

CLC Weekly Update - February 20th, 2022

**7th Sunday after Epiphany**

"Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you"

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**this Sunday, February 20 at 9:30AM**  
**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**  
please visit us at: <https://www.clcmillvale.com>

## WORSHIP WITH US

**7th Sunday after Epiphany**

**First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

**Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

Looking for a  
Church that  
serves the  
Community?

*In the neighborhood...*  
*For good.*





# Love your enemies

LUKE 6:27

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.



March 2nd 7:00pm

Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes





Preventing perfectly good food from going to waste.



## Special Volunteers Needed to receive donations at CLC

Because of our Food Pantry's partnership with **412 Food Rescue**, donations of fresh food can come at any

time during the week.

Do you live or work close by, and have a fairly flexible schedule? Speak with Pastor Erin ASAP to be "on-call" for days of your choosing and you can meet our donations at the door and put them in the pantry.

Click here to learn about the work that 412 Food Rescue does for our community: <https://412foodrescue.org/>

**The CLC Food Pantry is open 9:30-11:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**



**THANK YOU!** to all the kids and adults who stayed for our pizza party and made beautiful Valentine's Day cards for us to send out!

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## CLC Council News:

- Council recently filled two vacancies for this year. Thanks to Jean Thens and Joe Imhoff for agreeing to take those spots on council!
- Pastor Evans' interim contract will be up for renewal in April, and this discussion will be a part of our council agenda for March. If you have any input or questions regarding this process please don't hesitate to reach out to Council President, Lennie Jansen.



### Thank You From Dorie and Fran Budzick:

Dear Members and Friends of CLC,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! As you heard in church on Sunday, Fran and I are resigning from the food pantry as of February 28. We wanted to take a moment to say one last time, Thank You.

We really appreciate all your donations to the food pantry. Without your support, the Christ Lutheran Church Food Pantry would not be a success. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of taking charge of this ministry for the church. We hope you will continue to support the food pantry as the need in the community is great.

Be safe. Thank you again. See you in Church!

*Fran and Dorie Budzick*



### Now is the time for members and friends of CLC to step up their support of our Food Pantry!

The outpouring of generous donations is evident, but can you spare a few hours of your time each month to work at the Pantry?

The Food Pantry is currently open from 9:30am-



# Black History Month



This Week's Black History Month Link:  
*Do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA?*  
Watch this video for a challenging and  
provocative look at both the history and  
current state of traditionally Black Churches  
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America.

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**Do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA?:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtD41cytL9Q>

**FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022**

**The Mother of Black Lutheranism in America:** <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/02/the-mother-of-black-lutheranism-in-america/>

**The First African American Woman Lutheran Pastor:**

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/chicago-sun-times/20141217/282102045018096>

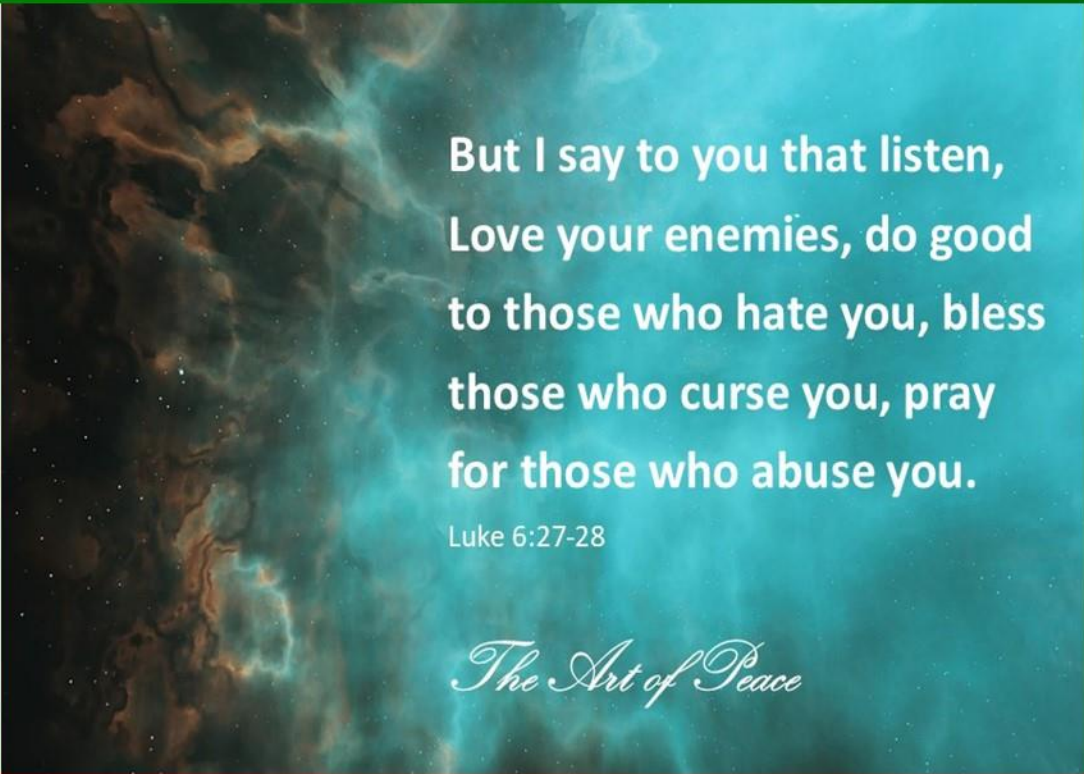
**The First Deaconess of African Descent - Sister Emma Francis:**

