

The Sundays of

Resurrection



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
April 30th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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*In the neighborhood...
For good.*

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*I am the gate
for the sheep*

JOHN 10:7



Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation. ~

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Interim Ministry Update From Pastor Erin Evans

Just a quick note to let you know how things are going - my interim contract with CLC was renewed by the council for another 6 months. My ministry with you will continue, I don't have an "expiration date" but rather will continue my call to help you through the multiple transitions and challenges. As the call committee begins their work, my job is solely a resource person for them, and to support and guide the congregation through this process. We will keep you updated at each step of the journey.

I also want to take a moment to express gratitude for the many volunteers of Christ Lutheran Church - members who really put their heart into ministries and the work of the church. We have come so far together as a congregation in the last two years, following a global pandemic and a pastoral resignation. These would be MAJOR challenges and transitions for any church. Your faithful and consistent effort is what has brought us to this point, and I'm so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Peace, Pastor Erin

Trinity Sunday Potluck AND Annual Meeting

Members please plan to attend our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and potluck "brunch" on Trinity Sunday, June 4th.

Join us that Sunday for a meeting to review the reports of the Pastor, Council, Treasurer, and various committees and ministries for 2022 - and hear updates from church leaders on what's happening in 2023. We need voting members' attendance to have a quorum to approve the reports, but visitors are always welcome. **Check for the sign-up in the narthex to add a dish to bring and share.**





Cemetery Clean-Up

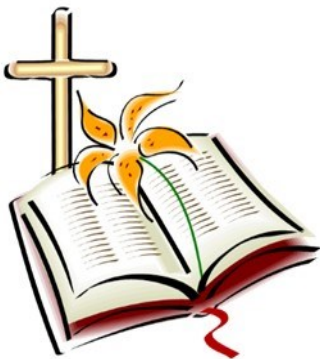
Join Us
for Clean-Up
or gifting the
Cemetery Fund!

We meet at 10am on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 for Clean-Up

Cemetery Clean-Up Weekend!

One of our ministries is caring for the cemetery we inherited: the land, the memories, and the graves of those who have gone before us. We pay for the grass to be cut, and the property to be maintained, but still need to do some clean-up ourselves several times a year! If you can weedwack, clear headstones, haul dead branches, or trim bushes, your help is needed! Or, consider a special gift this spring for our Cemetery Fund!

Sign-Up in the Narthex for Saturday morning May 6th or Sunday May 7th, following worship that morning.



New Bible Study

Want to study the Bible? Feel like you should be reading more of it but don't know where to start?

Join Pastor Erin for a 4 week course on getting into scripture and getting something out of it. Zero experience necessary.

Free bibles will be provided if you don't have your own study bible. Wednesday evenings at 7pm, April 19th, 26th, May 3rd and May 10th.

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BEZALEL DAY

Join the parish family of First Lutheran Church for a fun day of arts workshops for people of all ages at the church on Sunday, April 30th from 4-6 PM. Artists from the larger Christian community will lead short workshops in painting, drumming, writing, and dance. Bezalel Day is Vicar Elizabeth's internship project. The aim is to help participants explore ways to use the arts in their spiritual practice and in worship. No experience in the arts is necessary. Bring your friends! Bring your whole family!

**First Lutheran Church
(Downtown)
615 Grant Street, 15219**

DRUMMING



PAINTING



DANCING



PLAYWRITING



flcpittsburgh.org/bezalel

Reduced Rate Parking Available!

First Lutheran Church now has an agreement with SP+ Parking in the U.S. Steel Tower (just across the street) to provide reduced rate parking for church events. For validation, please go to the desk in the Parish House, where a staff member will attach a sticker to your parking ticket for \$2.00. Tickets are issued upon entering the garage and must be brought to the church for validation. When exiting the garage, do not go to the pay station; simply insert your validated ticket at the exit gate. There are two entrances to the garage: one is off of the Veterans Bridge/Bigelow Blvd ramp just before Sixth Ave; the other is on Bigelow Square, just off of Sixth Ave and in front of the DoubleTree Hotel's main entrance.

