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For good.



## Worship with Us

### The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**CLC Weekly Update - August 14, 2022**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**This Sunday, August 14 at 9:30AM**



# WORSHIP WITH US

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

**Psalm 82**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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Do you think  
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LUKE 12:51

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” ~



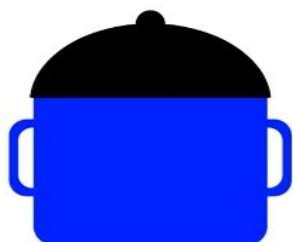
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## POTLUCK LUNCH!

SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH

AFTER WORSHIP

BRING A SIDE DISH OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE!



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# SUNDAY STEAM



SCIENCE



TRUTH

ENGINEERING



ART

MUSIC



PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6

SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

## **NEW Sunday School!**

Sunday STEAM is a one room school house model for kids PreK through 6th grade. We'll share bible stories and incorporate STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. We will have several main teachers to cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, art projects, problem-solving and make music. Come have hands-on fun every Sunday, starting September 11th. Talk to Pastor Erin or Mandy Freiss to get on board, and watch for a mailing!

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# Thrivent Action Teams

Creating positive change in your community can be easier than you think.  
Start small and watch your impact grow. You can make a difference.

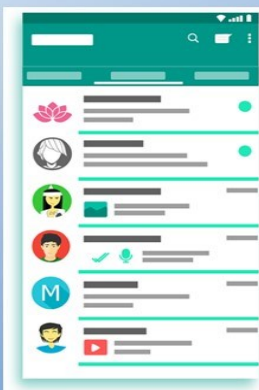
## Thrivent Action Teams Grants!

Do you have a Thrivent insurance policy or mortgage? Did you know that you may be eligible to receive a \$250 grant once or twice a year for a project that benefits your community? Talk to Pastor Erin to learn how to apply for it and you can use it for any number of missions and ministries at CLC!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

It is our hope that we'll have a basic member directory to share with you soon, but we'll need your help!

If you would NOT like your contact information listed, please let the office know. Once we have a draft, we'll have it available to be checked after Sunday worship to make sure we have your information listed correctly.



## food pantry update



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**5:00PM-7:00PM**

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS:**  
**RAMEN NOODLES**  
**BOXED PASTA**

**The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.**

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## SUMMER STEWARDSHIP NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIN

It's my fervent hope that this is a relaxing and SAFE summer for all! My own family has roadtrip plans, camping plans, beach plans, and plans to see some close friends who live far away.

We all know that summer worship attendance takes a dip while we all enjoy the great outdoors(or air conditioned bliss!), but can we talk about our summer offerings and tithes?

No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this summer, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Or do like I do, and schedule a check to be sent once a month through your bank's website. If you've already done this, or you remember to mail an envelope when you can't be physically present with us, thank you!

Go to: <https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>



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.

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# Our Hands

Joseph Imhoff

Going over the Church calendar of upcoming events I came across one that is unique to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American, “God’s Work, Our Hands”, an annual day of service. That got me started on thinking about what we do with our hands, just about everything, we use them for work, for play almost action we take, some people use their hands when they talk! We take them for granted until we see someone who has lost a hand or arm and wonder what it feels like; prostheses have come a long way in that regard but not quite to the level of ones provided to Luke Skywalker or Darth Vader in the movies.

How does this fit into God’s Work? God is at work, and Jesus embodies what God is working on-the new creation. As members of the community of believers the Holy Spirit works through us and through our hands. We do God’s work, not because God needs us to do so but because our neighbor does!

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” (Psalm 90:17)

This year “God’s Work, Our Hands” is scheduled for Sunday September 11, though individual congregations may choose a different Sunday if need be. It is interesting to note that on the home page of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America directly under the name is the phrase, “God’s Work, Our Hands”. The purpose is to celebrate who we are as the ELCA-one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

Though CLC will be celebrating Rally Day for the Sunday school on that day, the spirit of “God’s Work, Our Hands” is very much a part of this congregation with “In the Neighborhood for Good”! ~



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## **A Division That Brings Peace**

Today’s word is difficult to hear, but all too obvious at the same time. The message of God’s governance among us, which lifts up the lowly and challenges the mighty, brings division. The good news brings division because some welcome it with exuberant joy, since it is the only good news they hear, and some resist it because it is a profound challenge to human assumptions about God, the world, and us.

We might be surprised to hear Jesus say he has not come to bring peace, but division. This is because he insists on a gospel of peace for everyone, not just a few. The division Jesus speaks of is not the goal, but it is the inevitable outcome of insisting that everyone is included in God’s family. Division and conflict are the price he is willing to pay if that’s what it takes to usher in a world of true peace rooted in God’s mercy. Jesus paid that price when he was crucified for his faithfulness to God’s welcoming way.

The church continues the ministry of Jesus when it enters into the fray of lifting up people the world deems unwelcome or lowly. Who is excluded or marginalized in your community? Why is this so? Does your church mirror this exclusion and marginalization, or does it transcend it with a welcome to those very persons left out elsewhere? What division has this faithfulness to the gospel caused?

The most wonderful witness the church gives, and the most divisive thing it does, is declare forgiveness to every repentant heart in Christ’s name: the excluded and the exclusive, the lowly and the mighty. The most beautiful inbreaking of the governance of God is when humble persons gather around Christ’s table, open their hands to receive bread and wine, and deeply embrace their own welcome and their neighbor’s welcome at the very same table. In that sacramental moment, the peace that led to division turns into complete peace. ~

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## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

### **Mary, Mother of Our Lord Monday, August 15, 2022**

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

### **Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153 Saturday, August 20, 2022**

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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## Southwestern PA Synod News



As a congregation of the SWPA Synod, we support and contribute to the ministry of the whole church in many ways! Check out what the Synod is up to, what other congregations are doing, and read about ministry and mission in Southwestern PA! Here are two links to the Synod Website:

**Weekly Newsletter and Quarterly Magazine:**

<https://www.swpasynod.org/wayfarer>

**Synod News and Letters from the Office of the Bishop:**

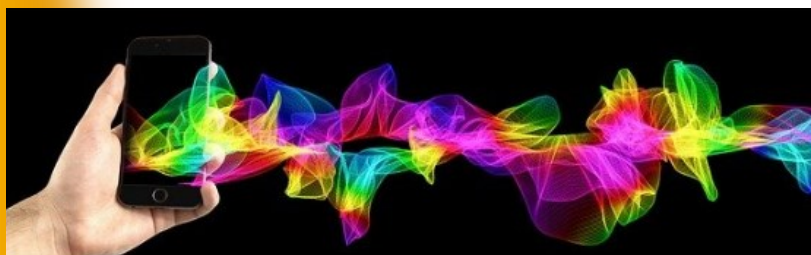
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