## 1 Special Sunday

Sometimes things come together in an unexpected way. And then a pattern or theme is revealed.

Sarah Bower asked to have baby Blake baptized on May $19^{\text {th }}$. Of course!
Later, I remembered that May $19^{\text {th }}$ was Confirmation Sunday when we confirm seven of our youth. Okay, that makes sense.
Confirmation is actually the Affirmation of Baptism, so the two fit together.

Then, Lillee Strongosky was showing a strong interest in receiving Communion and Ryleigh Meinert (Blake's sister) had been unable to participate in the previous First Communion class. The central project of our approach to First Communion is having each child make his or her own loaf of bread that is then used during the worship service as the families take First Communion with their child.

Pam Farbacher, a wonderful baker and human being, helps the children make bread and, because of her work schedule, she was only able to be with us on May $19^{\text {th }}$.

So, on May $19^{\text {th }}$ we will celebrate the three steps along the way for our
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children's journey in faith: Baptism, First Communion, and Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation). It will be a special Sunday.

And, we are in the early stages of creating a vibrant CLC Youth Group Ministry under the leadership of Aaron Jackson and Jade Lane. And, we have a High School Sunday class on Sunday mornings under the leadership of Steve Slepecki and Jade Lane. Youth who have been confirmed now have two places where they can continue their journey of faith at CLC.

So the pattern or theme is that, in the form of our children and youth, new life is being celebrated all around us. We are blessed to have these families involved in the life of CLC and we are doing all that we can to support them in the life of our faith community.

## Soot M. Obbert <br> 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!!
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Our Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 7PM in the Library. All women of the Church are most welcome to attend.


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. Mathew 28:16-20


Faith and Family Forum is each Sunday, 8:30AM, at the Faith and Family Café in the CLC Social Hall. All are Welcome!

## 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: PreSchoolers 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


## Confirmation on May 19

Confirmation is our public profession of faith. The children at CLC are led though careful instruction for two years. It is also called affirmation of baptism and is also a time for our children to become voting members of our church as mature young adults It is a public reaffirmation of faith which marks the completion of our congregations' program of confirmation ministry.
During the class we followed Luther's Small Catechism and focus on the Ten commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession and Holy Communion. We apply these teachings to their lives as young adults and members of our communion of saints. The ceremony and the Rite of Confirmation is an opportunity for our young adults, relying on God's promise given in Baptism, to make a personal public profession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ.
I am so very proud of these young adults. They are outstanding people and will serve our church and community and I am sure will continue to serve as active members. I appreciate their dedication and work. Thank you to all the parents who supported us.
The following will be confirmed during worship on May $19^{\text {th }}$ :

Jacey Cahoo
Deja McClelland Lane
Derek Leas
Raine Pritchard
Abigail Renaldi
Luke Schultheis
Savannah Yount

Dr. Stennett<br>Dr. Eric Stennett



## Accepted. Challenged. Sent.

## SUMMER CAMP = REACH 2019

At Lutherlyn we combine fun, friends, swimming, adventure challenges, Bible Study, cookouts, worship, campfire, nature activities, games, songs, crafts, and LOTS of fun surprises into unforgettable Life-Changing Adventures in Faith!
Weeklong programs run from Sunday afternoon (2:30-4pm check-in) until Friday evening (families/guardians are invited for 6:30pm worship and 8pm departure). Campers live in cabins furnished with bunk beds and bathrooms; including showers. Counselors live with their cabin group and campers are never left unsupervised. Cabin groups eat, play, learn, and live together as a family. There are also opportunities each day for campers to explore their nurse is premp at all $\$ 15$ Camp Store Account, and any items needed from the packing list.

To register a camper through the REACH program, please express interest to the pastor/leader that shared this flyer with you or call Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161.

## Juniors

going into 4th - 6 th grade June 23-28 June 23-28
July $7-12$ July 7-12
July 14-19 July 21-26 July 28 - Aug 2

Junior High
going into 7 th - 10th grade June 23-28 June 23-28
July $7-12$ July 14-19 July 21-26 July 28 - Aug 2
*The information on this flyer is for the 2019 REACH program. For a complete list of all Lutherlyn summer programs visit www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp.