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**SOUTHWESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA
SYNOD** EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 16 & 17, 2023

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6-9PM

Online via ZOOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9AM - 5PM

In Person at PENNWEST

CALIFORNIA

(Formerly Cal-U)

250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419



2023 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

**Registration Will be
Open through
Monday, June 5**



CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE JUDITH ROBERTS,

Sr. Director for Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion, Evan-
gelical Lutheran Church
in America

The Sr. Director for DEI
is responsible for articu-
lating and championing a
comprehensive approach
and vision for diversity,
equity, inclusion for the
ELCA churchwide office.



CHAPLAINS

P.L.U.M. PASTORS,
Serving together in the
role of chaplain - and
embodying our theme of
Better Together - are
the pastors of Pittsburgh
Lutheran United Minis-
tries: Pastors Sue
Devine, Brenda Henry,
Alexander Sumo, and
John Gropp (left to
right).

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



SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 16 & 17, 2023

Please see Pastor to Register

Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 151 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA.

This year's assembly will begin with an evening of business conducted online via Zoom, followed by a day of gathering together in person to worship, work, and remember that we are always better together.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." - *Ecclesiastes 4-9*

- Cost to register is \$75 per voting member.
- Voting members are required to have a smartphone or tablet to download the Vevox app as your voting device.
- Who can register? See the [Lay Voter Formula & Letter from the Secretary](#) >> to determine how many voting members your congregation may send.
- Login links and passwords for both the online portion of assembly and caucus meetings will be in the registration confirmation email.
- For help with registration, contact the Registrar: Pastor Ellen Lundie, 412 440-7672, registration@swpasynod.org
- Non-voting members and the public may view the assembly live on the synod's [facebook page](#).

Technical Requirements
ATTENDANCE DEVICE: a computer or tablet with both a camera and microphone.
VOTING DEVICE: a separate smartphone or tablet to download the Vevox app.
If accommodations cannot be made alert your Pastor.

“Ask The Pastor”

NEW FEATURE!

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: "Some people have said that taking the Lord's name in vain means saying "Oh my God" while other people say it's using your faith to justify doing terrible things like extortion. What does the bible actually mean by this in context?"

Answer: *That's a really great question, and I think you are onto something in your discernment of the second commandment. Here's Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Commandment for reference:*

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

This commandment comes from the Hebrew Bible, and the giving of the Law to Moses. As some helpful background, many observant conservative Jews do not speak God's name aloud, (YHWH, or Yahweh) instead replacing it with another name, like Adonai (Lord) Some even go so far as to write G_d, rather than spell it out. But this commandment also has to do with actions; claiming to be the people of God, using God's name, but living a life contrary to the commandments and God's will. The whole story of the prophets of the Hebrew Bible warns the people of exactly these things: using God's name to justify actions which do not give life, care for the least of these, and diminish our role in caring for all of God's good creation.

Long story short, I think it's both, but unfortunately for us, it's a lot easier to police kids saying "OMG" than it is to talk with them about how their actions reflect their Creator and Redeemer. *continued*

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"Ask The Pastor"

continued

There is also a difference between swearing with God's name and profanity. Profanity are words that are agreed upon to be offensive by some, but this "agreement" depends on such a variety of factors, language, culture, family, personal preferences, etc. On the other hand, using God's name "in vain" invokes God's power in a way that God did not intend, for frivolity or damnation. Using profanity may harm our neighbor, which is sin, and may be atoned for, but I believe God is far more concerned with our actions than our four letter words.

Admittedly, I struggle with my language, and having a kid has been a wake up call to check my speech. My split-second reactions to stubbing my toe now require explanation and apology. When I do have those OMG moments, I try to immediately reflect on what I intended to do with God's name. Usually it is actually a plea for help in my frustration. We run into dangerous territory when we presume to apply God's name to our agendas, likes or dislikes.

Thank you for your thoughtful questions.

Keep 'em coming!

