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**AUGUST 2019
NEWSLETTER**

**In the Year of Our Lord 2019
Volume 9, Issue 8**

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**Saturday, August 3rd
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For \$5 kids get unlimited game play, access
to Touch-a-Truck, giant slide and prizes.

Adults, don't miss out on games for you,
live music, a beer garden, food and more.



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(CHURCH) HOME IMPROVEMENTS

I suspect most of us make improvements and updates to our homes. New countertops, adding a family room, updating the bathroom, replacing that old living room sofa, or purchasing a new grill.

None of us would replace countertops with the same old thing, as if the countertop style was frozen in time. We wouldn't add a family room and furnish it in a 1970s style. That new bathroom, living room sofa, or grill will not be identical to what we are replacing.

Improvements and updates are continuing at CLC.

In making preparation for **Higher Ground**, our Saturday evening contemporary service, we are extending the chancel area and removing the front pew. We'll be able to place all our musical instruments up off the floor, hide electrical cables, and provide adequate space as we return to our seats from Holy Communion.

Our narthex is woefully outdated. Today, new congregations build a narthex that more resembles a theater lobby. That new design urges folks to hang together for conversation and fellowship before and after worship. The narthex designed when CLC was built encouraged us to "get in and get out." We will do the best we can with what we have to create a warm, welcoming space as members and visitors enter CLC.

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Blending old and new, Russell Lane is constructing a **Welcome Center and Volunteer Center** out of the front pew and modesty screen. You'll be absolutely blown away by the beauty of these "Centers."

Finally, in doing our research on contemporary services, we discovered that they all have one thing in common: lyrics to songs or hymns are projected onto a screen or television monitor. Eric Stennett and Beth Rios graciously have donated four television monitors which will be installed before we begin **Higher Ground** on Saturday, September 8th at 5:00. As we become comfortable with their use, we will eventually use the monitors to enhance sermons, announcements, and to visually show you the impact of our various ministries.

Improvements and updates are a natural and normal part of caring for homes and our home congregation. In doing so, we create better ways to invite friends into our homes and church home.

God's Peace,

Pastor Scott



Scott M. Olbert, Pastor, CLC Millvale

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 September!

**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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<https://www.clcmillvale.com/> ;
Youtube: clcmillvale ;
Twitter: ChristMillvale ;
Facebook and
Instagram: #CLCMillvale.
You can also email to:
ChristLutheran917@hotmail.com.

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!



**NEW
MEMBER
SUNDAY is
AUGUST 4th**
please join us
to welcome
everyone
during 9:30AM
Worship!

AUGUST IS MINISTRY TEAM MONTH

Look for the opportunity to become a member of one of new Ministry Teams during the month of August. We'll set up sign-up stations in the side aisles of the sanctuary each Sunday so that you can stay after worship to see what your interests and talents might fit in with our ministry.

At this point, we will highlight the following Ministry Teams:

- Adult Choir
- Cemetery Team
- CLC Kids Fun Camp Team (formerly VBS)
- Eco Team
- Hannah Circle
- Home Communion Team
- Hospitality Team
- Higher Ground Team
- Mowing Team
- Property Team
- Resources Team (formerly Stewardship)
- Saint Afterschool Team
- Sewing Team
- Social Justice Team
- Tech Team (audio/visual support)
- The Original Stay-At-Home-Mission-Work-Camp Team
- Veterans Team (including Vets with Pets)
- Worship Team
- Youth Ministry Team

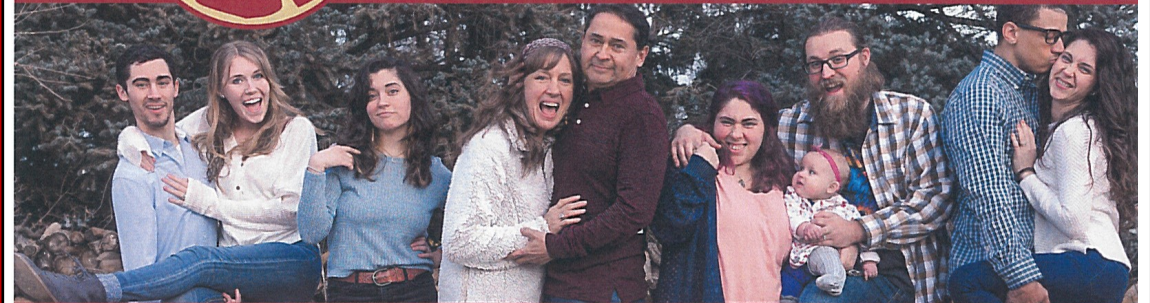
By mid-September, we would like to have these teams staffed and on the way!

