



Lent

CLC Weekly Update - March 12, 2023

In-Person Worship

March 12th at 9:30AM

WORSHIP WITH US

Third Sunday In Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am - Children and youth can help with the processional hymn.

Maundy Thursday 7pm - Remember Jesus' Last Supper with our Communion Service

Good Friday 7pm - Ponder with us the mystery and victory of the cross

Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am - Celebrate the Day of Resurrection with us!



Daylight Savings Time
begins tonight,
Saturday, March 11;
please remember to turn your
clocks ahead one hour!

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For good.

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*A spring of water
gushing up to
eternal
life*

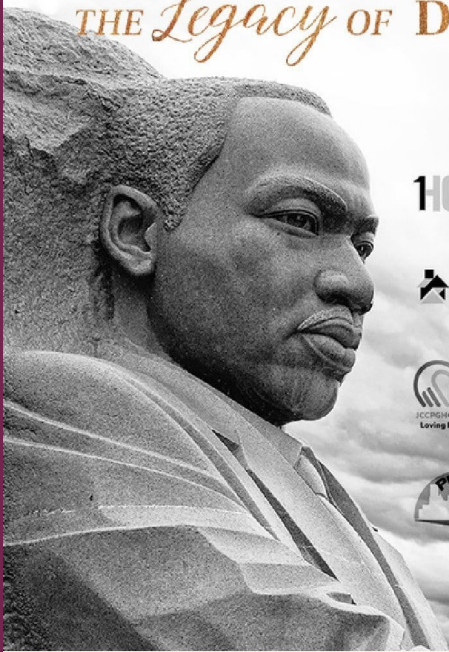
JOHN 4:14

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.. ~

Thank you to all who sent cards, food, well-wishes and words of encouragement! I'm returning to work this week, feeling good, while continuing to heal from major abdominal surgery. Your care and concern for me was touching, and I very much appreciate your support! - *Pastor Erin*



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SUNDAY, MAR 26 @ 4 PM

An Ecumenical Service of
Holy Communion & Call for
Anti-racist Action

Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church
& Livestreamed

PREACHING

Rev. Dr. Asa Lee
President, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary



PRESIDING

Bishop Abraham Allende
and
Bishop Kurt Kusserow



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PANEL: EQUITABLE HOUSING IN PITTSBURGH



ELCA World Hunger, 1HOOD, Allegheny Valley
Association of Churches, City of Bridges Community
Land Trust, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA

2023 Theme: A Home for ALL in the Beloved Community

PRESIDING



Bishop Kurt Kusserow
Southwestern
Pennsylvania Synod



Bishop Abraham Allende
Northeast Ohio Synod, Retired

PREACHING



Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee
President, Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary and Professor of Theological
Formation for Ministry

See: <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/event/the-legacy-of-dr-martin-luther-king-jr/>
Read more about the Rev. Dr. Asa Lee: <https://hpccpgh.org/2022/10/26/meet-your-neighbor-dr-asa-lee-president-of-the-pittsburgh-theological-seminary/>

NEW FEATURE!

“Ask The Pastor”

Submit an anonymous question in the offering plate, and you might get your question answered in the Weekly Update! Have a Bible question? A Church question? A burning query about what the number of candles means and why? *Ask away!*

You asked, I'll answer!

Question: **What is a Deacon?**

Answer:



That's a great question! Deacon Amy Santoriello led worship here several weeks ago. In the ELCA, deacons have very similar theological training as pastors, either a 2 year or 4 years degree from a seminary, based on their field. Pastors are ordained to the ministry of "Word and Sacrament" while deacons are ordained to the ministry of "Word and Service."

You may remember Stephen as the first deacon in the New Testament, and from the earliest times of the church, deacons were serving the people. Deacons were the eyes and ears of the early church, reporting needs to the church, and addressing them.

Deacons can lead worship and preach, and many do. But deacons also serve as chaplains, therapists, musicians, seminary faculty, church administrators, social workers and teachers in places other than churches. Deacons often have training and education for specialized ministry or ministry to a specific demographic. As ministers of word and service, they are called to serve God's people and equip them for service, connecting the church to the needs of the world.

Thanks for your question!

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Lenten Wednesdays: Spiritual Drumming

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One way to improve conscious contact with God through prayer and meditation is with music. Drumming has been used in nearly every faith for the purpose of experiencing the sacredness of God. The earliest music one experiences is the heartbeat of their mother. The simple heartbeat is the sound of the universe – the sound of life. Drumming is a time-honored method of uniting people, and the power of drumming multiplies on many levels in a group of drummers.