Pastor Erin

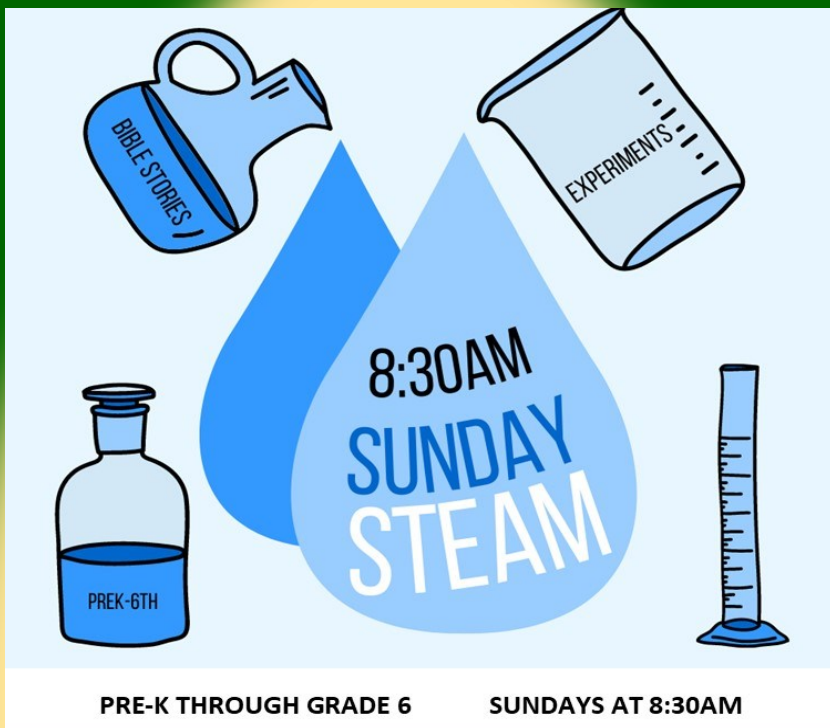


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A graphic for '8:30AM SUNDAY STEAM'. In the center is a large blue water droplet containing the text '8:30AM SUNDAY STEAM'. Surrounding the droplet are four science-related illustrations: a blue pitcher labeled 'BIBLE STORIES' at the top left, a blue beaker labeled 'EXPERIMENTS' at the top right, a blue bottle labeled 'PREK-6TH' at the bottom left, and a blue graduated cylinder at the bottom right.

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



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

Our Council Members for 2023

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| 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!

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!**





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 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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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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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, MAY 4TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

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



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Tables Spread for Life Abundant

Sometimes a table is spread in a generous fashion but still feels impersonal, like the buffet at a big conference. You can fill your plate as many times as you want, but that doesn't change the fact that you're wearing a printed name tag because no one in the room actually knows your name.

And sometimes a table spread seems meager because it's the end of the month or you didn't have time to make it to the store, but you're with friends who feel like family, so no one is worried about how simple the meal is.

Today we have the best of both worlds. We have abundance to the point of extravagance, and we have a God who knew our names even before we were born. We have a table heaped with grace upon grace and our heads anointed with oil, and we have a God whose voice we recognize as soon as we hear our names spoken aloud. All our beloveds have been invited, and every last one of us has a name card in front of our plates, handwritten in our favorite color, no doubt. Today we're reminded that even when the world feels like a wreck, God shows up with abundance, inviting us by name.

Where have you noticed this lately? Where have you noticed goodness and mercy following you around? Where have you noticed evidence that God wants you to experience life? In the feisty weeds poking up through the cracks in the sidewalks? In the hope of the students who are so close to summer break they can taste it? In the bright sunshine breaking through the clouds not thirty seconds after the thunder stops? In the youngest members of your worshipping community, skipping forward with their hands outstretched for bread and blessing?

It's there, this evidence of God's life abundant. Go looking for it. Go looking to remind someone else. It's way too good to miss. ~

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Upcoming Commemorations



The Apostle Philip

Philip and James, Apostles

Monday, May 1, 2023

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around

the time of the Council of Nicea.

He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

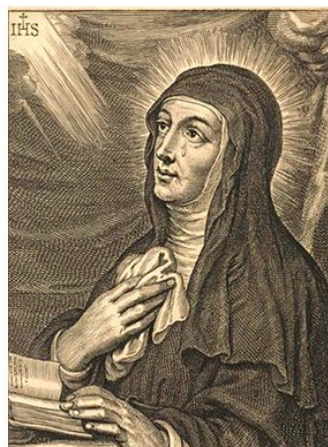
Thursday, May 4, 2023

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith.

She influenced her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.



Apostle James the Less



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