

Christ Lutheran Church
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CLC WEEKLY UPDATE
4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021

IN PERSON WORSHIP
This Sunday, June 20, at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans presiding

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Learn about how Jesus gives us everything we need and plenty to share!

(ages 4-12)



Crafts, games, snacks, songs, and more!

To Register for this FREE EVENT with lunch provided call the church office at 412-821-4300 Saturday
July 31
9am-1pm

#### CLC Kids LIVE! JULY 31st, 2021 9:00am-1:00pm

Welcome back to in-person events at CLC - we're going LIVE! Register your child for this Saturday morning event with music, games, crafts, snacks, and a free lunch! This event is geared toward ages 4-12. Attached is a flier and registration form for this event. Email the registration document to <a href="mailto:patty@clcmillvale.com">patty@clcmillvale.com</a> or call the church office to register.

Link for the CLC KIDS LIVE! Registration Form: https://mcusercontent.com/f21bca36caefad398e5733e40/files/87045847-3688-5cb1-a2e9-938e0ca66e29/CLC\_Kids\_LIVE\_registration.docx

#### CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

As more of our population has had the chance to be vaccinated, and many places are permitting vaccinated people to remove masks, things are changing here at CLC again. We've lived through a year of great upheaval and quick changes, and consistently we have made choices to protect the most vulnerable populations during this global pandemic.

The CLC Congregational Council has voted to remove the "mask mandate" for vaccinated persons during public worship, and open pews that had been closed due to social distancing. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask.

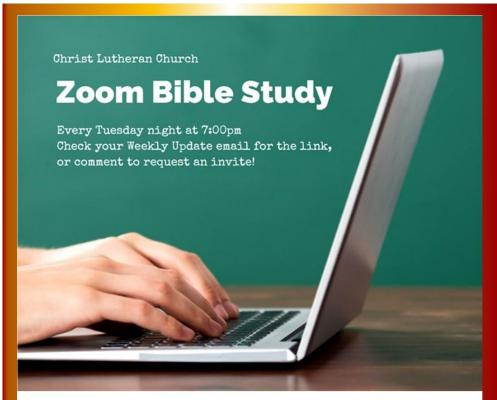
For those who consider themselves to be still at risk, and may yet be wary of coming to in-person worship, we offer "Safer Seating." This is a section of socially distanced seating at the back of the church where masks are required. This section is labelled as such. Anyone may sit there, so long as they are masked and distanced. We appreciate your patience and flexibility, and we look forward to this new change and step forward. ~

# Taize Summer Services Wednesdays at 7:00pm

# TAIZE PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to awell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Repeated melodies and refrains, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.



### Zoom Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Join us for this weekly look at the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Erin will walk through the scriptures verse by verse, as well as provide pertinent background info and context to the text.

No experience necessary.

#### **CLICK HERE TO Join Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 834 0225 8973 Passcode: evergreen

### **Anchorpoint Returns!**

Weekly counseling sessions with Anchorpoint Counselors will begin again at CLC starting Wednesday June 9th, from 4pm-8pm. This valuable ministry and resource serves people of all ages in our community, who might be unable to afford counseling or find transportation to a counselor's office. There is a flier available with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.



#### DISCONNECTED

Joseph Imhoff

This past Sunday evening bad storms hit the Pittsburgh area with lots of lightning, thunder, and driving rain resulting in flooding, landslides, and power outages. For some it was merely a passing but significant storm, for others the power outages dragged on for quite some time as shown by the comments on Facebook. From Babcock Boulevard on the Evergreen Avenue side of Bauerstown the lights remained on, the Geyer Road side up to Reserve didn't have electricity restored until 5:00 PM on Tuesday.

It's hard to realize how dependent we are on Duquesne Light to provide power until it isn't there. You notice lights first, then the refrigerator, the microwave, the stove, even gas has electronic ignition instead of a pilot light these days. Then the computer, even ones with batteries need recharging at some point; no news, E-mails, or just browsing. Then there's reading a book on the front porch until dark then by flashlight.

It was then I thought about the Church and its source of power, having just celebrated The Holy Trinity we should understand what that source is. There is God's Word and the teachings of Christ Jesus but all this is as Matin Luther succinctly put it, "I believe that by own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, …" That source of power will not be interrupted nor will there be a monthly bill asking for payment.  $\sim$ 

### **Food Pantry News**

Our Condiment Collection is underway, and we need mayonnaise! Any size, standard varieties, would be great! Bring your MAYONNAISE or chosen condiment to church on Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.

Food Pantry hours are 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday.

You can volunteer to help at the Food Pantry; contact Dorie Budzik for more information (412)874-0083.

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#### Just As We Are

Jesus spent a day beside the sea teaching, and then the disciples took him in a boat "just as he was" (Mark 4:36). These are easy words to skip past between the wisdom of parables and the stilling of the sea. After a day of teaching to the masses, Jesus was tired. Indeed, he fell asleep in the boat. Perhaps he was hungry. He was already being followed everywhere by an ever-growing crowd, given little time to himself for rest. It was Jesus, "just as he was," who calmed the storm. This was not the transfigured Jesus or the resurrected Jesus, but the fully human (and fully divine) Jesus after a long day.

Psalm 139 reminds us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (v. 14). Yet we often struggle to let people encounter us just as we are. Some of us have been conditioned to believe that "just as you are" is not good enough, smart enough, or worthy of attention, credit, or love. Others have been praised for perfection and must strive to maintain that image.

Most of us have some way of hiding bits of ourselves and our experiences. This may look like a wall of silence and a minimum of words, or a flood of information that reveals no more than the silence. We have all learned to live with a mixture of our own secrets, doubts, fears, and hopes. Our public selves reveal some, but not all, of who we are.

What if "just as we are" is exactly where we are most powerful and most able to bless others? What if "just as we are" is where we are most able to bring grace and peace to our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors? Come to worship today just as you are, and know that is right where Jesus meets you and calls you into service.~

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# **WORSHIP WITH US**

# This 4th Sunday after Pentecost!

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

cond Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel:

Mark 4:35-41

## Pastor Erin Evans preaching

Hymns:

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

"Here I am, Lord"

"Sing to the Mountains"





Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.