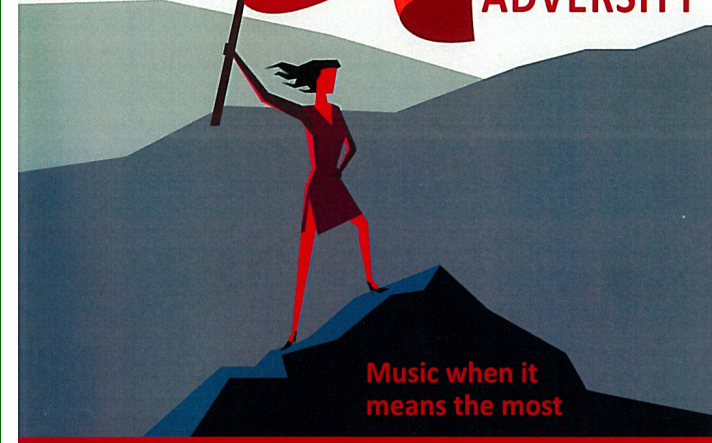
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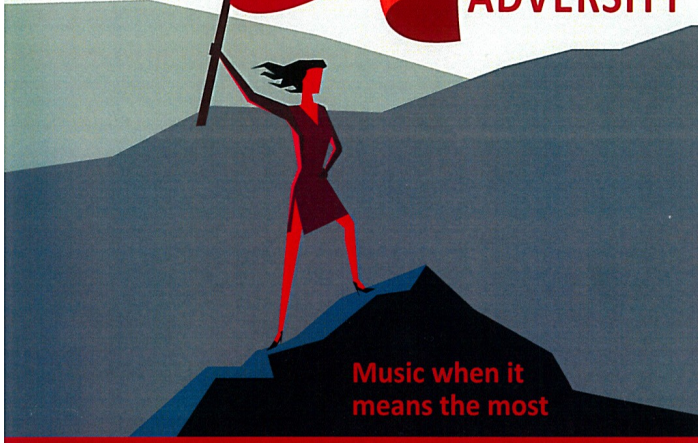
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