

CLC Weekly Update - March 13th, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

“How often have I desired to gather your children . . .”

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

this Sunday, March 13 at 9:30AM

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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

WORSHIP WITH US

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord." ~



REGISTRATION FOR CAMP LUTHERLYN

For more than seventy years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience! Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school. In addition to summer camp programs for school age children and teens, Lutherlyn offers Family Camp for campers of ANY age to enjoy.

CLC has scholarship money available for all young persons who would like to attend camp! Click here for Lutherlyn-



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?

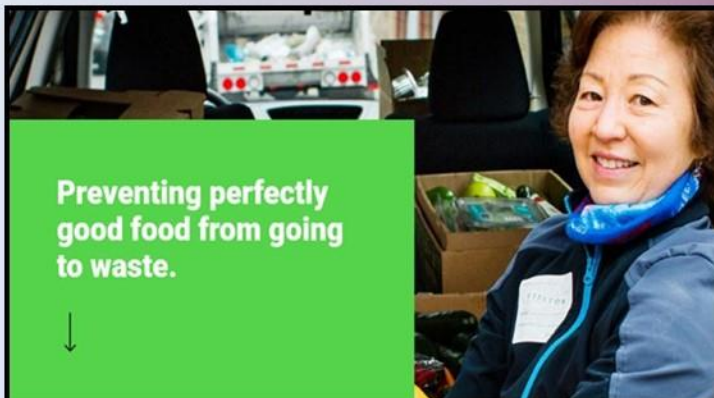
The Food Pantry is currently open from 9:30am-11:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We would like to keep this same schedule through March, while thinking about ways we can make changes and involve more volunteers (and feed more clients) who typically work weekdays. The council is committed to this work, and we'll be putting together a group of supporters soon to brainstorm next steps.

Right now we need volunteers to pack groceries for clients on weekday mornings. Sign-up with this link, and see for yourself the great ministry happening here on a daily basis. See your Weekly Update for online sign in or go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaea722a4ff2-food>

MEETING AFTER CHURCH on SUNDAY, MARCH 13th

For all interested volunteers and supporters of the food pantry! Let's brainstorm, collaborate, and review the work that needs to happen!

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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



Give It Up . . . Joseph Imhoff

During this time of the Church year there used to be talk about giving something up for Lent, a phrase one doesn't hear much these days. But we do hear, "Give it up!" all the time. Language has a curious way of changing in the most unexpected ways at unexpected times. "Let's give it up!" is emcee speak for, "Hey folks, let's give it up for Andy! One huge round of applause please!" coined in March of 1990 in the US in a Usenet newsgroup posting and picked up by British emcees.

This far from the fasting we think of when giving up something for Lent. We live in times of abundance, all year around we can purchase just about every kind of food through the miracles of preservation and transportation. Until the industrial revolution, this was not always the case. Families had to gather most of the food in the Fall to last until Spring and considering the severity of the Winter had to make it stretch to the time when the first fruits were available. There was a certain discipline in this fasting.

The Church also gave an incentive by creating the forty days before Easter along with specified fasting. Sound familiar, forty years in the wilderness, the forty days of temptation, and, new to me, forty hours from the Crucifixion to the Resurrection! Perhaps they went overboard on the rules about eating and the various exemptions given? Traditionally the days of fasting were Wednesday and Friday. But these were the devices of men and not found directly in Scripture, though fasting is mentioned as a means of penance, along with donning of sackcloth and the use of ashes.

Perhaps as we approach the discipline of Lent should include fasting (the self denial envelope is one means), penance, and prayer! We should give up our pride and don humility, search our souls to

The Hard Way



In Luke's gospel, Jesus sets a course toward Jerusalem, even though he knows what he will face there. His gospel of forgiveness and inclusion will prove intolerable to the powers of the empire, eventually resulting in his execution. Still, when he is warned, he responds, "I must be on my way" (Luke 13:33), and laments for the city that will kill him. Jesus is not naive about violence and conflict in the world. He heads straight for it anyway, knowing what he is called to do.

We are often faced with choices in which doing the right thing means some inconvenience or hardship. Spiritual disciplines during Lent offer practice for rising to these challenges, such as giving up single-use plastics in order to limit our impact on the planet. On a deeper level, moving toward racial justice as a country asks people to learn more about the continuing impact of hundreds of years of slavery and segregation, and to make choices and implement policies that address this continuing legacy.

Where do we get the resolve to do the right thing—even when it means taking the hard way?

Perhaps doing the right thing even when it's hard begins as it did for Jesus in his prayer of lament for Jerusalem: with honesty and an openly broken heart. As a cry of sadness or anger, lament rests us in the communal bonds of shared

Easter Flower Orders

You can call-in your Order to the Office Voicemail at 412-821-4300

before April 3 with your Name and Phone

Please mail-in your payment immediately:

CLC, 917 Evergreen Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209.

*Lilies, Tulips
Hyacinths*

Easter Flowers 2022

LILIES:

_____ **5+ Bloom Lilies- \$10.00**
White (ONLY)

TULIPS: 5/6 Bloom 6"- \$7.00
Circle color choice and #

Red White Pink Yellow

#_____ #_____ #_____ #_____

Orange Purple Bi-Color

#_____ #_____ #_____

Hyacinths: 4 Bloom 7"- \$9.00
Circle color choice and #

Pink White Blue

#_____ #_____ #_____

Please write down name, in honor of; or, in memory of a loved one.

☐ check here to give to homebound member as a gift from CLC

Please mark total of purchase:

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.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. ✝

Upcoming Commemorations

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461
Thursday, March 17, 2022

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
Saturday, March 19, 2022

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

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