



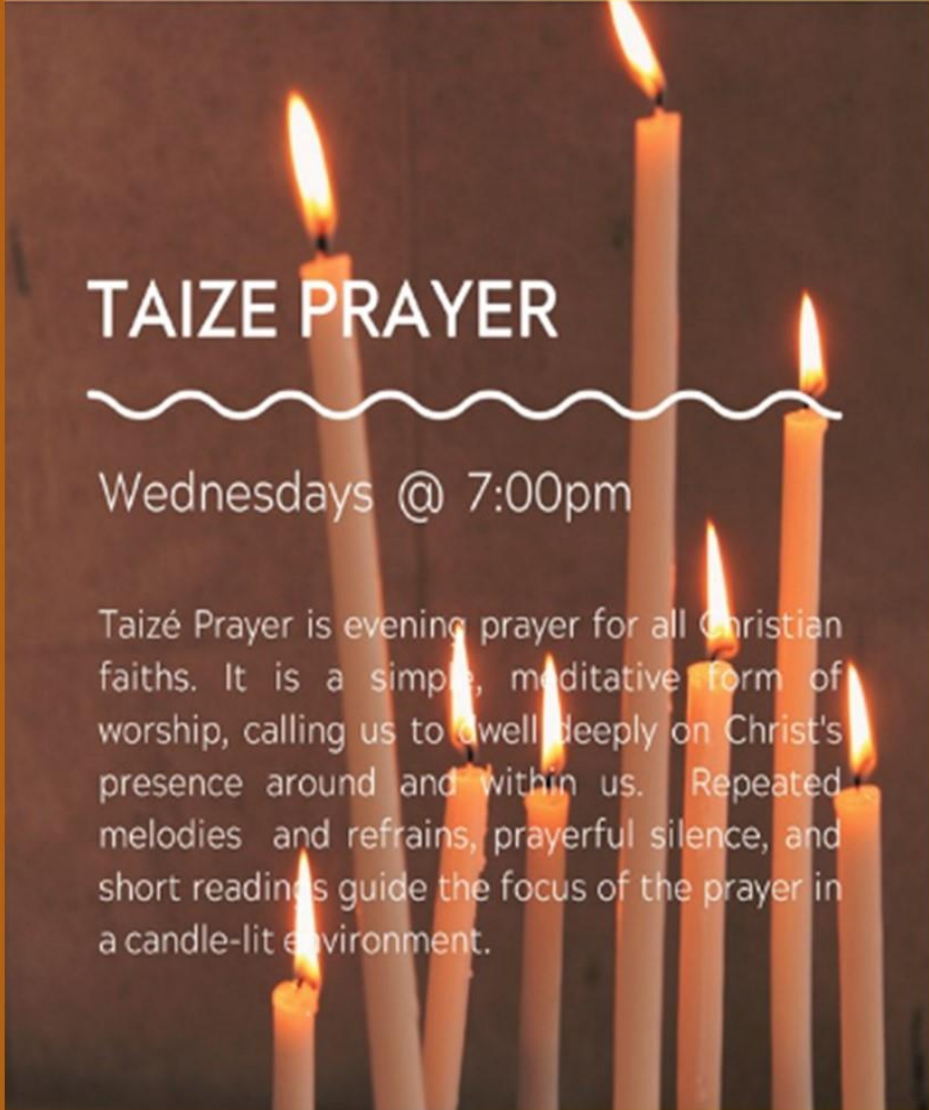
Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him. ~

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**Help Needed:** one of the homebound members of CLC is in need of helpers to drive her to appointments 2-3 times a month. She lives close to the church and needs a hand getting to and from the car as well. If you would like to help out, let Pastor Erin know!

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**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.



**CLC KIDS  
LIVE!**

**The CLC Kids LIVE event scheduled for July 31st has been cancelled due to lack of response. If you are interested in attending events for children's ministry in the future please let Pastor Erin know!**

# SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
917 EVERGREEN AVE, MILLVALE



THURSDAY  
AUGUST 12TH  
9:00AM-1:00PM

Backpacks, notebooks,  
folders, markers, crayons,  
pencils, etc....

