



Lent

CLC Weekly Update - March 26, 2023

In-Person Worship

March 26th at 9:30AM

**WORSHIP WITH US**  
**Fifth Sunday In Lent**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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!



## Palm Sunday Brunch

immediately following worship.  
Bring something to contribute  
to the potluck or just bring your  
appetite!

*See you there!*

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In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.



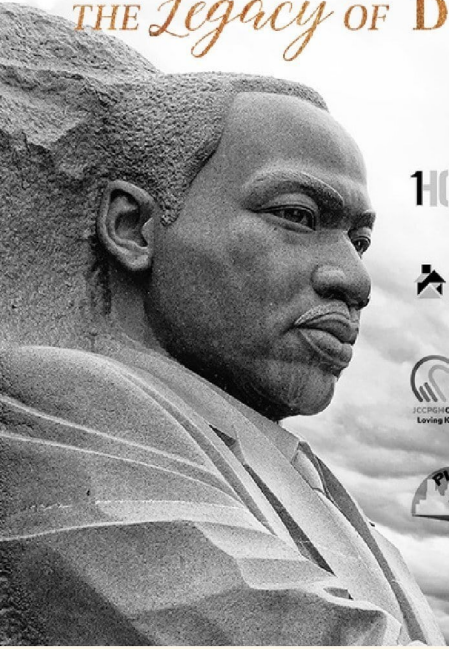
## Hymnals for Worship

The green hymnals(LBW) in the pews are the Lutheran hymnals from 1978, while a new "cranberry" colored

hymnal (ELW) was introduced in 2006. While the entirety of our worship service is viewed on the screens, some have mentioned wanting to read music for our hymns. *Please grab a hymnal from the narthex if you'd like to have one for worship today!*

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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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Serving Free Nachos



**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: “I've never read the Bible. It seems too overwhelming. Where do I start?”

Answer:

What an honest question, thanks! You're not alone, the Bible is a BIG book. However, it's easier to think of it as a library of books. 66 books, compiled and written over thousands of years. They are separated into two volumes for easy reference, the first volume being the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible. This is the story of Creation and God's people. The second volume is the New Testament, starting with Jesus and moving through the first century or two of "church."

In your community library there are many different genres of books, and it's the same in the Bible. There's history books, poetry and song, letters, prophecy, and more. We read each differently, as we'd read a book of historical fiction differently from a book of poetry or a recipe or a lawn mower manual. Each book has an author and a particular audience, and because of the great span of time and cultural differences across the ages it can be a challenge to not only interpret, but to just keep track of who's doing what and why. Learning the stories, like we do in Sunday School, and hear in church, help to give us a frame of reference to start to understand how the pieces fit together.

I'd recommend starting with a Gospel (Matthew, Mark or Luke or John) I think Luke is the easiest for a couple reasons. These are narratives of Jesus' life and ministry, from the perspective of one of his disciples, birth to death. This includes what Jesus did, where he went, what he said, what the reactions of the people were, and why, based on that disciples perspective. The word Gospel means Good News, and these were written to share the Good News of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection far and wide.

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*Answer continued:*

Then try a short letter. The book called Phillipians was written to the church in Philippi by the Apostle Paul, and has lots of encouragement, challenges, personal faith statements, and greetings to the local community. It would have been read aloud to the gathered church.

You'll need a good study bible, which the church has plenty of, so come see me! The study bible has a brief overview of each book, so you can go into your reading knowing some of the "who, what, where, and why" of the book. I also have some short books on the subject of "how" to read the Bible and what's in the Bible.

After you dip your toe into the New Testament, try some stories from Genesis or a song from the Psalms. Some of the middle of the Hebrew Bible does get bogged down in details of kingdom management, temple building, laws about sacrifices, and so forth. Don't get discouraged! Come talk to me or another church friend, and we can figure out together what to read next! Reading together is a lot easier than on your own.

Some Christians seem to think that knowing how to quote scripture word for word gives them some sort of street cred. Some people really do have good memories when it comes to that, and have favorite passages they can repeat as a prayer. But knowing what the words are on the page is different than knowing the story of God's love for the world. Read to find out the story, not the chapter and verse. Blessings on your reading!

p.s. [www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org) is a great website with resources and suggestions.

