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CLC Weekly Update

4th Sunday after Epiphany

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

January 30, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

this Sunday, January 30 at 9:30AM

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

please visit us at: <https://www.clcmillvale.com>

WORSHIP WITH US

4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



**PLEASE
CONTINUE**

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LUKE 4:21



The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed. ~

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We received notice this week that long-time member Shirley Stevwing died on January 16th. Shirley has been living with her daughter Raelene in Myrtle Beach SC since 2014, but enjoyed regular mailings and news from her church. Please keep her family in prayer.

A memorial service for Shirley has been scheduled for SATURDAY, MAY 21st at 1:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church.

COUNCIL CORNER

Congrats and thank you to those who accepted the Council's nominations. Our officers for 2022 are as follows:

President - Leonard Jansen

Vice President - Becky Nyren

Recording Secretary - Jackie Marfisi

Correspondence Secretary - Bernadette Thompson

Treasurer - Ray Lardin

pastor's pizza party!



COME TO LUNCH AFTER
CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 6TH &
MAKE VALENTINES FOR OUR
HOMEBOUND MEMBERS!

PLEASE DISTANCE YOURSELF
ACCORDINGLY AS WE GATHER



Pastor's Pizza Party!

Join me after church on Sunday February 6th to make Valentine's Day cards for our homebound members! All ages are welcome, but please let me know if you're coming so we have enough pizza! I'll provide craft supplies, but if you have extras please bring some to share!



pray & crochet

No matter your skill level, we'll pray together
and make blankets for those who might
need an extra layer of compassion.

THANK YOU

We have received so many donations of yarn from local folks - and



Paying Attention

Joseph Imhoff

One of the most important skills we should learn in school is to pay attention, not just hearing but listening and understanding the words which are being spoken. From pre-school through high school instruction comes from textbooks assigned by the teacher who may add or comment on what is printed on the page. In colleges and universities more information comes through lectures than from the reading assignments given by professors, instructors or teaching assistants, paying attention and taking concise notes is of the utmost importance.

We live in a time that has lost the tradition of oral communication, of stories passed down within families told by older generations to younger ones, no, there are terse text messages and e-mail which may quickly be erased and forgotten. Still, the spoken word, either being read aloud or in oration such as a sermon is still as powerful as ever if we pay attention.

When I was reading over the lessons for this Sunday it struck me how much more effective they were spoken than read on the page. In fact, the readings themselves make that point!

Right off the bat the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah 'SAYING'. He is then told the he is going to be the spokesperson for God who is giving him the words to speak to the people. The chosen people had difficulty with attention deficit and needed reminding of their duty to God.

The Psalm by nature is sung or recited aloud, often by the entire congregation. The second lesson also begins with speaking, this time it is St. Paul with his explanation of the power of love in all things.

Hometown Surprise

In today's gospel, Jesus has returned to his hometown, a community eager to welcome him back into their midst. Perhaps they assumed Jesus would meet their familiar welcome with special favor. But instead, Jesus shakes things up by pointing to God's presence in the lives of outsiders. This is not exactly the message the hometown folks were expecting to hear!

Jesus recalls the widow at Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, two outsiders in whom God chose to demonstrate divine healing power. This text is an invitation for people in every time and place to consider how whenever we think we have God figured out, God instead shows up in the lives of those we least expect. Every time we place God at the center of our own world, God's Spirit nudges us to expand our horizons to notice the Holy at work in other communities too.

In homeless shelters and prisons, in immigration detention centers and tense board rooms, in ritzy hotels and dingy bars, in hospital rooms and messy kitchens—in every ordinary, imperfect, and painful place, God is here bringing about new life and freedom. In traditions we don't understand, in cultures unfamiliar to us, in people we would rather write off as "other," God dwells, creating and loving and restoring.

Even within our own churches, God defies any logic about what is holy and what is not. God shows up in the ordinary objects of bread and wine and water, in the bodies of flawed and fragile people gathered for worship, in the sticky hands and juice-stained mouths of children waving their Sunday school crafts. In these imperfect and beautiful things Jesus declares the presence of the kingdom of God.

May our hearts be open to notice Christ in the places we least expect him to be. ~



On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30

Upcoming Commemorations

Presentation of Our Lord

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865

Thursday, February 3, 2022

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

food pantry needs...



RICE
RAVIOLI
TUNA & CANNED CHICKEN
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
ANY CONDIMENTS
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
SLOPPY JOE/MANWICH
CAKE MIX & ICING
JELL-O

The CLC Food Pantry is open 9:30—
11:30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday.

30 8:30am Confirmation class 9:30am Sunday Worship	31 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry	1 FEBRUARY 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry	2 4-8pm Millvale Community Counseling Center Services	3 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm Sewing 7pm Choir Practice	4 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm NA Meets Library or Gathering Place	5 9am AA Meets-Library 7pm NA Meets-Library
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