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## THE PASTOR AS LEADER

Father Roger Schutz was one of the founders of the Taize community, whose mission was to integrate the severely handicapped into their faith community. Father Schutz died recently at the age of ninety.

As he reflected on his role, he stated, "Every human community wants to turn in on itself and be satisfied with itself as it is. The role of the leader is to never allow that to happen, but to open the community again and again to the universal purpose of God."

The worst thing a Pastor can do as the leader is what is called "going native." That is, the Pastor becomes "one of the gang" and colludes in never ruffling any feathers, and participates as the congregation turns in on itself. Although no one tends to notice because, of course, that would create anxiety, the community begins to

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decline and deteriorate. But everyone is superficially comfortable....

With some exceptions, the members of CLC have been willing to open our human community again and again to new people, new ideas, new ministries, new leaders, and a new Pastor.

**God bless you!** Today, few mainline congregations have the courage and faith to open their hearts and minds.

"Behold, I make all things new!" declares God throughout the Scriptures. We are experiencing the Spirit of this God in our daily life at CLC. We are listening to the Spirit as it opens us to the universal purpose of God.

God's Peace,

*Pastor Scott*

Scott M. Olbert, Pastor,  
CLC Millvale



## The Challenge of St. Luke's Cemetery

Although I am not certain of the date, CLC agreed to take over the care of St. Luke's Cemetery somewhere in the middle of Caroline and George Mendis' time as Pastors. There was around \$50,000 in a Care Fund inherited from St. Luke's Lutheran Church when it closed.

That fund has been reduced to \$2,800 at the time of this writing. Depending on the weather, it takes between \$6,000-8,000 to mow the cemetery each year. So, it's not hard to figure out that we have our backs against the wall. We will be out of money by the end of this mowing cycle.

Last year, there were eight burials at the cemetery and, for years, we have been charging a minimal amount for burial costs.

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**Due to CLC Social Hall Construction, members and guests are encouraged to practice Safety First. Please use the LADIES and MENS RESTROOMS on the OFFICE LEVEL. Please do not enter the Social Hall during Summer Construction. See you in**

**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



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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.

*St. Luke's Cemetery, continued from page 3 . . .*

CLC clearly has an ethical responsibility to care for the cemetery. We have members and family members buried there. Current members own burial plots there.

At the last Congregational Council, we heard from Dominic Semens, who owns and operates three cemeteries. He provided us with valuable information and options, which are few.

Know that your Congregational Council is working faithfully to resolve this dilemma.

*Pastor Scott*

## 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.

# Millvale Community Counseling Center

## OPEN HOUSE:

**Sunday, August 25th!**

**Hours: 4 to 6PM**

**Location: CLC Social Hall**

**Come and visit with us on the 25th!**

Sunday, August 25th is the Open House where you can visit to learn about, discuss, and celebrate the low-cost counseling ministry begun by CLC in partnership with Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry at **MCCC!** Special Guests are Millvale Police Chief Tim Komoroski and Representative Sara Innamorato, serving the 21st legislative district. **Counseling Services begin on Tuesday, September 17th, from 4 to 8PM.**

Find the tools you need to solve issues, to move forward, to experience HOPE. 412-821-4300.

“Let’s Talk...”





# E-Giving

## ELECTRONIC GIVING at CLC MADE EASY!

Just go to [clcmillvale.com](http://clcmillvale.com) and click the **Donate button** (at the top of the screen in the navigation bar). From there you can select to donate once or on a recurring basis to the general fund or to the Capital Campaign.

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donate/](https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/)



### Shareen Jordan taught a Children's Cyber Safety workshop

on June 4 at CLC; she has graciously offered the elementary school curriculum for parents to review. Parents, Grandparents and family members can use it as an aid in teaching children about personal information, and online friends versus in person friends. **If you would like a copy of the curriculum, please call the office at 412-821-4300 with your Name, Phone and Address; we will mail it or you can pick it up.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Our newest Ministry Team is our **Christian Education Team**. Consisting of four experienced educators at both the middle school and college levels, this Ministry Team bears the responsibility of evaluating and selecting curriculum and creating a Sunday School program that "kids don't want to leave."

