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UPDATING THE REFORMATION

At Faith and Family Café we are looking at how we develop through the stages of life from birth to death. Last week we looked at the time of life when we are in elementary, middle school, and early high school. This is a time when we are learning how things work and are being busy and industrious.

The basic theme is “Will I be encouraged and supported for my efforts and helped to feel confident in my ability to make things work?”

Key to this theme is “Is it okay to make mistakes?” and “Do others support me in learning from my mistakes?”

Central to the Reformation, which we celebrate on Sunday, October 29, is the difference between Law and Gospel.

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UPDATING THE REFORMATION

Every day, we choose which Word of God we extend to other people: our spouses, our children, our fellow CLC members, and people with whom we interact.

Extending "The Law" to others means we can be full of criticism, negativity, accusation, disapproval, and unconstructive comments. "The Law" undermines, discourages, demoralizes, and is disheartening.

No matter our age, words that shame, belittle, or unjustly attack us always hurt. It is not true that stick and stones may break our bones, but words will never hurt us.

The "Word of Grace" understands human foibles. If we understand the Lutheran concept of sin, we should be surprised that anything works. And, frankly, nothing does work all that well. Just look around you.

But Grace understands, supports, looks for the good, forgives the errors, accepts the failures, and encourages others.

The brokenness of everyone around us and in ourselves should not be surprising and yet, we often live as though it should all be perfect, which leaves us ready to pounce when it is not.

As they say in AA, "Take what you need and leave the rest." In this way, they encourage people not to focus on what they didn't like, but what was useful. Grace not Law.

Happy Reformation. Let's all continue to learn how to live it.

Pastor Scott

Scott M. Olbert, Pastor, CLC Millvale



Happy Thanksgiving!



Please remember those without abundance at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The NHCO Food Bank is now at 416 Lincoln Avenue in Millvale, 412-487-6316.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE . . . Growing our Church!

If you've been wanting to contribute to the Capital Campaign and are on a limited budget (like most of us), Steve's information may help you when considering. He broke down the shared cost among us CLC members for the 3-year campaign

commitment; it is \$312 per year. That works out to 85c per day, the cost of a

candy bar or pop. A 'change jar' in the kitchen can make this an easy, affordable and positive habit. If you haven't filled out a commitment card, see Steve or the Office, and thanks for considering!



Higher
Ground

CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

SATURDAYS
at 5PM

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Advent All-Family Workshop

Prepare for Christmas with our first Advent All-Family Workshop. Families, Couples, and single adults are invited to create their own unique Advent Wreath. We'll send you home with Devotional Material, too. Right after worship on Sunday, November 24th, in the newly renovated Gathering Place!

HEADS UP TO CLC KIDS' PARENTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Along with a new curriculum and a new name (CLC Kids), we'll be making a change to the Christmas program. In fact, there will be no Christmas program as we have known it.

This year, we will present **"A CLC Christmas to Remember"** on Saturday, December 14, at 7:00pm as a free concert to the public. The concert is part of our mission to reach out to the community and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and the CLC faith community. The Christmas concert will include CLC Kids Choir, the Adult Choir, *SoulSpirit* (the Higher Ground band), and Ring Pittsburgh, the city's premier Hand Bell Choir.

Pat Bauer, our Children's Choir Director, will begin teaching the CLC Kids their four songs that will be part of the concert. Because of these rehearsals at the beginning of CLC Kids at 8:30, we will presently suspend the kids singing the first Sunday of each month.

For your child to have the honor of singing at this concert, he or she will need to attend the majority of rehearsals at the beginning of CLC Kids.



Millvale

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- Bullying
- Parenting Difficulties
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*Yet more than
ever believers were
added to the Lord,
great numbers of both
men and women . . .
Acts 5:14*



NOW PLAYING AT HIGHER GROUND WORSHIP!

