

PENTECOST

CATCH THE FIRE



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
May 28th at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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For good.*

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RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 20:22



Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Pass-over. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. ~

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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.**



Congratulations!

Todd and Ellie Davis were blessed with a 7-lb. 6-oz. baby girl, Winnie Carol Davis, on May 20. Excited brothers are Brooks and Will; happy grandparents are Glenn and Donna Davis; Rick and Sue Calfo.



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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SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END FIELD TRIP!



***SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2PM-4PM
@ MAD SCIENCE OF PITTSBURGH
1248 EVERGREEN RD.***

<https://pittsburgh.madscience.org> for more info

Bring a friend! RSVP to Pastor Erin

CHURCH OUTING!

Ring Pittsburgh hosts The Raleigh Ringers for a night of handbell ringing not soon to be forgotten. Join us in the Cahouet Auditorium at North Catholic High School on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM! Tickets are \$20, and we'd like to purchase a block of tickets soon for this fun night of CLC fellowship.

Let Danielle Visconti know ASAP if we can reserve a ticket for YOU!

Call or text 412-901-0124



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Pastor Erin, Diane Curry, and Emily
Kosova will be voting members
attending from CLC.



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 16 & 17, 2023



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2023 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6-9 PM

Online via ZOOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9 AM - 5 PM

In Person at PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

250 University Ave, California, PA 15419

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“Ask The Pastor”

NEW QUESTION

and ANSWER!

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: Are there written/unwritten rules on interacting with a pastor outside of church? (Hey, we are going over Fred and Mary's to watch the game, Do you and Brian want to come?) I have grown up with the pastor not being treated like a standard person.

Answer: A decade ago, I ran into a parishioner at the mall, in a store with the initials V.S. Thankfully for everyone involved, I was standing in line with only a few bottles of lotion. There are no written or unwritten rules governing what to do in those situations. But here are some of my thoughts about interacting with clergy "in the wild."

The spiritual and moral elevation of clergy has been an issue in the church since the beginning. One of Luther's key arguments was the normalization of vocation, a call from God, to mean more than a call to the priesthood or religious life as a monk or nun. Each person has an important calling from God, and serving the church as a pastor is not a better call, a holier call or a more important one, just a different one. I am no more spiritual, holy, or good, than anyone else. I just have a different job because I have a different calling.

What are the differences? For one, my role in the world is public. I am a very public witness to the gospel, especially when I wear a black shirt with a little white collar. As a public servant of the church, my actions and words are judged as such. Is that always accurate or fair? No, but it's kind of part of the job. I'm expected to speak for the Church, so I have to clearly distinguish between my opinions and Church teaching and Church "Stuff." Even on vacation. So I keep good boundaries about what I share, with who, and how I share it.

Another difference is my role as a leader in the parish and the wider church, but my leadership should empower others

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“Ask The Pastor”

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to lead, not exert authoritarian influence or abuse of power. Constitutionally, a pastor's role is to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments. In those two things, the pastor of a congregation is the authority. All other manner of church business requires a working partnership between the leaders of the congregation and the pastor who has been elected and called by God and by the Church to lead.

Now, am I a standard person? I know loads of pastors, and for the most part we are very normal. If you ask my family, I have quite a few flaws, and I'll own most of them. I have a spouse and a daughter, and I stress about all the normal things moms and wives stress about. I don't set aside enough time for devotional prayer as I should. I can be a bit sarcastic. I like to nap a bit too much.

But what I think you are asking, dear Questioner, is "Can I treat my pastor like a friend?" My answer would be "Yes, please, I'd love to come watch the game, what can I bring?" I'll pet your dog, and I'll enjoy a cold beverage, and you can hear all about the latest adventure of my 6 year old, and we can talk about anything you like. But I am your pastor, and I serve a different role than "friend".