The Congregational Council chose "Children's ministries that kids don't want to leave" as our number one goal in 2019.

We appreciate the work of Dr. Eric Stennett, Pat Milliken, Pat Bauer, and Deb Olbert as they guide us with their expertise.



## 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 **Higher Ground** contemporary worship at 6:00PM. 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!!



**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, September-May
- Frolic Sunday School Curriculum: Pre-Schoolers 3 to 5, September-May
- Sunday School Grades K thru 5, September-May
- Nursery and Infant Nursery, Sundays during Worship



- Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Graders, September-May
- First Communion Class
- High School Sunday School on 2nd and 4th Sundays, September-May
- Adult Bible Study, Acts of the Apostles, Sundays @ 4:00PM





**CLC**  
**MILLVALE**  
Christ Lutheran

**FIRST ANNUAL CLC  
COMMUNITY**

**Carnival**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**Game Booths, Food, Festivities,  
and lots of fun!**  
**The Band will present an evening**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 4 to 8PM:** Bring the whole family to CLC Millvale for tons of summer fun! For just \$5 kids get unlimited game play, access to Touch-a-Truck, rides on the giant slide and many other surprises. Adults don't miss out on games for you, live music, delicious treats from local food trucks and more. See you in August at CLC! For info and updates, visit [CLCMillvale.com](http://CLCMillvale.com).

## Lutheran Day at Kennywood

Tuesday, July 23: 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Order forms are in the Narthex  
and the Office.



Do you enjoy  
sewing?

*Sewing Team*

We'd like to get a Sewing Team up and running. Talk with Pat Bauer (724-713-0112) or Pastor Scott if you are interested.



Thanks to Paul Bell, Linda Thens and Beth Rios for updating on Counter and Recorder forms. The blessings that enter the Church through its members often have much bigger impact than we can imagine.

## FREE HEARTSAVER CPR

**Monday, August 5, 2019 • 4PM-8PM**

**UPMC St. Margaret Café A&B**

**Free On-Site Parking is Available**

**Please register via Janice Cavalier: 412-784-5903  
or [cavalierja@upmc.edu](mailto:cavalierja@upmc.edu)**

## 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!



**NHCO's Pathways Program offers free goal-setting help for those who are struggling.** The free Pathways program helps low-income people set goals. Our coordinators meet one on one with people to coach, set short- and long-term goals and provide resources and support. Call Abby in North Boroughs (Bellevue) at 412-307-0069, or Nicole in Millvale at 412-408-3830.



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

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

### **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.

» A NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM HAS EVALUATED CURRICULUM AND THE REORGANIZATION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. IN THE FALL WE WILL USE AN EXCITING AND CURRENT CURRICULUM CALLED ORANGE. A COMPLETELY NEW LOOK IS ON THE WAY!

» A STAFFED NURSERY PROVIDES A SAFE AND WELCOMING PLACE TO BE DURING WORSHIP.

» JADE LANE AND AARON JACKSON CONTINUE THEIR WORK CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND FUN FOR OUR YOUTH.

### **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.

» IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANCHORPOINT COUNSELING MINISTRY, CLC WILL LAUNCH MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. LOW-COST COUNSELING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MILLVALE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. ON-SITE COUNSELORS INCLUDE PASTOR SCOTT AND DEB OLBERT.

### **Clear outward focus.**

Their members intentionally know non-believers, with budget spent to start new ministries and expand services.

» ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM, WE LAUNCH HIGHER GROUND, OUR NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE AIMED AT THOSE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME.

» THE RENOVATION OF OUR SOCIAL HALL—THE GATHERING PLACE—IS NOT ONLY FOR OUR MEMBERS BUT FOR MEMBERS OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FRIENDSHIP.

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.

» NEWER MEMBERS LEAD WORSHIP, SING IN THE CHOIR, SERVE ON THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL, SERVE AS OFFICE ASSISTANT, RENOVATE THE SOCIAL HALL, AND ARE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS WAYS IN THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION.

