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For good.



CLC Weekly Update - May 8, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday, May 8 at 9:30AM
Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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**My sheep
hear my
voice**

JOHN 10:27

WORSHIP WITH US
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

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The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Upcoming Celebrations:

May 15th:
Baptism of
Zealand James McComb



June 5th:
Confirmation of
Kevin Jansen and Riley Hahn



UKRAINE - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send \$3279 to Lutheran Disaster Response for help with refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Read more here about what LDR does. LDR is currently on the ground working with other partners and local churches to serve refugees from Ukraine in several Eastern European countries.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>

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SOUTHWESTERN PA SYNOD ASSEMBLY INFO

This year's synod assembly will be via Zoom once again, with an option to attend in-person worship!

**ONLINE VIA ZOOM: THURSDAY, JUNE 16 (6 - 9:30 PM) AND
SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (9 AM - 5:30 PM) IN-PERSON WORSHIP:
FRIDAY, JUNE 17 @ 7 PM**

Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 151 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: THE MOST REV. MICHAEL CURRY.
(Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church)**

Voting Member Information: Due to the online nature of this year's assembly, two minimum technical abilities will be required. You must be able to use a computer or tablet with a microphone and camera - AND a tablet or phone as a voting device with the Vevox app.

**SEE YOUR CLC WEEKLY UPDATE FOR MORE INFORMATION or
GO TO: <https://www.swpasynod.org/assembly2022>**

Let Pastor Erin or Council President Lennie Jansen know if you are interested in attending as a voting member from CLC.



On Easter Sunday CLC volunteers delivered Easter Flowers to our members in nursing homes and those who are homebound.

In the coming months, we want to rebuild our Home Communion Team, so let Pastor Erin know if you'd be willing to be a trained Lay Communion Visitor!

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH PICNIC POTLUCK

Bring a side or dessert to share, and don't
forget your play clothes! Lunch and
fellowship followed by fun and games!

JUNE 5th after worship - Rain or shine!

food pantry hours



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MONDAY AND FRIDAY
MORNINGS 9:30-11:30

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:
COFFEE AND JELLY

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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, cook-outs, 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! Please speak to Ray Lardin, CLC Treasurer, for info regarding our scholarship, and speak to Pastor Erin with any questions about the outdoor ministry experience! Visit online at: https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html or call the office at 412-821-4300 for a flier.

This Week at CLC

- May 8 - 8:30am 8th Grade Confirmation Class
9:30am Worship Service**
- May 9 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry
5-6pm Tops Club; 6:15pm Yoga; 7pm Council Meeting;
7-9pm Pain Clinic**
- May 11 - 4-7pm Millvale Community Counseling
5-7pm Food Pantry; 5:30pm Sewing; 6-8pm Girl Scouts**
- May 12 - 10am Pray & Crochet
6-8pm Boy Scouts; 7pm Choir**
- May 13 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry; 7pm NA**
- May 14 - 9am AA, 7pm NA**
- May 15 - 8:30am 8th Grade Confirmation Class
9:30am Worship Service**

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All We Like Sheep

Joseph Imhoff

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." This chorus from Handel's Messiah Part II, No. 26 is an appropriate introduction to the Fourth Sunday of Easter referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Sheep are stupid and need to be led, prodded, in the right direction, that was the assessment of Pastor George after attending a retreat where tending sheep was one of the duties, he was not referring to the flock of CLC!

The Dialogues are Plato's homage to Socrates and The Republic is the greatest. In it a group of friends meet for dinner and discussion, much like an adult Sunday study group.

At 345c, Socrates replies to Thrasymachus' political argument comparing a ruler to a shepherd (sound familiar) as being interested only in the culinary possibilities.

"For I must remark, Thrasymachus, if you will recall what was previously said, ... a shepherd tends the sheep not with a view to their own good, but like a mere diner or banqueter with a view to the pleasures of the table. Yet surely the art of the shepherd is concerned only with the good of his subjects; he has only to provide the best for them...! I conceived that the art of the ruler... could only regard the good of his flock or subjects."

In ancient times a shepherd was a low skill (minimum wage) job just above tending swine as in the story of the Prodigal Son. The loss of a sheep might be deducted from the shepherd's wages. The art Socrates referred to is concern, the shepherd to the ruler.

I doubt Socrates or Plato were familiar with אֶחָסֶד יְהוָה David's "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." , לא

In John: 10, the lesson for all three cycles of the lectionary, Jesus puts forth his duties as the 'good shepherd'. "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father." - "Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father!"

We are poor little lambs who have lost our way. Baa, baa, baa! ~



Aligned by Grace

As a group corners Jesus in the portico at the time of the festival of the Dedication, they are intent on determining whether he is the Messiah. Jesus' response points to two things: the words he has spoken and the testimony of his works. Jesus' words and works are aligned, and this integrity is grounded in the unity of Jesus and the Father.

People are complicated. We have an ability to justify ourselves when our speech and our actions do not align. We have a capacity to hold together contradictory ideas, some of which can be full of love, others of which can be harmful to our neighbors. We are not sometimes good and sometimes sinful, but both at once.

How does this paradox impact our integrity and our witness? Our words and actions matter in that they affect other people. To the extent that we can put effort into aligning our speech and our deeds in faithful ways, we should do so, but ultimately it is Jesus who draws us into alignment. The voice of Jesus is like the magnetic force that brings the compass needle to point north, or like the mechanic who adjusts the alignment on a car so it will steer straight.

We will inevitably get out of alignment with our values and our faith from time to time, but the voice of the Shepherd is always there to invite us back into alignment with grace and love. As we seek to live with faithful integrity, we do so with the promise that we cannot be snatched away from God. ~

Upcoming Commemorations

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

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When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

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Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Monday, May 9, 2022

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

Matthias, Apostle

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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