Pastor Scott



Millvale

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER



AFFORDABLE COUNSELING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Millvale Community Counseling Center is a safe and welcoming place where Children, Teens, Parents, Adults, Couples and Families from Millvale, Etna, Shaler and surrounding neighborhoods can find comfort, support and healing from life's struggles. Are you struggling? We can help you with:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Grief
- Low Confidence
- Low Self-Esteem
- Family Conflict
- Abuse
- Marriage & Relationships
- Past Trauma
- Peer Pressure
- Bullying
- Parenting Difficulties
- Faith & Spiritual Development
- And many more

- ▶ Convenient walkable location—Easy to access by bus or car
- ▶ Licensed and experienced counselors available to meet your needs
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Open Tuesdays from 4-8 PM
Limited hours from 1-4 PM
beginning September 17, 2019

Schedule your appointment today:

Call 412-821-4300

and ask about the Millvale Community Counseling Center

Or stop by Christ Lutheran Church
9AM-2PM Monday-Friday

Millvale Community Counseling Center
at CLC · Millvale
917 Evergreen Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15209

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**MILLVALE COMMUNITY
COUNSELING CENTER OPEN HOUSE:**
Sunday, August 25th from 4 to 6PM
Location: CLC Social Hall

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, Representative Sara Innamorato, serving the 21st Legislative District and Bethany Hallam, Allegheny County Council Member-at-Large.



Pastor Scott's
Day Off is
Monday



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.

YOU'LL LOVE Rally Day WEEKEND!

The weekend of September 7-8 is a giant kickoff to our fall ministries.

Higher Ground, our Contemporary Worship starts on Saturday night at 5:00. Upbeat and uplifting, this fast-faced worship experience will leave you joyful and give you strength for the week.

Join us at 8AM on Sunday, September 8 for the **CLC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast!** Bishop Kurt Kusserow will worship with us at 9:30AM. We plan to continue our upbeat and uplifting worship with the Pittsburgh Steelers Steeline Drummers and the Shadyside Brass raising the roof!

At 9AM Parents will have a chance to experience and register their children for **CLC Kids**, our new contemporary approach to making it fun and memorable for our children to learn about Jesus.

Our hope is that the renovated Social Hall, being renamed **The Gathering Place**, will be completed and ready for a grand reception.

There is no better time to continue your involvement at CLC, renew your participation, or get back on board!!!!

VETS WITH PETS AND BEYOND

Becky Nyren attended the Veterans Breakfast in Mars and spoke to the Veterans about the availability of our sanctuary for **Vets with Pets**. Our wide side aisles are perfect for veterans with their pets who might want to stand, move around, or be comfortable in their own psychological space. We hope to continue to work with the Veteran breakfast organization to welcome all recent veterans to our faith community.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE NEXT STEP

Most of the congregation showed little interest in attending a small group meeting during the Wednesdays in Lent or after worship on Sunday morning. That's fine. We heard you!

But, the vast majority of the congregation has not had the opportunity to make a commitment to our Capital Campaign.

The next step is to place Capital Campaign booklets, commitment cards and envelopes in the narthex. If you have not made a commitment, please pick up the materials before or after worship.

We ask that you be prayerful, generous, and sacrificial in your commitment so we might support Christ's ministry into the 21st century.

Carnival



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 3rd,
4 to 8PM:**

Bring the whole family to the CLC Millvale Community Carnival 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.

At the Faith and Family Café

FOURTEEN BUILDING BLOCKS to a
GRACE~FILLED LIFE

Faith and Family Café starts a new year at 8:30 Sunday mornings beginning on September 15th.

