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**CLC Weekly Update**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 4, 2021**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**this Sunday, July 4 at 9:30AM**  
**Pastor Erin Evans presiding**  
please visit us at: <https://www.clcmillvale.com>

Jesus began to  
send them out  
**TWO BY TWO**

MARK 6:7



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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**This 6th Sunday after Pentecost!**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-13**  
**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

**Hymns:**

**"As We Gather At Your Table"**

**"The Son of God, Our Christ"**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**"Rejoice, The Lord is King"**

# CLC KIDS LIVE!

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

(ages 4-12)



Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale  
917 Evergreen Ave

In the neighborhood,  
for good!



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](#)

Registration forms are available now! Call the church at 412-821-4300 or fill one out at the desk in the narthex. Speak to Pastor Erin Evans if you can volunteer your time for this event.



## Taize Summer Services: Wednesdays at 7PM



# 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 dwell 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.

### CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

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. ~

### **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 attached with all information, or call Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries at 412-366-1300.



# 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
- Affordable sliding-scale fees based on your income and household size

**Open Wednesdays from 4-8 PM  
starting on June 9**

Schedule your appointment today:

**Call Anchorpoint  
Counseling Ministry at  
412-366-1300**

and ask about the Millvale Community  
Counseling Center

Millvale Community Counseling Center  
at Christ Lutheran Church Millvale  
817 Evergreen Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15209

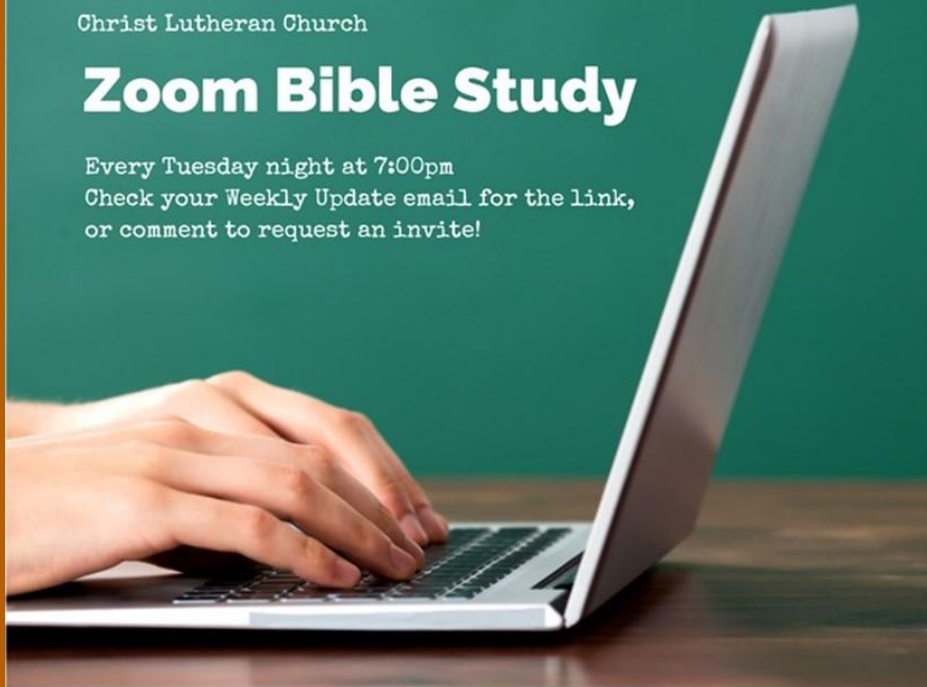
The Millvale Community Counseling Center is made possible by Christ Lutheran Church Millvale and the Fortitudo Foundation.



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# Zoom Bible Study

Every Tuesday night at 7:00pm  
Check your Weekly Update email for the link,  
or comment to request an invite!



**Zoom Bible Study each Tuesday at 7pm. See your Weekly Update Email for the link.**

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.

## Introduction to the day, Sunday, July 4, 2021

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent. ~



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# FOOD PANTRY

## CONDIMENT COLLECTION

*Add your donation to our pantry and help us  
"ketchup" with the needs of our community!*

Bring donations this summer: mayo,  
mustard, syrup, jelly, and of course,  
ketchup!

LOOK FOR REGULAR FOOD  
PANTRY NOTES IN THE  
WEEKLY UPDATE TO KNOW  
WHAT WE ARE MOST IN  
NEED OF!



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

Thank you for your generous donations of condiments.  
The Food Pantry can always use more weekly volunteers.  
Call Dorie Budzik at 412-874-0083 to volunteer.

If you are experiencing hunger or food insecurity in your household, you can always confidentially speak to Pastor Erin Evans.

Our Condiment Collection is underway, and we need PANCAKE SYRUP!  
Any size, standard varieties, is great! Bring your condiment to church on  
Sunday and drop in the collection bin in the narthex.

## Dependence Day

Today marks the 245th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by the American colonies. Celebrations in the United States will mark the historical claiming of independence, but also will highlight aspects of American national identity such as individualism.

On this day when many in the United States revel in independence, we encounter a gospel story grounded entirely in *dependence*. Jesus does not send out disciples on their own, but rather as pairs. He orders them to take nothing with them except what they are wearing. As they travel from place to place, they will be entirely dependent on the hospitality of those they encounter for food, water, shelter, and other needs that arise along the way.

As they cast out demons and heal people, it is not through their own power, but their dependence on Jesus. Even Jesus has a touch of dependence in this story. The people of Nazareth cannot see past the little boy he was, to the powerful prophet and teacher he has become. This somehow limits the deeds of power he can accomplish among them. The expectations of the town's people seem to get in the way.

The risen Jesus certainly breaks all sorts of expectations, and Martin Luther's explanation of the third article of the creed reminds us that it is not by our own power that we come to faith, but that the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1162).

Our gospel for today, alongside Luther's reflection, reminds us that part of the gift of life we have in Christ is community—dependent, loving, compassionate, frustrating, messy, blessed community. We call this community the church, the body of Christ. All its members are gifted, all of them necessary, all of them dependent on one another. In this dependence is strength, joy, and hope. Thanks be to God.

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**HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**

**IN GOD  
WE TRUST**

### **Render Unto Cæsar**

Joseph Imhoff

You may have noticed in the past that I have this thing for writing about calendars and dates so this week will be no exception.

Rarely does a national holiday fall on a Sunday since the passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968, taking effect in 1971, in order to give Federal employees a three day weekend. Exempted from this were: New Years Day, Independence Day, and Christmas. Veterans (Armistice) Day was returned to November 11 in 1974 when Veterans' groups pointed out the significance of the date and the time when the hostilities between the Allies and the Central Powers of WW I ceased by agreement reached at Compiègne a few hours earlier, November (11) 11, (1918) At 11:00 AM.

Independence Day, July 4, 2021, is a Sunday and we as Christians have two things to celebrate:

- **The resurrection of Jesus Christ which we do each Lord's Day, Sunday.**
- **The Independence of colonies from Great Britain which would later be known as the United States of America. After the Declaration was approved and sent to the printers, John Adams wrote to his wife of July 2, "... Independence Day will be celebrated by succeeding generations ... as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty.**

Jesus only references government with, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's." St. Paul in Romans elaborates about being subject to governing authorities and encourages good citizenship while holding the Kingdom of God as the first priority.

To this point Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the new red book, has lessons and a prayer for a national holiday, one very appropriate that we should ponder this weekend.

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all these things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. ~