FREE SCHOOL  
SNACKS &  
LUNCH ITEMS  
AVAILABLE!

Call CLC office at  
412-821-4300 to sign-up, or  
just show up. While supplies  
last. Sponsored by CLC Food  
Pantry and Camp Lutherlyn.



God doesn't love us  
because of our worth.  
We are of worth because  
God loves us.

~ Martin Luther

## **Food Pantry Announcements**

Great job with donations of condiments this summer! We've replenished all we need at this point but look for regular announcements about needed items we've run low on.

Thanks to some generous donations from the community and Camp Lutherlyn, we are able to not only provide food for families heading back to school, but school supplies too!

Contact Dorie Budzik, 412-874-0083 if you'd like to volunteer for the food pantry, or help out on the school supplies give away day. Check the flier for details.



**THANK YOU To the Hannah Circle** - Just a quick note to thank you for the very generous donation to our ministry at Christ Lutheran Church Food pantry. Your donation will allow us to serve numerous people in and around our community in ways that we otherwise might not have been able to do. For this we are truly grateful. Please know that our ministry has a greater opportunity for success because of your donation.

Again Thank You,

Dorie and Fran Budzik, Christ Lutheran Church Food Pantry

**OPEN 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday**

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### **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.





## Hungry for More

They were hungry, but they didn't know what they were hungry for. Their longing compelled them to cross the sea and comb through the villages in search of the one who could meet their deepest desires. They had seen the sign, after all—the baskets of leftover bread, the impossible abundance of fish. Surely, they must find the source to have their needs fulfilled once and for all.

Perhaps we too are hungry—for security, for certainty, for power, for recognition, for the simple assurance that we are good enough in a world that always seems to demand more. We too may find ourselves searching for the one who can calm our spirits or offer us those things on which our hearts are set. We cry out with the crowd, "Give us this bread always" (John 6:34). Care for us. Feed us. Help us. Reassure us. We have seen what you can do. Show us this sign again so that we may believe.

But God gives us more than bread; indeed, God gives us more than whatever we think we most desire. Jesus takes our questions and those things we think we need and redirects us to himself—the source of all life for the world. We ask for the things we most crave. Jesus offers us abundant life. We ask for what we can comprehend. Jesus gives us the promises of God that pass all understanding.

John's gospel invites us to dwell with Jesus in the mysteries of God. Not to understand exactly. Not to have our fill of the things we demand. But to abide with God. To be wrapped in the promises of the one who has been feeding the hungry and sustaining life since the very beginning, giving us life that cannot be earned but is simply received through Jesus. ~

## Was Ist Das? PART 2

Joseph Imhoff

Touching on the Catechisms last week reminded me of how important they are in the life of the Church, especially to Lutherans. What became a movement that would change the Church was an insignificant document, A Disputation on the Power of Indulgences, nailed to the door of a church as were all public notices in 1517. Those 95 points opened the flood gates of change and diverse church groups formed one eventually named after the instigator of it all, Martin Luther. By the late 1520s he was appalled by the lack of real Biblical and Christian knowledge among the people and even the clergy thus The Large and Small Catechisms came to be written.

The Catechism is a useful tool only if it is used, not merely studied to pass Lenny Jansen's confirmation class! 'I must read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly.' A quotation from Martin Luther, and he was the author! Occasionally it might be made part of daily devotions, reminding us not only of the words of prayers and creeds but of their meaning and application in daily life.

As we had a baptism last Sunday and followed the prescribed order of service the Catechism explains the meaning behind those familiar words and how the sacrament fits into the whole of a Christian life. Martin Luther prefaced the sections of his Catechism with, "As the head of the household should instruct the uninformed in his care." This makes it a group participation activity. Was ist das?

### Upcoming Commemorations

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221**

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

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