SoulSpirit Band members are Pastor Scott Olbert on piano and vocals; Jason Mileto plays bass guitar; Pat Bauer is on djembe and vocals; Frank Mileto, Vince Mark and Troy Chambers alternate on drums; Michael Wach plays acoustic guitar and sings vocals; and Vince Beatty and Al Bowers alternate on lead guitar.

HIGHER GROUND WORSHIP NOW AT CLC MILLVALE!! Check it out! If you're tied up on Sunday mornings, if you're looking for a different worship experience, if you want worship that will appeal to your teens, if you want to invite friends to Christian worship, then CLC Higher Ground is for you. Higher Ground offers interactive worship with open prayer, singing, music, and preaching by Pastor Scott on many spiritual subjects that affect us today.

In keeping with the current contemporary style of worship, four large TV monitors show the lyrics to the songs with inspiring graphics along the way.

Childcare is provided, so come to worship and then head out to dinner or an evening activity!

Higher Ground Worship launched on Saturday, September 7 and continues each Saturday at 5PM. People sang out, applauded the songs, and children danced to the music. It was a joyous, upbeat and energizing experience that abides in Higher Ground each week at CLC Millvale.

Even in this day of social media, most people visit a church because they have been invited, so please consider this your invitation to a smile, a handshake or hug and great relational Christian worship! You will find CLC at 917 Evergreen Avenue in Millvale, a convenient walkable location with easy access by bus or car. Please visit us at www.CLCmillvale.com, also Youtube: CLCMillvale, Twitter: ChristMillvale, eMail: ChristLutheran917@gmail.com or 412-821-4300.

Welcome to **CLC KIDS!**

No more Sunday School! Welcome to CLC Kids!

Here 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.**

The meaning of "Orange" . . . Yellow is for the Church, and Red is for Home . . . Together they make Orange.



CLC KIDS INVITE PARENT ASSISTANTS

We have a great CLC Kids Team of sixteen teachers who instruct our children at 8:30 each Sunday morning. We are looking for parents willing to rotate through as assistants: helping children to the bathroom, supervising class participation, and helping out our teachers. We will be asking parents to sign up, be ready to say YES!

A NEW BUSINESS ON THE WAY

Our daughter, Alayna Gallagher, recently purchased the Santini Salon at 416 North Avenue in Millvale. With a degree in Fashion Design and years in retail clothing, Alayna will open Vintage 416, a sustainable vintage clothing store in 2020. **Look for a Grand Opening on or around April 1st.** Remodeling has already begun and Alayna and her English bulldogs, Meatball and Louie, look forward to moving to Millvale in the near future.

At the Faith and Family Café

FOURTEEN BUILDING BLOCKS to a GRACE~FILLED LIFE

Faith and Family Café arrives at 8:30AM on Sunday Mornings!

Faith and Family Cafe continues through December 15th with a look at the eight stages of life. It is as we live through each stage that we develop the capabilities to lead a spiritually and emotionally sound life.

For each of us, the eight stages of life present us with challenges, obstacles, opportunities, and grace-filled moments that strengthen us and/or limits us.

This educational opportunity provides an opportunity to reflect on your life so that you might experience more freedom in Christ!

NOVEMBER 3: LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

The Psychological Strength: Integrity
The Spiritual strength: Personal Wisdom



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.

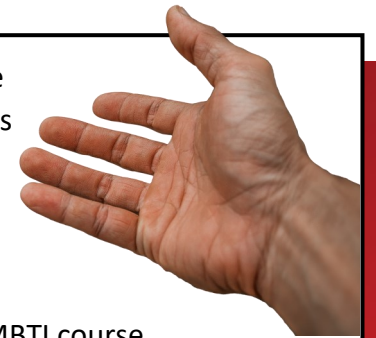
We encourage everyone to be a part of the MBTI course. It will be an incredible aid to communication and team-building within our congregation and a powerful asset for your own growth as a person, for your relationships, and for your life of faith. ***And you will have lots of fun!!!!***

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.

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.

Deb 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.