Senior High
going into 10th grade - 2019
graduate
July 7-12

## MEMORIAL DAY

## May 27, 2019

Our Veterans are always in our hearts.


## The FAITH and FAMILY

## CAFÉ

OPENS at 8:30AM on Sundays during Sunday School!! On May 12 and 19: CENTERING PRAYER with Pastor Scott presenting. We finish up the first year of Faith and Family Café with a look at the practice of Centering Prayer. "Silence is God's first language," states St. John of the Cross. For centuries, contemplative prayer was the primary form of prayer until it became the domain of those inhabiting the monasteries and convents. Contemplative prayer is simply a wordless, trusting opening of yourself to the divine presence. Far from being advanced, it is the simplest form of prayer there is. But, as with many things, the simplest does not always mean easiest. Join us for two weeks of delving into the transformative practice of Centering Prayer.

Enjoy Fellowship, fun and food from The Cupcake and Cookie Company.

## IS IT TIME TO BECOME A MEMBER AT CLC?

If you've been visiting and want to move deeper into the life at CLC, consider becoming a member. Our faith community is growing in so many ways. And we are blessed when new people with new perspectives join with us. We would like to receive new members in the near future. Please speak with Pastor Scott!


CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- Marriage as Ministry for Couples Seminar @ Element Church, 205 North Ave., Millvale, May 31, 7-9PM \& June 1, 9AM-2PM.
- Managing Screens \& Technology with Kids @ CLC, June 4, 6-7:30PM.
- For Children: Cyber Safety for Kids @ CLC, June 4, 6-7:30PM with

Shareen Jordan.

- ADHD-Friendly Parenting Workshop @ Element Church, June 20, 6:308PM.
Register at 412-366-1300; workshops are FREE. A collaboration of Anchorpoint, CLC and Element Church. FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORKSHOPS.


## 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. 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. 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 nonbelievers with budget spent to start new ministries and expand services. 4. We have a strong core group, but also equip and invite others to serve. Long-term members open the door for new members to serve, equipping the next generation to lead the church into the future. 5. Shareable Church Communication that Inspires and Informs. A church that is healthy communicates constantly.


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## LADIES' NIGHT OUT -

## BOWLING at ARSENAL LANES

Our next ladies night is June $7^{\text {th }}$ from 6:30pm-8:30pm. We will be bowling at Arsenal Bowl in Lawrenceville, 4310 Butler Street. The cost is 12.95 a person. This is not a BYO anything. They have drinks available for purchase. Carpooling is suggested as we see how packed Lawrenceville can get. Please email to: ChristLutheran917@gmail.com to register (as usual!) We have enough lanes reserved for 20 women. Cash pay on arrival is best; if anyone needs to cancel, please give Laynie a 48 hour notice: just text her at 309-533-5226. She will be


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 postConfirmation 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!



## THE END OF MY BLOOMINGTON TRIPS IS IN SIGHT

In my psychotherapy practice, I have worked with a longterm 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 one more time in 2019 and then bring my practice there to a close. I will return the week of May 13. I leave after the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, May 12 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.

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## 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.


## Thanks to our May Ministry Team

ACOLYTES Deja Lane, Evan Visconti, and Kevin Jansen. ALTAR GUILD Jean Thens, Linda Thens, the Lane Family, and Gail Jameson.
GREETERS Jean Thens, Linda Thens, Bernadette Thompson, Holly Duss, Judy Stennett, Beth Rios and Danielle and Morgan Visconti.
ASSISTING our MINISTER Lennie Jansen, Amy Shaufl, Paul Bell, and Jade Lane.

## Thenks to our May Ushers

Tim Wach, Mandy Freiss, Wendy Murphy, Steve Slepecki, Tina Galioto, Shareen Jordan, Linda Thens and Julie Slepecki.
Tharks to our May Offesing Caunt Tean
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.