### **Shareable Church Communication that Inspires and Informs.**

A church that is healthy communicates constantly.

» OUR TEAM OF SHAREEN JORDAN, RHEBA SALAC, AND AARON JACKSON CONSTANTLY PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND NEWS ABOUT CLC THROUGH OUR INVITING WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN INSERT, AND NEWSLETTER AND OUR PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

» WE COUNT ON YOU TO READ AND SEARCH OUT ALL THE WAYS WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU!

So, not even halfway through the year, we're doing an incredible job in working on our five goals for 2019!



**NHCO's  
annual  
Back-to-  
School  
Collection is on!**



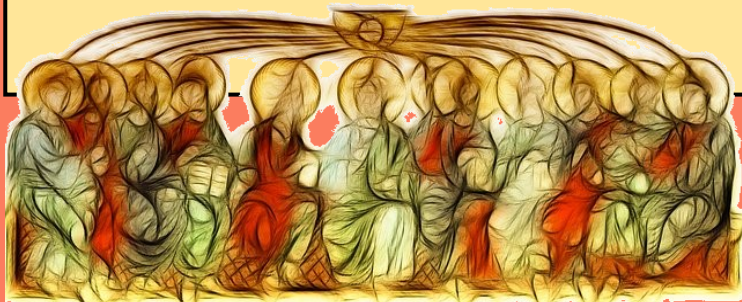
North Hills Community Outreach is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for students in kindergarten through 12. Items needed include backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, folders, pencils, pens and calculators. Good quality teen backpacks with sturdy zippers are especially needed. Gently used Texas Instrument graphic/scientific calculators are also needed for high school students. NHCO provides more than 1,200 backpacks full of school supplies for students each year.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9a.m. - 4p.m. through August 3 at NHCO, 416 Lincoln Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209.

# 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 June *Ministry Team*

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

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

**ASSISTING our MINISTER** Holly Duss, Jade Lane, Eric Stennett, Steve Slepecki and Erik Jansen.

### *Thanks* to our June *Ushers*

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

### *Thanks* to our June *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, Helen Schwab, Judy Alberth, Records Bev & Rick Dreves.

## GEARING UP FOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We're hoping to launch our new contemporary worship service on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 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!**



## Visitation Ministry

Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 22 Shut-Ins have been visited and given Communion during the month of June. 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 Shut-Ins. *Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!*

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Thanks to Shareen Jordan, visitors have a user-friendly aesthetically pleasing (beautiful) experience. As you take a break from the busyness 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](http://www.CLCmillvale.com) to connect with your Church.

## LUTHERAN ADULT STUDIES at CLC

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

The Book of Acts is our Christian Field Manual that teaches how to evangelize and let those we know well, and those we meet in daily life, about the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. It is our outline for Jesus' Great Commission, along with all the terrific accounts of travels and encounters with people whose humanity was uplifted and healed.

Presently, John serves as Vice-President of East Liberty Lutheran Church.

**Steve Slepecki's 10:00AM study of Luther's Small Catechism will break for the Summer.** Steve serves as CLC's Minister of Visitation to our homebound, and is exploring the path toward ordained ministry.

**Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - #CLCMillvale**

**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](mailto:ChristLutheran917@gmail.com).

## July Birthdays

1	Chris Stromoski	16	
2	Gary Milliken	17	
3		18	Louis Iezzi III
4	Kayla Kapp	19	Madeleine Dombrowski
5		20	Ryan Hahn Sloan Oesterling
6		21	Paul Buechel
7	Amber Holland	22	William Holland Jamie-Lyn Morgan
8		23	
9	Jonathon Weinbrenner	24	Nathaniel Hahn Ruby Vanderhoof
10	Zoe Smallwood Angela Eidenmiller	25	
11	Lois Woodall Vincent Iezzi	26	Jamie Stromoski Evan Weinbrenner Melanie Terkay Shareen Jordan
12	Ashley Taylor	27	Helga Rettig
13		28	Wayne Neuf Linda Lentz Todd Davis
14	Rylee Pritchard	29	
15	Megan Heller	30	Rory Benn
		31	Adrian Kapp



Our CLC family is deeply saddened by the passing of Al Killinger. Al entered Eternal Life on May 30th. There was a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 8, Al's birthday,

## Prayer Request,

### Camp Lutherlyn

Gracious God, you call your people to serve all. We ask your blessings on those who have answered the call to serve at Lutherlyn. Guide, strengthen, comfort, and support these young people as they train. May they faithfully proclaim your grace and love to the campers and volunteers whom we serve.