We invite you to join us for Spiritual Drumming on Wednesdays during Lent on March 1st, 8th, 15th , 22nd, and 29th , from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Share in the prayers and rhythmic energy of the drum as we lift our prayers up to God. We'll explore our Lenten theme, "Ask", and engage in conversations and questions. No previous music experience is necessary, and drums will be provided. See Pat Bauer if you have more questions about drumming, and please sign-up in the narthex.

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Online Giving Update:

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 Lent, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to:

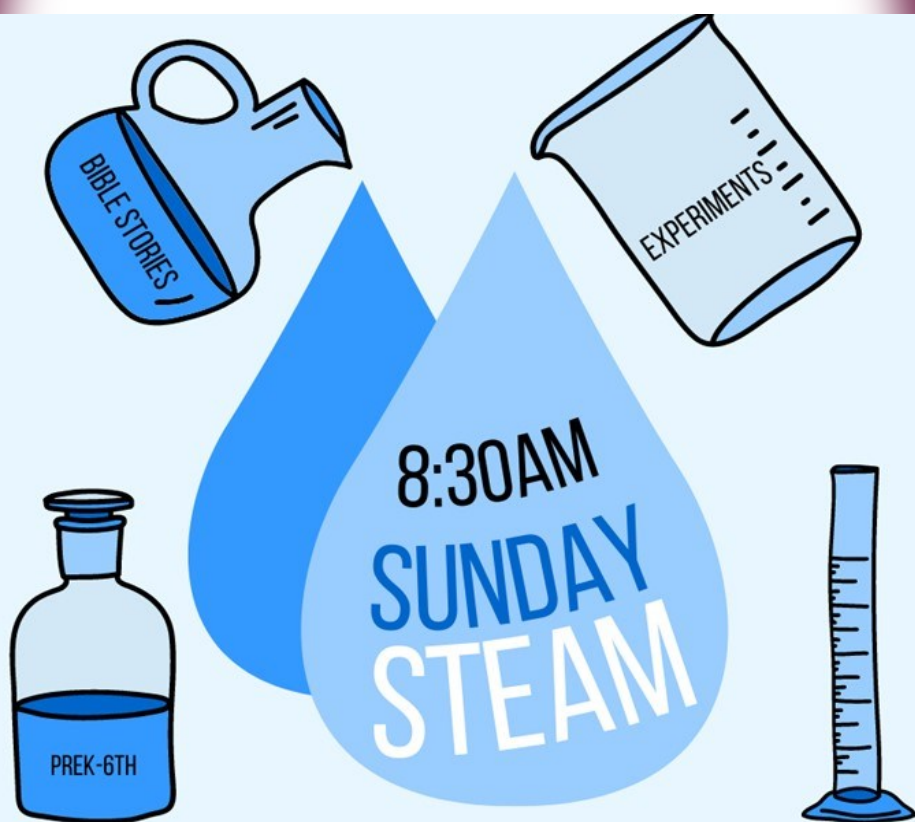
<https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>

See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!**



Easter Flower Orders

Order envelopes are available in the narthex. Please return them to the office, paid in full. If you cannot come to the church to get an envelope, please call the office and we can submit an order for you. Unless previous arrangements have been made, any flowers left over after Easter will be given to a homebound member or neighbor in need!



PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6

SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

Sunday STEAM is our "one room school house" model teaching kids PreK - 6th grade bible stories and incorporating STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. Main teachers cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We do science experiments, hands-on projects, and cover all things "STEAM" (Science, Truth, Engineering, Art, and Music). **Come have hands-on fun every Sunday at 8:30am.**

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Let's Go To Camp!

Registration for Camp Lutherlyn is open! CLC has a long history of supporting Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect PA, and outdoor ministry has touched the lives of generations. We have a scholarship fund to make sure YOUR child or grand-child can experience this life-changing adventure in faith! Check out their [website](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html) to find registration details, and speak to Pastor Erin or Treasurer Ray Lardin about this exciting opportunity! Go to: https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_overview.html

Camp Lutherlyn also has summer employment opportunities for young adults 17 and over! Check out the information below to have the summer of your life! Go to: https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_employment.html

Everyone can join Pastor Erin for CAMP BLAST on May 13th! This is a completely free day and open house full of fun at Camp Lutherlyn. You can get to know the place and experience it for yourself. Mark your calendars now for a day at camp!

