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For good.



Worship with Us

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Deacon's Mass**

Deacon Amy Santoriello preaching

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CLC Weekly Update - August 7, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, August 7 at 9:30AM



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First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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***Be dressed
for action
and have your
lamps lit***

LUKE 12:35



Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear. ~

Pastor Erin will be out for continuing education time and vacation from August 1 - August 14th.

Deacon Amy Santoriello will be our guest preacher on August 7th, and **Pastor Jennifer Soltis (570) 401-1764** will provide pastoral care in case of an emergency.



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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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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JOIN OUR CONGREGATION FOR A

POTLUCK LUNCH!

SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH

AFTER WORSHIP

BRING A SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT TO SHARE!



food pantry update



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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.

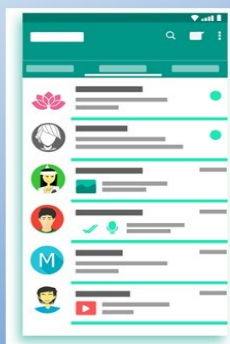
With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Or do like I do, and schedule a check to be sent once a month through your bank's website. If you've already done this, or you remember to mail an envelope when you can't be physically present with us, thank you!

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

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.



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A New Covenant

Joseph Imhoff

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם, שהכל ברא לכבו

Transliteration: Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam shehakol bara lichvodo. "Blessed are You, LORD, our God, sovereign of the universe, who created everything for His Glory." This is a Talmudic prayer alluding to the fact that every person and thing has a place in God's universe. It is most often associated with the covenant of marriage in the Jewish ceremony.

As you have heard from Lenny Jansen on a Sunday morning and will hear from others in the future the church council wrestled with the idea of how to show its commitment to the future of Christ Lutheran Church in Millvale honoring the slogan "In the Neighborhood for Good".

To that end on the advice of Dr. Graham Standish, a professional who assists congregations in times of transition, the council created its own covenant as a way of defining its place and responsibility within CLC. The idea of covenants is very Biblical in nature, often accompanied by animal sacrifice and burnt offerings, none of which the council endeavored.

The tradition of the covenant continues when we hear the term to make one's bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah, we think that it is similar to what we call confirmation but within the Hebrew tradition! "Today I am a man or woman!" is the usual phrase. Yes and no! Bar means son, bat means daughter, Simon bar Jonah was Simon son of John, Peter the Apostle.

Bar mitzvah, son of the Covenant; bat mitzvah, daughter of the Covenant. It is a pledge to God, Adonai, יהוה, a word, a name, too sacred to utter. We are heirs of that tradition, children of the Covenant, the New Covenant.

"A new Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

This is the new Covenant, the last Mitzvah, sealed by Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. It binds all who believe to him, not by fear, but in love.

Apology: Due to bad typing and proof-reading I let the dates for Heinrich Schütz indicate he was born 200 years later and died, not 13 years before he was born but 100 years later! The year of his birth should have been 1585, the year of death 1672! Sorry about that. ~

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!

Security Systems That Don't Fail

Jesus knows that we worry about a lot of things. Many people who own a lot of possessions live in fear of losing them. Some find that a security system installed with cameras and sensors and smart doorbells can lower their anxiety. But even with internet-of-things technology, these security systems do not stop the risk of theft. We may get a video of someone stealing our stuff, but we still lose the stuff. Anxiety over losing what we have persists and may in fact be ever-present as our cell phones alert us to each passerby at the front door.

Jesus proposes several other security systems that transform our anxiety over losing what we have into a different kind of calm. The first one he offers is probably the least popular: Sell your possessions and give the money to the poor. You don't have to worry about your belongings being stolen if you get rid of them. It's a radical option, but an option nonetheless.

Jesus also proposes another kind of security: Place value in the things that can't be stolen. When we treasure the mercy and love of God as our most prized possession, we have what no one else can take. We have a security system that does not fail. We have deep and abiding peace. Our fears are calmed.

There is one additional security system to which Jesus invites us: Have confidence that it is God's good pleasure to give us life with God, life in a world where everyone has enough and no one worries about losing it, life where we all know we are equally beloved. When this is our treasure, when it is where we place our hearts, we find the peace that is a secure gift. ~

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Upcoming Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 Monday, August 8, 2022

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 Wednesday, August 10, 2022

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Thursday, August 11, 2022

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Saturday, August 13, 2022

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

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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:

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

PRAYER of the DAY

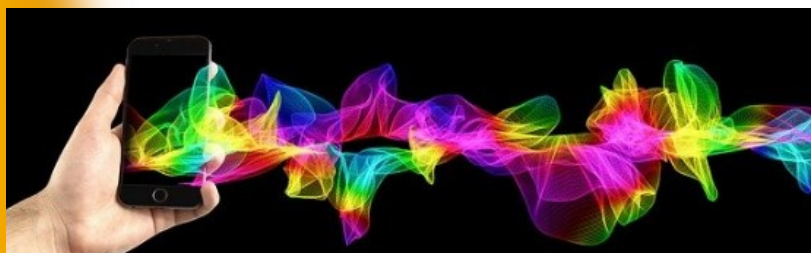
Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



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