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



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.

**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

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 Construction.

November Birthdays

1	Jay Alt John Davis Joshua Williams	16	Jacalyn Worst
2		17	Sarah Bond
3	Payton Conroy	18	Tina Galioto Braelyn Cahoo
4	Paul Thens Matthew Marino Logan Freiss	19	
5		20	Janice Gosnell
6	Gail Jameson Michelle Benna Jason Mileto, Sr.	21	
7	Janet Holland Alianna Cahoo	22	James Tunstall Jr. Jesse Taylor
8		23	Carlie Mileto
9	Judy Benn Charles Eidenmiller	24	
10	Natalie Juzwick Michelle Cahoo Dennis Conrad	25	Jeffrey Bigley
11	Margaret Rakers Jodi Weiher	26	Kevin Carhart
12	Allen Conroy	27	Judy Stennett Mary Ann Ober
13	Holly Shay Jacob Taylor Kayla Tyniec	28	Larry Thomas
14		29	Kevin Jansen
15		30	Timothy Wach

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:13-14

God's in His Heaven

Joseph Imhoff

Of late I have been rereading Pippa Passes, a poetic drama by Robert Browning best know for his dramatic monologues, long first person narratives. One of his best known lines comes from Rabbi Ben Ezra: 'Grow old with me! The best is yet to be, The last of life, for which the first was made: Our times are in His hand Who saith "A whole I planned, Youth shows but half; trust God: see all nor be afraid!'

I always though it would be a good companion piece to lines from his wife's, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poem, Sonnets From the Portuguese 43: 'How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breath and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight

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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 for Saturday and Sunday worship Services. Not only that, the **Nursery is staffed by qualified childcare providers** who supply consistent and competent childcare during Worship on Saturdays and Sundays. You'll find the Nursery next to the CLC Choir rehearsal room.

November 2019 Calendar at CLC

Friday, November 1	6PM, Girl Scouts; 7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, Nov. 2	119th Anniversary of CLC; 9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
	5PM, HIGHER GROUND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Sunday, Nov. 3	 9:30AM Traditional Worship; CLC KIDS Pre-School to All Saints Sunday High School; 10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies
Monday, November 4	6:15PM Yoga; St. AfterSchool and The Neighborhood Table will resume after construction is completed in The Gathering Place.
Tuesday, November 5	Millvale Community Counseling Center 1PM to 8PM at CLC
Friday, November 8	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, Nov. 9	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
	5PM, HIGHER GROUND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Sunday, Nov. 10	 9:30AM Traditional Worship; CLC KIDS Pre-School to Grade School; Hannah Circle Meeting in the Library after Worship; 10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies
Monday, November 11	VETERAN'S DAY; 6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Pain Support
Tuesday, November 12	Millvale Community Counseling Center 1PM to 8PM at CLC
Wednesday, November 13	6-7:30PM Brownies
Thursday, November 14	6PM Sewing Team, Library
Friday, November 15	6PM, Girl Scouts; 7:30PM NA
Saturday, Nov. 16	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
	5PM, HIGHER GROUND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Sunday, Nov. 17	 9:30AM Traditional Worship; CLC KIDS Pre-School to High School; 10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies
Monday, November 18	6:15PM Yoga; 7PM Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 19	Millvale Community Counseling Center 1PM to 8PM at CLC
Friday, November 22	7:30PM NA, Library
Saturday, November 23	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
	5PM, HIGHER GROUND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Sunday, Nov. 24	 9:30AM Traditional Worship; CLC KIDS Pre-School to Advent Wreath Workshop Grade School; 10:30AM and 4PM Adult Bible Studies
Wednesday, November 27	6-7:30PM Brownies
Thursday, November 28	6PM Sewing Team, Library
Friday, November 29	6PM, Girl Scouts; 7:30PM NA
Saturday, November 30	9AM AA, Library; 7PM NA, Library
	5PM, HIGHER GROUND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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

Visitation Ministry
Steve Slepecki, our Minister of Visitation, reports that 20 Shut-In visits have been completed, including Communion during the month of October. This involves significant energy and time, and is most appreciated. Thanks to Steve and Julie Slepecki, Bernadette Thompson, Diane Curry and Amy Shaufl for bringing the love of Christ and Congregation to our Shut-Ins. *Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!*

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!