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

NEW SUMMER STAFF - Follow These Steps to APPLY:

- 1.) Read the Information Below to Learn More About the Ministry of Lutherlyn and Employment Details
- 2.) Fill Out the Application (must create a "campbrain" account)
- 3.) Have Three (3) References Complete the Online Reference Form
- 4.) Once Your Application and ALL Three References Are Received, You Will Be Contacted to Schedule an Interview

RETURNING SUMMER STAFF - If you have already served on summer staff in the past 3 years, please complete the Returning Staff Application. Returning staff DO NOT need to submit references again.

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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 below:



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, MARCH 23RD



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The Daffodils

Joseph Imhoff

This morning as I looked over the bannister of my front porch I saw that the first stem in one of the clumps of daffodils had burst forth and was nearly completely open. It had been weeks since they had first pushed their shoots through the crust of earth and into one of the few dustings of snow we have had. It's also time to the crocus to its blossom too. Both are the sign that Spring is nearly here. This Sunday Daylight Saving Time will begin and on Monday, March 20, the Vernal Equinox will take place at 5:24 EDT making Spring official.

Christians have a unique perspective concerning Spring and the words used to describe it. Lent, according to one source, comes from the late Old or early Middle English verb for lengthen; the days become longer and soon the first fruits will arrive. Easter stems from the Dutch and German word 'Ost' or East where days begin. It is then natural we wait the forty days of our Lenten discipline for the First Fruit risen from the dead which is the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As with the first daffodils we look forward to our own resurrection to life eternal as the blossoms that follow. The hyacinths and the tulips will be coming along though they take a little longer. And I haven't seen any change on the forsythia shrub at the back of the yard.

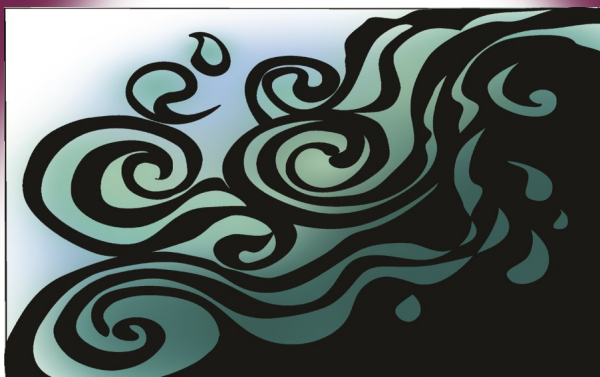
One flower we associate with the season is the white lily, the Easter lily, which under natural conditions will not be in bloom for quite some time. Thanks to good horticulture and greenhouses they are available to add that special touch to the Easter Celebration. The form for ordering flowers for the chancel on Easter Sunday is being distributed in the Weekly Update available in the narthex, the deadline is Sunday, March 19. No daffodils are available!

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GUSHING with GRACE

The word gush has nuances of meaning. On the one hand, it can speak to large amounts of a liquid flowing forth. A geyser gushing water is quite different than a leaky faucet letting water through a drop at a time. On the other hand, gush can speak to our enthusiasm about a person, place, or experience. A person gushing about a new movie to a friend carries different energy than someone saying, “Eh, it was okay.”

In today’s gospel we get the first sense of this word as Jesus tells the Samaritan woman about the water he will give, which will become a spring that gushes up to eternal life. The word gush is not used again in the story, but the second part of the narrative gathers up the spirit of the other sense of gush as the woman goes back to the city and shares her experience of Jesus. Many in the city come to believe because of her witness; she must have been gushing forth energy and excitement about her encounter with Jesus.

As the church takes on the ministry of Jesus after the resurrection, we find other people springing forth in the same way Jesus talks about water gushing. Peter heals someone in Acts 3:8 who jumps up and leaps (gushes) in praise. Paul also heals someone in Acts 14:10 who springs up (gushes) and walks.

The water in your baptismal font may be still, or it may be moving; it may be more reminiscent of a trickle than a gush. Yet we know that it is God’s word that gives the plain water the power to shape us as God’s people. Baptism is never a trickle; it is always a gush of grace poured out for us with the endless love and mercy of God. May we be blessed to gush along with the Samaritan woman about our experiences of Jesus among us. ~

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Upcoming Commemorations



Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary

and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

Friday, March 17, 2023

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.



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