## GEARINGUPFORCONIEMPORARYWORSHP

We're hoping to launch our new contemporary worship service on Saturday, September 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, 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!

## CommuniontoShut-Ins

Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 30 Shut-Ins have been visited and given Communion during the month of April. Because our Visitation Ministers also delivered Easter lilies, some received multiple visits. This involved significant energy and time, and is most appreciated.

Thanks to Steve and Julie Slepecki, Bernadette Thompson and Amy Shaufl for bringing the love of Christ and Congregation to our ShutIns. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!

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## 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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## May 2019 Calendar at Christ Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 2
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4 Sunday, May 5

Monday, May 6

Wednesday, May 8 Thursday, May 9 riday, May 10 Saturday, May 11 Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

Monday, May 13 Tuesday, May 14 Thursday, May 16 Friday, May 17 Saturday, May 18 Sunday, May 19

Monday, May 20 Tuesday, May 21 Wednesday, May 22 Thursday, May 23 Friday, May 24 Saturday, May 25 Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27 Thursday, May 30 Friday, May 31 Saturday, June 1 Sunday, June 2

Monday, June 3
PM, Choir Practic
6PM ,Girl Scouts \#649; 7:30PM NA, Social Hall
9AM, AA, Library; Private Recital Sanctuary \& Social Hall Noon-4PM; 7PM NA, Social Hal 8:30AM Faith and Family Café-Spirituality \& Wellness: "Holistic Intregation" by Renny Sherrow; Sunday School;
9:30AM Traditional Worship; Informational and Capital Campaign report after Worship; 10:30AM \& 4PM Adult Bible Study
Office Closed; 6PM Neighborhood Table Dinner; the Neighborhood Table resumes in September after the Social Hall is remodeled, date to be announced
6:15PM Yoga
5:30PM , Daisy Troop
7PM, Choir Practice
7:30PM NA, Library
AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
8:30AM Faith and Family Café-Spirituality \& Wellness: "Centering Prayer"
by Pastor Scott Olbert; Sunday School; High School Sunday School
9:30AM Traditional Worship; 10:30AM \& 4PM Adult Bible Study
6:15PM, Yoga; 7PM ,Pain Support
7PM, Hannah Circle, Library
PM, Choir Practice
6PM ,Girl Scouts \#649; 7:30PM NA, Library
9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
8:30AM Faith and Family Café-Spirituality \& Wellness: "Centering Prayer", by Pastor Scott Olbert; Sunday School; 9:30AM Traditional Worship; Baptism of Blake Bower; 10AM Confirmation; 10:30AM \& 4PM Adult Bible Study
6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Council Meeting
AM-8PM, Primary Voting
5:30PM Daisy Troop
7PM, Choir Practice
7:30PM NA, Library
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8:30AM Faith and Family Café; Sunday School;
9:30AM Traditional Worship; 10:30AM \& 4PM Adult Bible Study
Open House Counseling Launch; 6:15PM Yoga
Thanks to Sherrie Lane for her dedication in keeping the Calendar!

| Office Hours | 412-821-4300 |
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| Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 2:00pm |
| Church Website |  |
| Church Facebook | www.CLCmillvale.com |
| Christ Lutheran Church Millvale |  |
| Office Email |  |
| EVERY SUNDAY: | ChristLutheran917@gmail.com |
| Sunday Worship Services |  |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Traditional Worship } \\ \text { First Sunday each month }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { 9:30AM } \\ \text { Children's Choir Sings }\end{array}$ |
| Sunday School | $\begin{array}{l}\text { 8:30am Pre-K through High } \\ \text { School }\end{array}$ |
| High School meets on 2nd \& 4th |  |$\}$| Sundays |
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| 8:30am During Sunday School |
| Faith and Family Café |
| Nursery and Infant Nursery |
| Adult Bible Study |
| Sundays: 10:30am and 4:00pm |

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

> Gary Ziegenfuss and Barb Schelling were married by Pastor Scott on April 20 at Phipps Conservatory.

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