STILL PLUGGING AWAY

So yes, The Gathering Place (former Social Hall) is taking longer than we had hoped to remodel. The old ceiling was a bear to demolish—each well-glued ceiling tile had to be chipped off by hand, which put us way behind from the start. Delays on decisions about air conditioning, electrical, and other issues pushed back the completion date.

Taping and mudding of drywall is being completed as I write and painting is right behind that. The installation of audio and sound capabilities is scheduled for late October. So, our hope is that The Gathering Place is functional by the November Neighborhood Table event. There will still be more work to be done, but “functional” is the key word! **Thank you for your patience.**

“In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no one by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion. Take myself as an example. I simply taught, preached and wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philipp and Amsdorf, the Word ... did everything.”
Martin Luther (1483-1546)



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Facebook and Instagram: #CLCMillvale.
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WORSHIP at CLC

At 5PM each Saturday we celebrate Higher Ground
uplifting Contemporary Christian Worship with our
SoulSpirit Band.

At 9:30AM each Sunday, we celebrate Christ in
traditional Lutheran Worship. Join us each week
throughout the year. Visit and uplift your soul.

Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8AM-2PM
412-821-4300

WORSHIP
Higher Ground Saturdays at 5PM
Traditional Worship Sundays at
9:30AM
with Nursery & Infant Nursery

In Session Now on Sundays:
CLC KIDS Pre-K - High School
Faith and Family Café
Adult Bible Study 10AM & 4PM

COMMUNITY SERVICES
St. AfterSchool resumes in October
Counseling Center Sept. 17, 1-8PM
N.A. Meetings Fri. 7:30PM, Sat. 7PM;
A.A. Meeting Sat. 9AM
Yoga Mondays 6:15PM

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For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.'

These two could be a dialogue between a couple in love or looking to the future, but that's the conjecture term papers and dissertations are based on.

Pippa is a young girl in a town called Osolo who works in a silk mill 364 days a year and has one holiday, New Years Day, I won't delve into the child labor laws of poetry. Cheerfully she goes through the town singing, unseen but heard by those she passes, those she respects and thinks are the happiest in the town. The most famous follows:

'The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven; The hill-sides dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—All's right with the world!'

The respectable people who hear her song though have secrets, among them are murder, infidelity, deception, intrigue, avarice. Four dramas play out during the day, Morning, Noon, Evening, and Night. Pippa is unaware of what is taking place behind closed doors, but it is her innocence in each song she sings causes reactions in the unhappy 'happy' people! She is acting as each one's conscience. Her words cause every one of them to contemplate their lives and their actions, in turn each makes a decision for a change in life.

The last line of Pippa's first song is usually taken out of context because it has a nice ring to it but Christians know this is not the case. The world was created 'right', not like a mechanical clock but something to evolve and is still evolving, thus creating the situations in the poem and in the real world.

Pippa is a kind of therapist for the town of Osolo, singing a balance in a world that has lost it. I am not suggesting that Pastor Scott's singing should compare to Pippa's nor should he lash a piano on a truck to drive through Millvale spreading his advice.

It is true, however that CLC does reach out by hosting the Millvale Community Counseling Center. **In the Neighborhood for Good!**



*"God is our refuge
and strength, a
very present help in
trouble"*

Psalms 46:1

Are You the One?

One vote can change a nation; one sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness; one laugh can conquer gloom.

One step can start a journey; one word can start a prayer.

One hope can raise your spirits; one touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom; one heart can know what's true.

One life can make a difference; you see . . .
It's up to you.

Poet Unknown