



CLC Weekly Update - November 27, 2022
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
Today, November 27th at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

The First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Worship with Us **1st Sunday of Advent**

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Join us here at CLC
in preparation for
the Birth of Christ
during the wonderful

Season of Advent

Christmas Worship Times

Saturday December 24th:
Christmas Eve Worship with
Holy Communion at 7:00pm.

Sunday December 25th:
Christmas Day Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion
at 9:30am.

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Keep awake

MATTHEW 24:42

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The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God. ~



TURKEY TUESDAY THANK YOU!

We gave away groceries and turkeys to 80 families last Tuesday. Not only did we have 20 church members volunteering in various ways to make that day happen - we have the BEST neighbors and friends who donated and supported us!

To each of you that worked hard to feed our community -
THANK YOU!

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Stewardship Series Part 4

When we pray, "your kingdom come" - Luther's small catechism reminds us that indeed God's kingdom comes with or without our prayer, but we pray that it might come among us and through us. We say this prayer each week to remind us that we have a part to play and the many ways that the reign of God is manifest in this world includes our finances. Last week, I wrote about my choice to give regularly, because of the mission I believe in, AND because we creatures need to give, to offer, something of ourselves.

When you give to Christ Lutheran Church, you are participating in the Reign of Christ; God's kingdom manifest on earth. To be sure, our earthly institutions remain fallible and flawed, but nevertheless, fallible and flawed is how God has chosen to spread the gospel since Christ picked the first 12 disciples.

When we participate fully in the life of a congregation, with our time, talents and treasures, we minister to each other. We contribute to the community, each with the riches we possess, and work together for the full coming of God's kingdom. The church is a spiritual community where each is invited to fully participate in God's work.

I'm glad you are here. Your contribution matters to the fullness of the body of Christ. It wouldn't be the same without you.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Erin



food pantry update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS

5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

MACARONI AND CHEESE



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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ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

Craft Fair & Vendor Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Christmas Gifts for Kids

Once again with the help of your compassion and generosity, we'll be collecting gifts for local kids!

We'll have tags for you to pick up in the narthex. On each tag will be the first name and age of a child, and 1-3 suggestions for gifts. **PLEASE** do not feel like you must buy all three gifts. Ideally, we'd like to keep these under \$40- \$50 per child, so that we are able to provide as many children as possible a gift. **This year, please do NOT wrap gifts.**

If you can't go shopping, you can donate to support, and gifts will be purchased. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 18th.



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Home Communion Training

Do you have a few hours once a month to make a visit to one of our homebound members or a member in a nursing home facility?



Pastor Erin would like to train a team of folks to make these visits and provide regular care and connection for these members who are unable to attend worship. Please plan to attend information sessions after worship on either Sunday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 11th.



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

Sunday STEAM is a one room school house model for kids PreK through 6th grade. We share bible stories and incorporate STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. We 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. Join us each week for some chemical reactions!

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NEW! Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Medical Unit At CLC

Do you need a local Dr. you can walk to? Need a quick check up or conversation and not sure where to go? The Mobile Medical Unit RV will be parked here on **NORTH AVENUE, TWICE A MONTH**, for all your primary care needs! See the Flier below for more information and dates.



SQUIRREL HILL
HEALTH CENTER

SHHC'S MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IS COMING TO MILLVALE

Squirrel Hill Health Center's mobile medical unit provides primary healthcare services to Pittsburgh communities, regardless of patients' income level or insurance status. We treat patients of every age.

PAYMENTS AND INSURANCE: SHHC ACCEPTS ALL INSURANCES AND OFFERS A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNINSURED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHHC, PLEASE CALL
(412) 904-5284**

CLINIC DATES:

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH



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****Mobile Unit Will Be Parked on North Ave****

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Advent 1, Martin Luther

Joseph Imhoff

Help us to remain so steadfast that your coming kingdom will include and complete your kingdom begun here. Lead us out of this sinful and dangerous life. Help us to hate this life and to long for that life that is to come. Enable us not to dread death but to welcome it. Release us from the love and attachments of this life, so that your kingdom may be totally completed in us. Amen

Not surprisingly, Martin Luther provided prayers for every occasion, often more than one. For these four weeks of Advent I have chosen the ones recommended for each of those weeks. To help me along I found on-line Concordia Theological Quarterly, Vol 62:Nr 4, Oct 98, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., the subject being the Preaching of Luther in Advent and Christmas by John T. Pless.