Be with all who will experience life-changing adventures in faith. May your presence abound for all.

Loving God, we thank you for the Lutherlyn summer camp season this year. We thank you for everyone who shared their gifts and abilities to make camp possible. Bless the staff as they transition to new callings. May your Spirit continue to enrich all of the campers who attended camp. Guide the year-round staff as they continue your ministry and prepare for a new season of adventures at Lutherlyn.

In Christ,

Deb

Deb Roberts  
Executive Director



## July 2019 Calendar at Christ Lutheran Church

Monday, July 1	No 6:15PM Yoga
<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	<b>Fourth of July, Office Closed</b>
Friday, July 5	7:30PM NA, Library
<b>Saturday, July 6</b>	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library <b>Ladies' Afternoon at 2PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	<b>9:30AM Traditional Worship; NO 4PM Adult Bible Study.</b>
Monday, July 8	6:15PM, Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Friday, July 12	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, July 13	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	<b>9:30AM Traditional Worship; NO 4PM Adult Bible Study.</b>
<b>Monday, July 15</b>	6:15PM Yoga; <b>7PM Council Meeting</b>
Friday, July 19	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, July 20	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
<b>Sunday, July 21</b>	<b>9:30AM Traditional Worship; 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b>
Monday, July 22	6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Friday, July 26	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, July 27	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	<b>9:30AM Traditional Worship; 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 31</b>	<b>Fix'N Wag'N Mobile Animal Clinic for Cats at CLC; low cost spay and neuter options as well as basic wellness services to pets. Times to be announced.</b>

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

## Ladies' Afternoon July 6th!

**Our next Ladies Night will actually be a Ladies Afternoon!**

We will be having a picnic at Debbie Johnson's home. Starting at 2pm we will be at Debbie's house located at 808 Greenhill Road (15209). This will take place Saturday, July 6th!

Debbie will be providing meat and wine so sides and other beverages are requested.

If anyone has a volleyball net or any other outdoor games to play, please bring with! Please remember to let Laynie Getchell know if you'll attend; just email to [ChristLutheran917@gmail.com](mailto:ChristLutheran917@gmail.com).



*At CLC and in Our Community . .*

Appointments Necessary!



## The Fix'N Wag'N Mobile Veterinary Animal Clinic for Cats

will be at CLC on Wednesday, July 31. Fix'N Wag'N offers low cost spay and neuter options as well as basic wellness services to pets. Times to be announced. Please contact [tori@fixnwagn.com](mailto:tori@fixnwagn.com), or call 724-201-9413 to schedule your appointment for July 31!





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Pastor**

**The Reverend Thomas R. Stennett  
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Minister of Visitation**

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**Paul Bell  
Director of Organizational  
Development**