From September 15th thru December 15th we examine the foundational building blocks in a spiritually and psychologically sound life. Each level has a psychological strength that is connected to a corresponding spiritual strength. Here's an initial look at the first 8 building blocks:

SEPTEMBER 15: FALLING BACKWARDS

The Psychological Strength: Trust

The Spiritual Strength: Faith

SEPTEMBER 22: **STANDING ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET**

The Psychological Strength: Holding on and letting go

The Spiritual Strength: Acceptance of Self and Non-judgment

SEPTEMBER 29: IMAGINING WHO I CAN BE

The Psychological Strength:	Initiative
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The Spiritual Strength: Service

OCTOBER 6: LOOK WHAT I CAN DO!

The Psychological Strength: **Mastery and Competence**

The Spiritual Strength: Freedom and Discipleship



This course is appropriate for adults and parents—for looking at your own life and better understanding the challenges of your children’s lives.

Each week we will look at the virtue, the loss, the spiritual gift, the spiritual state of being, and the suffering inherent in each stage of life.



Prior to January, 2020, we will offer everyone the opportunity to complete the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory (MBTI). The MBTI is the most widely-used personality inventory in both the business and religious worlds.

We encourage everyone to be a part of the MBTI course. It will be an incredible aid to communication and team-building within our congregation and a powerful asset for your own growth as a person, for your relationships, and for your life of faith. ***And you will have lots of fun!!!!***



**Enjoy fun and
fellowship,
also food from
The Cupcake and
Cookie
Company.**

OCTOBER 13: FINDING MYSELF

The Psychological Strength: Personal Identity

The Spiritual Strength: Devotion and Faithfulness

OCTOBER 20: BEING PRESENT

The Psychological Strength: Intimacy

The Spiritual Strength: Inhabiting the Kingdom of God

OCTOBER 27: CARING FOR MY WORLD

The Psychological Strength: Generativity

The Spiritual Strength: Giving and Nurturing

NOVEMBER 3: LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

The Psychological Strength: Integrity

The Spiritual strength: Personal Wisdom

COURSE LEADERS: **Scott Olbert** is an ordained Lutheran Pastor and a Pastoral Psychotherapist. He served congregations for forty years and served Limina Institute as President. Pastor Scott also has worked as a consultant and workshop leader. He was among the first group of religious professionals to be trained by Alban Institute in the use of the MBTI.

Debbie Olbert has worked as an elementary school teacher, middle-school guidance counselor, as an Adjunct Faculty member at Illinois State University, and as a counselor with Limina Institute.

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.

In Loving Memory of
Edith Ann Zimmerman
from Amy Shauff

MEMORIAL

PARENTS, KIDS, CLC KIDS, AND WORSHIP

Parents! Time for a little check-in at the mirror: If your goal is to be faithful to your baptismal promises and raise your children in the Christian faith, just dropping them off for education **does not work.**

What you do is more important than what you say.

So, when you drop your children off for CLC Kids this fall and don't go to worship, your actions speak volumes: this faith stuff is for kids and **it is not important to me as your mother or father.** This is reinforced if, when the children sing, you leave worship immediately afterwards.

What we know is that mothers often are the source of the family attending worship. But the father's regular attendance with the family has an even more powerful impact on the children making worship a part of their adult life.

As parents, your presence at worship says to your children: My parents take their faith life seriously. And so is it important to me.

Without your presence at worship with your children, not much will stick with them as they become adults.

With the launch of *Higher Ground* on Saturday evening, families can worship together and then Sunday morning can be for education for both parents and children. **CLC Kids** for the children and **Faith and Family Café** for the parents.

That's a plan, Stan.

Welcome to CLC KIDS!

No more Sunday School! Welcome to CLC Kids!

Coming this fall is a totally new concept in children and teen educational ministry. The **Orange Curriculum** incorporates social media platforms and multi-media approaches to learning about Jesus and the Kingdom of God. This curriculum supports CLC's #1 goal for 2019 by creating "children's ministry that kids do not want to leave." This combines with the Orange Curriculum's goal of "a children's ministry curriculum created to make a difference in the next generation that's going to last a lifetime." Our focus will be to engage kids and partner with parents, so that our youth have a church experience that will make them want to return again and again!

