



Worship with Us

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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CLC Weekly Update - October 2, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. ~

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HARVEST HOMECOMING Is This SUNDAY, October 2!

Join us as we celebrate all that God has provided for us, the heritage of God's word, and the home we have in God's house. We give thanks by giving back, and will have a special offering of donations for the food pantry that morning. With our Harvest Homecoming Offering Envelopes, we will give one more time to the investment we've made in our "home" through the Capital Campaign. We will also have mums available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary, see the information below!



The mums decorating the sanctuary are in honor of and in memory of those who have planted the seeds and passed on the faith. If you would like to take one home with you, please write the name of someone who taught you about faith on one of the ribbons and tie it onto the chicken wire frame before worship, or during the offering. ***A free will donation for the mums can be placed in the small basket in the narthex.***





NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**Starting October 12th, Pastor Erin will lead
"Psalms and Prayers."**



This class will not only explore the basics of prayer, how to pray, and patterns for prayer, but perhaps offer a thoughtful counter-perspective to the phrase "thoughts and prayers" as we respond to situations in our life. Learn from the Psalms how to pray, alongside Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and explore the richness of scripture as it grounds our prayers. This class will be just six weeks long - sign up in the narthex after church or let Pastor Erin know you are interested.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL for PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM**

SUNDAY STEAM IS IN FULL SWING!

Thanks to everyone who came to our Rally and Rejoice Ice Cream Social Party, those who helped with set up, and clean up, and Pat Bauer who contributed to a rocking party with her drum circle talents.

Sunday STEAM is a one room schoolhouse curriculum for Sunday school that pairs scripture with science! Join us this week for some chemical reactions!

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Our sympathy and prayer extends to the family of homebound member Carol Dressel, who died this week following an extended illness. <https://www.bockltd.com/obituaries/carol-dressel>

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. †

food pantry update



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Pancake Mix and
Pancake Syrup

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

YOGA at CLC!

Join this small class on the
2nd and 4th Monday of
each month at 6:00pm.
No experience necessary,
\$10 donation per class.

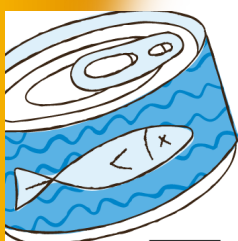


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Millvale Food Council Food Drive and Community Dinner here at CLC

The Food Council is sponsoring a community food drive at area businesses and churches. We have such a generous and supportive community! Then we will welcome our neighbors back to break bread with us and hear a little more about the Food Council and our partnerships. ▼



Millvale Food Council

FOOD DRIVE

DONATE during September 2022
at area businesses to support
CLC Food Pantry

COMMUNITY DINNER

ATTEND October 16th 5pm-7pm
COMMUNITY DINNER AT
Christ Lutheran Church
917 Evergreen Ave

With presentations from Millvale Food Council Community
Partners and information about food programs for Millvale

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE APPEAL

View the LDR letter about recent natural disasters
and the help LDR provides online at:

<https://community.elca.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293-110f79f4b72d&trid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293-110f79f4b72d>

This Week at CLC:

Sunday

October 2 - Harvest Home Sunday

8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am Worship @ CLC

Monday

October 3 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5-6pm TOPS CLUB

Wednesday

October 5 - 4-7pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Thursday

October 6 - 12:30-4:30pm Mobile Health RV

5:30pm Sewing

5:30-7pm Boy Scouts

7pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday

October 7 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7:30pm NA in Library

Saturday

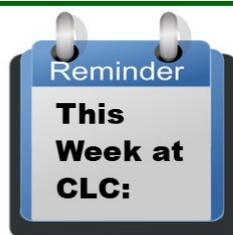
October 8 - 9am AA in Library

7pm NA in Library

Sunday

October 9 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am Worship @ CLC



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Homecoming

Joseph Imhoff

Grove City College's homecoming is this weekend, I've been receiving E-mails since March about marking the date on my calendar followed by more of the details and today's "Things to Know Before You Go". The logo was a stylized depiction of the arched bridge crossing Wolf Creek separating the upper and lower campuses, above that: ALL ROADS LEAD HOME. Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2022. Each year graduated classes on a five year cycle are invited, this year they are classes ending in 2 and 7 neither of which is my year. Locally, every high school holds their own homecoming inviting their graduates and the public for a celebration of school spirit.

Christ Lutheran Church is celebrating Harvest Homecoming this very same weekend, without a football game though you are free to watch the Steelers later in the afternoon. Fall has always been the time for churches to sponsor dinners, many hold a form of Oktoberfests or Harvest Home dinners and invite the community to share in the meal and fellowship.

The evangelism committee was thinking of a plan to reach out to members who may not have been to the church in some time, the idea of inviting them to come home was bandied about with harvest time at hand and homecomings abounding in the community and CLC's Oktoberfest already in place something just clicked and the first Harvest Homecoming service was planned for the same weekend as the Oktoberfest, both a reaching out into the community, and they have remained a staple ever since excluding the pandemic years.

It is more than just a special service and a dinner, it is an invitation to see what CLC is doing and the plans it has for the future. It is a home within the community, "In the Neighborhood for Good", where all are welcome, members and non-members, friends and strangers.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." This is the reason CLC is in our neighborhood for good! ~

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Less Is More

“Increase our faith!” cry the disciples in today’s gospel (Luke 17:5). Maybe you have come to worship with the same hope. Our world and lives are full of challenges that constantly test our limits—the limits of our patience, our love, our hope, our capacity for justice and mercy. Wouldn’t it be nice to have as much of those things as possible? Wouldn’t that allow us to fix this broken world?

But Jesus’ response is exactly the opposite—when it comes to faith, he tells his disciples to think small—like the size of a minuscule mustard seed. While that may not sound like enough, it will be if we can let go of thinking we are in control. The power of faith, Jesus tells us, does not come from the quantity we possess; it comes from placing our trust in the one who possesses everything.

If our trust shifts from God to ourselves, no amount of faith will ever be enough. God did not make us to be masters, so when we place ourselves in that position, anxiety and overwhelm are sure to follow. Instead, Christ calls us to be servants of an abundance that we will never possess or control. This is the abundance of God’s kingdom—where faith, hope, and love exist without limit. Even the smallest amount of trust in this abundance is enough because it pins our hearts and hopes on the one who is truly in control.

The things this assembly of faith-seekers will offer one another today are small, but with just a mustard seed of faith they can be so much more. Here, simple human words can become the vessels of the divine Word, bringing healing and transformation to our lives. Here, drops of water can wash away sins and create heirs to God’s kingdom. Here, bread and wine can become the food that offers us life everlasting through Christ’s victory over death. ~

Upcoming Commemorations

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Friday, October 7, 2022

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

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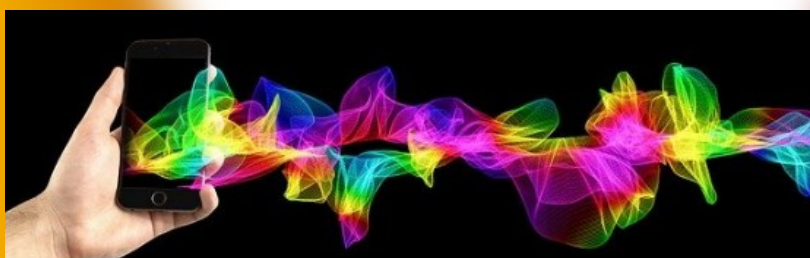
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