**Timothy Wach  
President of  
Congregational Council**

**Pat Bauer  
Children's Choir Director**

**Jade Lane  
Minister for Youth**

**Aaron Jackson  
Creative Director and Minister  
for Youth**

**Maureen Herbster  
Pastoral Liaison**

**Sherrie Lane and  
Michelle Hilliard  
Sextons**

**Rheba Salac  
Administrative Assistant**

## CLC Council Meeting Summary May 20, 2019

- In relation to SAHMWC, Council looked at our position theologically. We will decline the invitation to meet with the board. Council would like to create a ministry team to find a program to replace SAHMWC.
- Pastor Scott passed out a letter from the Synod. 89 percent of the congregations in our Synod are stable or declining. 11 percent are growing based on membership and attendance.
- Treasurers' Report - Everything is paid for the month. The bottom line was \$1800 more in general offering than expenses for the month, including Easter.
- Four people were nominated for the Sunday School Ministry team. Pat Bauer, Deb Olbert, Eric Stennett and Pat Milliken are all on board.
- Helen Schwab has decided to retire from Sunday School as of this year. A card will be sent to Helen thanking her for her service.
- We had discussed last month that we were considering partnering with Element Church to run a VBS program this summer. It was decided that we did not have enough prep time for this year and will plan for a 2020 VBS program. We will ask parents for help with the VBS and Sunday School.
- Pastor Scott updated us on the Carnival. He mentioned we should have four big events each year. Any money made should go into a fund to provide seed money for those four events.
- Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> is open house for the Millvale Community Counseling Center, 4 to 6PM. Millvale Borough Council and Mayor have been invited. First night of counseling is September 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 4-8PM.
- Contemporary Worship time is 6:00pm, Saturday, September 7. We will have 4 guitars, 2 drummers, 1 bass player, percussionist, a gospel organist and perhaps a horn section.
- Steve Slepecki is continuing work flow on the capital campaign. The most recent pledges were about \$4,000.
- Bud Worst gave an update on the cemetery, and we will probably use the Synod lawyers to help with making the cemetery it's own 501c3. There are still plots available. Upkeep is about \$1000 per month and runs April to October/November. Bud said we have the opportunity of perpetual care. We can start opening this up if there is more money being requested for perpetual care.
- Each week Shareen Jordan has been recording the gospel, sermon and song and streaming them live on Facebook as a video. Shareen learned that random people were watching. As a council, we should have everyone share it out.

## CLC Council Meeting Summary June 17, 2019

- Pastor Scott led devotions emphasizing the importance of having a vision, planning, and using our imagination to best prepare for the future of CLC.
- Pastor Scott, Steve Slepecki and Paul Bell attended the Synod Assembly and learned that the Assistant to the Bishop, Sarah Faulkner had resigned and taken a new position in Irwin.
- The Synod is also exploring ways to deal with their own financial hardship.
- Our Sunday School is now under the leadership of our new Christian Education Team with Deb Olbert, Eric Stennett, Pat Bauer and Pat Milligan. All four have extensive backgrounds in Education and Administration. They are exploring curriculums and finding ways to grow our Sunday School and retain the students we have enrolled.
- The Capital Campaign is now over \$60,000 pledged with the goal still \$225,000.
- The August 3, 2019 Carnival Team headed by Mandy Freiss will be meeting June 19. Everyone is very excited. We are currently recruiting volunteers to work the event.
- We are exploring a grant for a mural on the wall across the street to brighten up the neighborhood and inspire those in the community who are in need.
- Our Church Cemetery was discussed and we are exploring ways to help better finance the maintenance and insurance costs.
- The air conditioning installation was discussed and Dave Platt is meeting with the company we selected on Wednesday to move forward with the installation process.
- Your leadership is working hard to continue to improve every aspect of our church for you.
- *A reminder to all... Invite your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to church, get involved by joining a team, coming to an event, and introduce yourself to others on Sunday morning. WE ARE A FAMILY!*

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**Monday-Friday 8AM-2PM  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Traditional Worship at 9:30AM  
with Nursery & Infant Nursery  
Adult Bible Study 4PM**

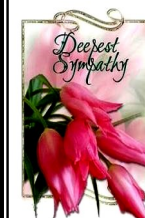
Children's Choir resumes in Sept.  
Coming on Saturdays, beginning  
September 7 at 6PM: Higher Ground  
Contemporary Worship

## Returning in September:

Sunday School Pre-K - High School  
Faith and Family Café  
Adult Bible Study 10AM & 4PM

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

St. AfterSchool resumes in Sept.  
Counseling Center Sept. 17, 4-8PM  
**N.A. Meetings Fri. 7:30PM, Sat. 7PM**  
**A.A. Meeting Sat. 9AM**  
**Yoga Mondays 6:15PM**



Our CLC family  
extends its  
heartfelt  
sympathy to the  
family of Lois  
Laslavic, who  
entered Eternal  
Life on June 10th.

A Memorial Service was held  
on Saturday, June 29, Pastor  
Scott Olbert officiating.



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