The Orange Curriculum incorporates child development and sound Biblical teaching that covers every phase of a child's life.

We want our children to make wise choices and develop strong relationships that help them deepen their faith. Our CLC Kids Team scoured the available curricula and concluded that the Orange Curriculum stands out from the others and has been

just what we have been looking for in making the next step in our CLC transformation.

In addition, we are emphasizing care of our planet in special activities that partner with the Carnegie Museum.

We will busy for the rest of the summer recruiting and training teachers, developing activities, and putting together a CCL Kids program like no other!

Plan to take a peek at CLC Kids on Rally Day, September 8, from 9:00-9:30AM.



WHICH CHURCH ARE YOU?

¹And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God.

⁷And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens: ⁸I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and **yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.** ¹⁰**Because you have kept my word of patient endurance,** I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon; **hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.**

Revelation Chapter 3

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT *Higher Ground*

The initial success of *Higher Ground*, our 5PM Saturday Contemporary Worship, is largely dependent on the members of CLC. **So how can you help?**

1. **Consider worshipping at *Higher Ground*** for the first two months. Attend on Saturday evening. Attend both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
2. **Invite people in your relationship circle to check it out.** Even in this day of social media, most people visit a church because they have been invited.
3. **Share *Higher Ground* posts** on social media with your FB friends.
4. **When you attend, keep your focus on new faces.** Visitors return because there have made three connections: you introducing yourself, shaking hands, inviting them to check out the Welcome Place (soon to be up-and-running in the narthex), asking if they have any questions about the service, the congregation, our approach to the faith, and inviting them back after the service has concluded. The Christian faith is relational. Your welcome to the stranger makes all the difference.
5. **Pray that *Higher Ground* will serve to further the Kingdom of God in Millvale.**

GEARING UP FOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We will 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 have donated the Television monitors and all necessary supporting technology!

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 17TH. 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 7TH AT 5:00PM, 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!

Visitation Ministry

Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 26 Shut-In visits have been completed, including Communion during the month of July. 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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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.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - #CLCMillvale



Our CLC family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Beverley Lardin, who entered Eternal Life on July 22nd. Beverley was the mother of CLC Treasurer Ray Lardin, and Terry, Steven and Douglas, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services celebrating Beverley's life were July 26.

August Birthdays

1	Kevin Satovich Dawn Siatkosky	17	Gary Alberth Jr. Gavin Coyne
2	Colleen Davis Larry Leas	18	Reagan Coyne
3	Irene Eberz	19	
4	Ronald Wohler Kenneth Satovich Ayden Sansotta	20	Dorothy Bedel
5	Wayne Thompson Amy Shaufl	21	Herbert Weinbrenner Danielle Visconti Gary Ziegenfuss Daniel Papale
6	Amanda Worst	22	Jenna Vogel
7	Samantha Demko Gavin Smith Sean Robinson	23	
8	Jean Nauer Thomas Pfeifer	24	Lindsay Wiesinger Eric Grimm
9	Susan Davis Jessica Hauck	25	Brian Gumto Savannah Yount
10	Barbara Milcic	26	Owen Carhart Madison Leight
11	Richard Smalstig William Holland Evan Visconti Angeline Sampson	27	Ray Davis III Joshua Yunker Kelly Cross
12	Thomas Pfeifer Jr.	28	Helen Schwab
13	Kevin Davis Rita Holtz	29	Albert Thens Jr. Edward Smith
14	Eric Stennett Heather Tolan Zackary Otlano	30	Erik Jansen
15		31	Betty Kaiser, Alex Yund Caitlyn Cahoo
16	Orland Pullen		

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does. Martin Luther

The Great Commission Works Even in Silence . .

The most famous version of the Great Commission is in Matthew 28:16–20, where on a mountain in Galilee Jesus calls on his followers to make disciples of and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In addition to the CLC Visitation Ministry which takes “The Upper Room” and “Daily Bread” booklets to our Shut-Ins, often Congregation members and neighbors, friends, relatives, and the public stop in for copies and tell us how grateful they are to have access to God's word.

We receive visits from people who pray together with friends and strangers, people who attend other congregations, people looking for God, people who pray in their trucks or cars to and from work, and three groups of men who read the booklets and pray on-the-job.