<https://www.facebook.com/LSSVI/posts/today-is-the-birthday-of-sister-emma-francis-a-west-indian-woman-of-faith-and-wi/2167691269997406/>

**FEBRUARY 6TH, 2022**

**Rev. Jehu Jones:** <https://www.swpasynod.org/stories/jehujones>





But I say to you that listen,  
Love your enemies, do good  
to those who hate you, bless  
those who curse you, pray  
for those who abuse you.

Luke 6:27-28

*The Art of Peace*

## Cocreators in Christ's Reign

Jesus' words in today's gospel reading are challenging. But more than a list of dos and don'ts, today's text is an invitation to enter a countercultural way of living: a lifestyle that meets antagonism with mercy, scarcity with generosity, and selfishness with abundant love. It is not a call to passivity or silence, to complicity in injustice, or to acceptance of the way things are in order to avoid conflict. Instead, it is a call to let God's merciful justice and compassionate grace define our stories, our relationships, and our very existence so that we might be agents of change. It is a call to experience the freedom that only Christ can give. It is a call to join God as cocreators of a new kingdom where Christ's reign turns what we think we know on its head.

We practice this countercultural lifestyle every time we gather for worship as we remember who we are and whose we are as God's beloved children, and as we confess the ways we have not lived up to this identity. We are shaped by God's words of justice, mercy, and grace, and we enter into a story that extends far beyond ourselves. We name the hurting places in our world, places of hatred and abuse and scarcity, and pray that God's



## My Word! 2

Joseph Imhoff

But back to words themselves. What would we do without them? They are a necessity. From the first grunts to the noblest Elizabethan play and poetry and to the language of text messaging, communicating ideas has been the sole purpose of words. Words give us names for objects, for actions, for feelings; there are nice words, bad words, words we never speak. The Indo-European family of languages has hundreds, even thousands, of languages, dialects, and local variations, including, Bostonian, New York Bronx and even Pittsburghese. P.S. Yinz is a corruption of younz!

With all those variables between languages and their dialects an exact translation of the Bible is not possible. The Old Testament written in Hebrew which is still used Jewish in services has words whose meaning has changed over the centuries makes some expressions incomprehensible even to Jewish scholars of today.

Four or five years ago Pope Francis opened a can of worms, not for fishing, when he proclaimed 'Lead us not into temptation' was an incorrect English translation without comment on the Latin 'et ne nos inducas in tentationem'. Scholars quickly chose sides, some saying he was right, others saying that he was rewriting sacred text. The problem is not the words trial, test, or temptation but 'inducas' meaning to lead or bring to from the Latin verb induco.

The definitive Greek Orthodox Bible affirms that 'eisenenkês', that is 'lead' or 'bring in', from which the Latin was translated is the word which means 'take or lead in'. There is no record of what Jesus said in Aramaic, those who wrote it down in Greek using that word may never have heard the original but a recitation from memory by some-



## Upcoming Commemorations

**Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

**Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

**Friday, February 25, 2022**

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.



## Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

20 8:30am 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class 9:30am- Sunday Worship 12-5pm Gathering place	21 Food Bank 9:30 - 11:30am 5-6pm TOPS CLUB	22 Food Bank 9:30 am- 11:30am	23 4-8pm Anchorpoint 6-7pm Girl Scouts- Gathering Place 5:30pm Sewing	24 Food Bank 9:30 am-11:30am Boy Scouts 5:30-7pm 7pm-Choir Practice	25 Food Bank 9:30- 11:30am 7:00pm NA Meets Library	26 9am AA Meets-Library 7pm NA Meets-Library
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