It is observed that Advent and Christmas evoke the best in Luther's preaching as he proclaims Bethlehem's crib in light of the cross. Ulrich Asendorf rightly notes that "Luthers Advent sermons are a microcosm of his spiritual word." Side note: there are over 110 of his Christmas sermons now, half of them based on Luke 2: 1-20, comments welcome.

Somehow the basis for his First Sunday of Advent sermon is the reading from Matthew 21:1-9, Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. You saw that right! Is there a contradiction? It might seem so but there are parallels to be found.

"Christ comes riding along like a beggar on a borrowed donkey, meekly, poor and lowly." There was the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, with Mary on the donkey as is often pictured. The crowds shouting "Hosannah!" were humble people, many of whom had heard his preaching but others were expecting more because they didn't understand the prophecies of the Old Testament. At the stable were shepherds, the humblest of the humble in society of that day. The "Glory to God in the Highest" was proclaimed by the angels in heaven, but who on earth was listening?

"But don't let your eyes deceive you. At that time, it seemed like a small and insignificant thing for him to come riding on a borrowed donkey and later to be crucified, in order to take away sin, death, and hell. No one could tell this by his appearance, but the prophet foretold it, and his work later fulfilled it. Therefore we must simply grasp it with our ears and believe it with our hearts, for our eyes are blind." ~



1st Sunday of Advent - Time to Wake Up

Advent is a season of waking up. Even as the days grow darker, we are awoken to the light of truth about our lives, the world, and, ultimately, God. But no one really likes being woken from sleep, real or metaphorical. No one likes being pulled from a cozy blanket to a crowded commute, from dreams to reality, from what's comfortable and "always has been" to what's actually happening right now. It's why when we have pivotal, perhaps painful moments in our lives in which we become aware of something previously hidden, or about which we shed the veil of denial, we refer to them as "wake-up calls."

Yet it is never God's intent to hurt us by rousing us from sleep. It is not to punish us for our past mistakes, to expose our inner failings to the world, or to add to the already deep well of shame that so many of us carry. It is for our good that God comes to reveal that which was hidden, breaking into our world as human flesh and blood. And it is for our good that, through our baptism, we are able to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14). The divine image is revealed in you, and in every friend and stranger. God knows, loves, and takes delight in each of us.

That is why nations will beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and their guns into gravel to build a highway for our God. We won't need to learn war anymore, as the prophet says (Isaiah 2:4), because you can't raise arms against your own kin, another person in whom the living Christ dwells.

This season is a time for us to awaken to this new reality: at any moment, and at every moment, Christ lives among and within us, helping us rub the sleep out of our eyes, and revealing a different way. Welcome to Advent. ~



Christmas Poinsettias

6" Poinsettias \$ 6.50 # _____ **Red** # _____ **White**

8" Poinsettias \$ 12.50 # _____ **Red** # _____ **White**

Total \$ _____

6" Poinsettias RED FOR SHUT-IN _____

You may take your poinsettia home after the
Christmas Service.

Name _____
(As you want it to appear in the bulletin)

In memory of : _____

In honor of: _____

PAYMENTS AND ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

THANK YOU!

To be filled in by the office.

Payment Date: _____ Payment Amount: _____ Payment method: _____

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Saturday, December 3, 2022

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday

November 27 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

Monday

November 28 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5pm TOPS CLUB

Wednesday

November 30 - 4-7pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

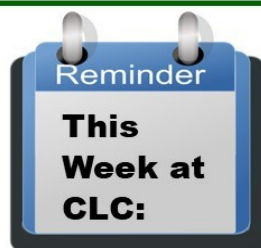
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

5:30pm Sewing

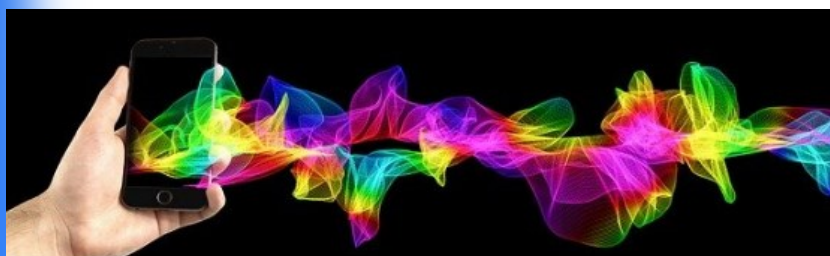
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