Our Church office is never dull, and it's so great to hear the thanks and comments from these Christians. Thanks to CLC Treasurer Ray Lardin who keeps our subscriptions in order, and the CLC congregation for supporting this quiet ministry.

August 2019 Calendar at CLC

Friday, August 2 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, August 3 CLC CARNIVAL, prep 9AM; Carnival Hours: 4PM-8PM; 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library

Sunday, August 4 New Member Sunday; 9:30AM Traditional Worship; PICNIC AFTER CHURCH! 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Monday, August 5 6:15PM, Yoga;

Friday, August 9 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, August 10 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library

Sunday, August 11 9:30AM Traditional Worship; 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Monday, August 12 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support

Friday, August 16 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, August 17 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library

Sunday, August 18 9:30AM Traditional Worship; 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Monday, August 19 6:15PM Yoga; **7PM Council Meeting**

Friday, August 23 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, August 24 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library; **Animal Friends Vaccine Clinic starts at 11AM – 1PM**

Sunday, August 25 9:30AM Traditional Worship; 4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles; Millvale Community Counseling Center Open House 4PM - 6PM: All are Welcome, come visit with us to check out services.

Counseling begins Tuesday, September 17 from 4 to 8PM.

Monday, August 26 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support

Friday, August 30 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, August 31 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library

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

If we do not minister to the lost, we too shall become so. Anonymous

AnimalFriends' **CASH ONLY!**
Community
Vaccine Clinic

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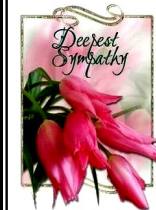
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Our CLC family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Edie Zimmerman. Edie entered

Eternal Life on June 28. Steve Slepecki presided at the Service celebrating her life on July 3, 2019.

**In Loving Memory of
Edith Ann Zimmerman
by the Members of
The Hannah Circle**

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September 2019 Calendar at CLC

Sunday, September 1 9:30AM Traditional Worship;

4PM Adult Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Monday, September 2 Labor Day; Office Closed;

6:15PM, Yoga;

Friday, September 6 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, September 7 9AM AA, Library;

7PM NA, Library

5PM, HIGHER GROUND

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8 RALLY DAY; 8AM Pancake and

Sausage Breakfast; 9AM CLC KIDS Orange Curriculum;

9:30AM Traditional Worship with Bishop Kurt

Kusserow; 10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies

Monday, September 9 4PM, St. AfterSchool Program;

6PM, Neighborhood Table

Dinner; 6:15PM Yoga;

7PM Pain Support

Tuesday, September 10 7PM, Hannah Circle

Meeting, Library

Wednesday, September 11 5:30PM, Daisy Troop,

Social Hall

Friday, September 13 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, September 14 9AM AA, Library;

7PM NA, Library

5PM, HIGHER GROUND

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 15 9:30AM Traditional Worship;

CLC KIDS Pre-School-Grade School; 10:30AM and 4PM

Adult Bible Studies

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September 2019 Calendar at CLC

Monday, September 16

4PM, St. AfterSchool Program;

6:15PM Yoga;

7PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

Millvale Community Counseling

Center Service Hours begin:

OPEN 1PM to 8PM at CLC

Friday, September 20

6PM, Girl Scouts #649;

7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, September 21 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA

5PM, HIGHER GROUND

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 22 9:30AM Traditional Worship;

CLC KIDS Pre-School-High School; 10:30AM and 4PM

Adult Bible Studies

Monday, September 23 4PM, St. AfterSchool Program;

6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support

Wednesday, September 15

5:30PM, Daisy Troop,

Social Hall

Friday, September 27 7:30PM NA, Library

Saturday, September 28 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA

5PM, HIGHER GROUND

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 29 9:30AM Traditional Worship;

HARVEST HOME; CLC KIDS Pre-School-Grade School;

10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies

Monday, September 30 4PM, St. AfterSchool Program;

6:15PM Yoga;

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Calendar!!*

Office Hours

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 5PM: Higher Ground

Contemporary Worship

Returning in September:

CLC KIDS 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

KINDNESS

is representative
of the Spirit of
God. Let your
kindness uplift
someone each
day as it also
uplifts you.