*Thanks for your question!*



Link: <https://www.bookoffaith.org/>  
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## *Lenten Wednesdays: Spiritual Drumming*

### **LENTEN WEDNESDAYS: SPIRITUAL DRUMMING**

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 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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With abiding hope in the resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of Anna Marie Ruzomberka on March 15th.



"Miss Ann" was a beloved Sunday School teacher for 52 years here at Christ Lutheran Church. Viewing was Friday, March 17th, at Hahn Funeral Home. Anna Marie's funeral service was at the church on Saturday, March 18th. *Please keep the family in your prayers.*

<https://www.hahnfhandcremationservices.com/obituary/Anna-Ruzomberka>

A: You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



We mourn the death of and celebrate the life of Annamae Gosnell.

Annamae entered eternal life on March 11. Her funeral service was Wednesday, March 15th with Pastor Erin Evans officiating.

Please keep the Gosnell family in your prayers.

<https://www.hahnfhandcremationservices.com/obituary/Annamae-Gosnell>

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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!**





**LENTEN OFFERING:** This year's special offering will go towards the campus ministry (PSALM) at the Lutheran University Center in Pittsburgh. Pastor Brian Bennett visited us several weeks ago as our guest preacher. If you are able, please use the special purple envelopes in your envelope box to support this vital ministry to young adults in Pittsburgh. Visit [www.psalmonline.com](http://www.psalmonline.com).



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: canned vegetables and canned soup!** Thanks for your regular support!



**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 CAMP

## Let's Go To Camp!

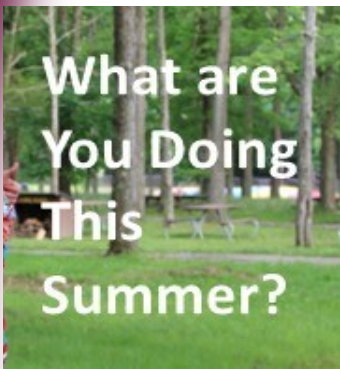
**Registration for Camp Lutherlyn is open!** CLC has a long history of supporting Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect PA, and outdoor ministry has touched the lives of generations. We have a scholarship fund to make sure YOUR child or grandchild can experience this life-changing adventure in faith! Check out 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](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](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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[https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer\\_employment.html](https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp/summer_employment.html)

## 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.

- Returning Staff Application (must create a "campbrain" account)

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**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  
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### CLINIC DATES:

-  1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH
- 1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH
- 1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, MAY 4TH
- 1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
- 1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

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# A Different New Year!

Joseph Imhoff

In 525 Dionysius Exiguus, a Scythian monk in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire, was working with the Gregorian and Julian calendars making tables to compute the dates for Easter, at the same time he invented the system of having Leap Years divisible by four and introduced the AD or Anno Domino (Year of our Lord) into the calendar until the secular world began using CE (Common Era). These and other innovations adapted from various calendars at the time were included in his method and adopted by the Church and remain with us.

As my dad would say when working on projects around the house that didn't go as planned, "Nothing simple is ever easy!" His next suggestion was to make March 25 the beginning of the calendar because the Era of Grace began with the Incarnation of Christ which was celebrated on that day. It was also Easter Day that year and at the time it was believed that significant events in a person's life (famous people) took place on the day of their conception!

Thus Christmas Day was fixed as December 25, nine months to the day of March 25, the stories related in St. Luke with the visit by Gabriel to Mary and also to Joseph in St. Matthew which we associate with the Season of Advent. It is a significant celebration in the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran churches. Some denominations may move the celebration if the date falls during Holy Week and Easter but Orthodox churches celebrate combine it with the other, even Good Friday.

Saturday marks the Feast of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced that she had been chosen to become the mother of the Messiah, naming him Jesus, meaning 'YHWH' is salvation, the first letter of the unspoken יהוה Name of God in Hebrew (יהוה) (yod) being the same as ישוע Jesus' name reading right to left. Nine months from this day it will be Christmas, the traditional hymn for this day comes from the time of St. Athanasius:

Today is the beginning of our salvation,  
And the revelation of the eternal mystery!  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin  
As Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.  
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:  
"Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!"