When my time at this particular congregation ends, you'll have a new pastor, and there will be boundaries to our relationship, because I will no longer be your pastor. Would I love to hear from you? Sure! Would I rather you talk to your new pastor and get to know them? Yes. Will I give you spiritual advice, or listen to you complain about the new thing that the new pastor is doing, or officiate a wedding for you, or preach at a funeral for you? No. Because that is no longer my role. That being said, some people and some pastors aren't good with boundaries. But we all have room for growth.



As always, please feel free to talk to me in more detail! I'm normal, I swear, and my door is always open. Unless I'm napping.

Pastor Erin



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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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

NEW SUMMER STAFF - Follow These Steps to APPLY:

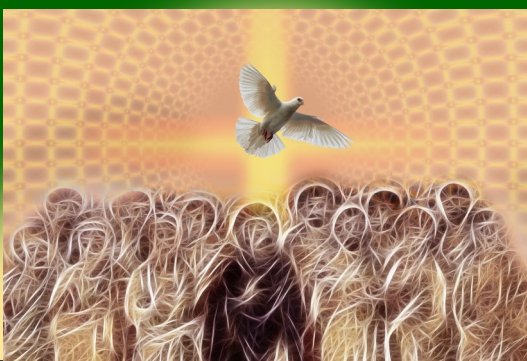
- 1.) Read the Information Below to Learn More About the Ministry of Lutherlyn and Employment Details
- 2.) Fill Out the Application (must create a "campbrain" account)
- 3.) Have Three (3) References Complete the Online Reference Form
- 4.) Once Your Application and ALL Three References Are Received,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

Jesus, crucified and risen Lord of mercy, had a mission for his disciples: share the forgiveness they have received with all those longing to know God. He even had the promised gift of the Spirit to empower them. But first, he had to figure out how to get them out from behind locked doors. Jesus' disciples were afraid that what had happened to Jesus would also happen to them, so they locked themselves away and hid.

You could picture Jesus standing outside the door of their room, calling: Come on out! It's okay! Don't worry! It's time to start sharing the good news! And the disciples would just say: No! We're too afraid to open the door!

Instead of getting them out from behind their locked door, Jesus comes on in. Instead of yelling through the door to stop being such cowards, Jesus slips past their fear and their locked-up lives and brings them unexpected peace. His own Spirit of peace moves out of him as breath, as the wind of God that creates new things, and creates in them a new calming faith. Then the mission of mercy begins. This Spirit from Jesus is a pure gift that creates peace, and peace creates mission.

Fear often keeps us locked up, anxious, unable to live the life God has given us. Thankfully, Jesus knows the way past our locked doors and our fearful hiding. Instead of making us feel small for hiding when we are afraid, he breaks through whatever barriers we put up and gets right past our locked doors. Jesus' own Spirit comes to us through the word, through bread and wine, through silence, through the one next to us, slipping past whatever barriers we put up. The Spirit comes as a gift of peace—peace we can't create for ourselves, peace that is deeper than our own understanding of it, peace that creates new energy for mission. ~

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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, JUNE 29TH



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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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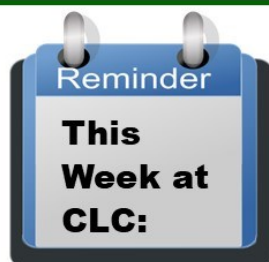
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This Week at CLC:

Pentecost Sunday!

May 28 - Sunday STEAM 8:30am
CLC Sunday Worship Service at
9:30am



Monday

May 29 - Memorial Day
Office Closed
NO FOOD PANTRY



Tuesday

May 30 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

Wednesday

May 31 - 9am to 1pm 412 Food Rescue
4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling
5-7pm FOOD PANTRY



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Upcoming Commemorations



Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Monday, May 29, 2023

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.



Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.



Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

Saturday, June 3, 2023

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.



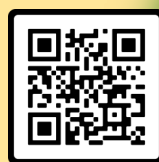
John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

Saturday, June 3, 2023

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.



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