Thanks to our July *Ministry Teams*

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

GREETERS Judy Stennett, Jean Thens, Beth Rios, Linda Thens, Danielle and Morgan Visconti, Bernadette Thompson, and Holly Duss.

ASSISTING our MINISTER Amy Shaufl, Holly Duss, Wendy Murphy and Paul Bell.

Thanks to our July Ushers Pat Bauer, Judy Alberth, Steve Slepecki, Linda Thens, Mandy Freiss, Shareen Jordan, Steve Slepecki, Linda Thens, Wendy Murphy and Julie |Slepecki.

Thanks to our July 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, Recorders Bev & Rick Dreves.

WORSHIP at CLC

At 9:30AM each Sunday, we celebrate Christ in traditional Lutheran Worship. Join us on Saturdays beginning September 7 at 5PM for a joyful Contemporary Worship. We worship each week throughout the year, so come as you are! Visit and uplift your soul.

A small revelation, good to know and share . . .

Happiness is a finite state of being, although human beings are infinite, even in death. Some of us enjoy happiness in the everyday and the kindnesses of others; these are blessings-in-the-moment and instill hope; many arrive through the Holy Spirit.

While not everyone who has made us happy can remain in our lives, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob IS. God IS. Every day, all day. If you (temporarily) lose your sanity and run down the street butt naked some day, Jesus will be running right with you, always loving you and asking that you choose life.

Joy! If you choose life, the life of mind-and-spirit that Christ offers through belief in Him, there is a kind of permanent intense happiness called joy that enters the soul chamber of the heart, and resides right in there, forever and infinite. It is not a 'feeling', it is a surety. It keeps us grounded in the Holy Spirit and ever thankful to our Creator. It is unique to Christians alone and cannot be duplicated, only promised falsely in the counterfeit of the material world. It will carry you far beyond the limits of finite happiness, and sorrow.

When human culture was ready for His appearance two millennia ago, Jesus entered, and promised to return; when that happens, we will live in the fullness of spirit and the material, risen bodies re-made. Infinitely. The physics of God are awesome throughout the Bible, and you ain't seen nothin' yet. Christ brought His world (heaven) down to us once already, giving us the knowledge to let it rest in our hearts, and it is coming back to reveal itself fully. Go for it.

Labels: WARNING

Joseph Imhoff

Today, there is not one product we buy or participation in an activity that does not have some warning associated with it. 'This packaging is not a toy', 'Misuse of this product can cause:', 'The side effects of this medication are:', 'Use this apparatus with caution', 'Swim at your own risk', 'Keep away from children under' *! The list is endless and growing. Lesson: Living is dangerous!

The 10:00 Sunday adult group studied Martin Luther's Small Catechism during the 2018-2019 meetings. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton had declared 2017 as a year to study this towering document of faith for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Expecting a church-wide guide which did not materialize, the group opted for Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism in the fall. Tied to the chapter on Baptism was the section concerning Confession, a very important but misunderstood tenet of the Christian faith. The section was rather short as it is in the Catechism but it elicited much discussion among those present.

Many remembered and could still recite the congregation prayer from 'The Order for Public Confession' found in the old red Service Book and Hymnal. Basically unchanged from the 1917 Common Service Book with Hymnal through the latest Lutheran Worship, it was used prior to Communion when the Sacrament was celebrated only a few times during the year. It remains a powerful expression of faith.

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Luther firmly believed in both public and private confession often to excess in his earlier years according to his Vicar General and confessor Johann von Staupitz who observed "He (Luther) was making religion too difficult!"

Each Sunday except for certain festivals the service begins with a shortened version for public confession with the presiding pastor announcing "In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven." The true gift of God!

Private confession and confessors among Lutherans is indeed rare but that office at CLC has been assumed by Pastor Scott, in the role of therapist he, as confessor, can not only declare the forgive sins as a 'minister of the Church of God and by his authority' but help someone work through whatever difficulties that person may have.

What the class found interesting was the caveat no longer appearing in the liturgy but part of the older editions.

On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God has not forgiven their sins and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended. Enough to scare the you-know-what out of a believer. A warning label not to be taken lightly!