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*Lazarus,  
come out!*

JOHN 11:43

## ***Coming and Going***

There is a lot of coming and going in today's gospel. Mary and Martha send a messenger to Jesus with news that Lazarus is ill. Jesus and his disciples do not go right away, but eventually they come to Martha after Lazarus has died. We learn that many had come to console the sisters. Martha proclaims Jesus "the Messiah, the Son of God, is the one coming into the world" (John 11:27). She then goes to get Mary, who comes quickly to Jesus. Mary is weeping, and so are those who come with her. When Jesus asks where Lazarus is, they invite him to come and see. They all go to the tomb. With all of this coming and going, it is not surprising that Jesus tells Lazarus to come out and that Jesus commands others to unbind him so he can go.

Lazarus emerging from the tomb is a remarkable moment, but just as remarkable are the connections of all of this story's coming and going with our daily lives. Our health comes and goes. Jobs come and go. People come into our lives and go. Kids go, and perhaps come back again. Sometimes we are the ones who come and go. The grief of loss and death comes and goes. Tears come and go. Hope can even come and go.

Amid this movement, we come together in worship. We come to gather around the font and the table and hear again the stories of Jesus coming into the world, going to the cross, and coming again in the resurrection. We come together with our griefs and joys, our struggles and celebrations, all that binds us and sets us free. We come to gather, surrounded by God's grace. Having come, we will go in peace to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! ~

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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. ✝

**This Week at CLC:**

**Sunday**

**March 26** - Sunday STEAM 8:30am  
**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

**Monday**

**March 27** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY  
 5-6pm TOPS CLUB  
 6:15pm Yoga

**Wednesday**

**March 29** - 2:30pm Sewing  
 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling  
 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY  
 7-8pm Spiritual Drumming

**Thursday**

**March 30** 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts  
 7pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

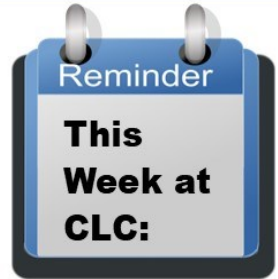
**March 31** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY  
 7pm NA, Library

**Saturday**

**April 1** - 9am AA meets in the Library  
 7pm NA meets in the Library

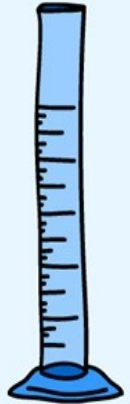
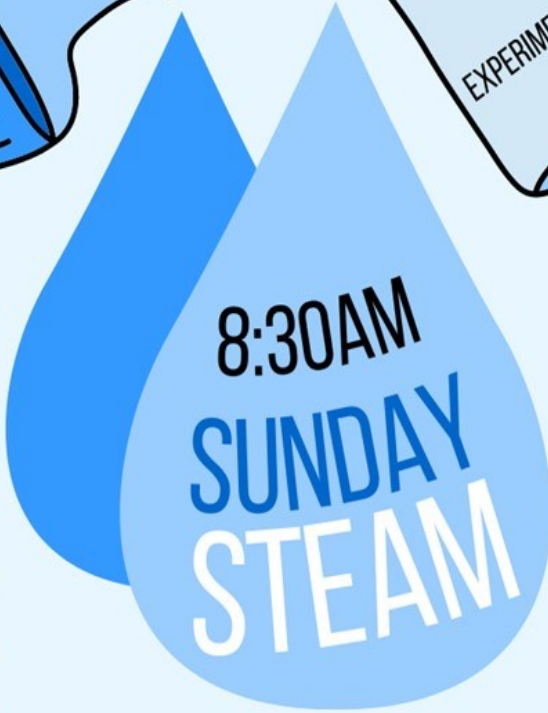
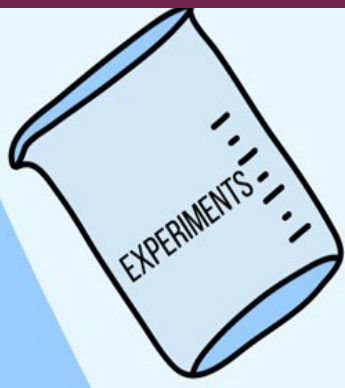
**Sunday**

**April 2** - Sunday STEAM 8:30am  
**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**



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PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6

SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

### Upcoming Commemorations



**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

**John Donne, poet, died 1631**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.



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## Our Council Members for 2023

Erica Strafalace	Tim Komoroski
Kurt Schreiber	Jean Thens
Lennie Jansen	Bud Worst
Becky Nyren	Ray Lardin
Diane Curry	Joe Imhoff

Council Meetings are normally the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to those who have served and all who share their time to lead our congregation!

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