

CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship June 18th at 9:30AM WORSHIP WITH US 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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In the neighborhood... For good.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Steve Slepecki recently graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with a Master's of Divinity. We celebrated Steve at our potluck on June 4th and gifted him a red stole for ordination from the congregation. Steve awaits his last meeting with the Candidacy Committee for approval for ordination. Please keep Steve and his wife Julie in your prayers.

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers MATTHEW 9:38



Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

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Do you have a plot at St. Luke's Cemetery on Martha Ave or have loved ones buried there? Would you like to receive annual news about the cemetery, or help us care for the property?

Christ Lutheran, Millvale has managed the cemetery since St. Luke's, Bauerstown closed. We were not given complete records for deed holders. Please reach out to the church via email or phone to let us know and help us get our contact list up to date!

> Email at: ChristLutheran917@gmail.com Phone: 412-821-4300

Remember that you can review the June 4 CLC Annual Meeting reports on your CLC Weekly Update.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END FIELD TRIP!



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SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2PM-4PM (a) MAD SCIENCE OF PITTSBURGH 1248 EVERGREEN RD.

https://pittsburgh.madscience.org for more info Bring a friend! RSVP to Pastor Erin

CHURCH OUTING!



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Pastor Erin, Diane Curry, and Emily Kosova are our voting members who attended from CLC.



PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 16 & 17, 2023



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

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: What is the meaning and history of the mosaic on the side wall with the deer? What is the meaning of the symbol on the wall behind the altar?

Answer: Thanks for your question! Christians have long used symbols as a visual shorthand for topics of faith. And the stories behind these pieces are great. The mosaic on the side wall was created by Jim Cooper, late husband of Mary Jane Cooper. Jim did other pieces in the same style, including some for Camp Lutherlyn where he was also very active!

According to former pastor, Rev. Caroline Mendis, "An anonymous church member donated money for the supplies, and it was to be in honor of the children of the congregation – a place for the font to live when not front and center for a baptism.... Jim designed the mosaic based on Psalm 42:1. "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."

The baptism shell at the top is the source of the stream. The vine ("I am the vine") and its various kinds of leaves illustrating the diversity of the baptized. Jim found depicting the face of the deer difficult until he used his pet dog as his

"Ask The Pastor"

model. I wish I could remember his dog's name."

There are actually two symbols behind the altar, and both bear explanation. The bird is a dove, representing the Holy Spirit descending. Directly below that is a symbol called a Chi Rho. These are two greek letters on top of each other. (The Chi looks like an X and the Rho looks like a P) This symbol is a visual shorthand for Christ, using the first two letters of the Greek Christos.

Keep looking for symbols! Pastor Erin



P.S. The gold on the back wall is real gold – not paint painstakingly applied, fragile leaf by leaf.





Assembly Required

Many of us are dumbfounded by instructions, even if we have the patience to read them. We may in fact ignore them, ripping open a cardboard box holding a new gadget, toy, or piece of furniture and launching into assembly without bothering to find the enclosed paperwork. In this story from Matthew, the instructions for the twelve laborers are clear: cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Having watched Jesus' ministry of proclamation and healing, they are sent out on their own ministry to do the same.

Are they ready? Who knows. If we're honest, we seldom feel completely ready for tasks before us, even if we've read or heard the instructions. Instructions only take us so far, after all. Then we're on our own. Or better yet, on a team. That's where our creativity and can-do spirit kick in.

Sounds like the church, doesn't it? In this sending of the disciples, the church is cast into the world with the mission of preaching, teaching, and healing. These verses from Matthew, filled with both compassion and urgency, are for the original audience and for us. Jesus sends us too. And more than "some" assembly is required. We need the entire assembly! We laborers are sent first from the font, then week after week from the table.

The words in the service of Holy Baptism send us into the world to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace" (ELW, p. 228). Thank God for those who labor with us and cheer us on our way. We need both the instructions and the assembly. And most importantly, the Holy One who sends us out.



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.

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday

June 18 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday

June 19 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY 5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi 7-9pm Pain Clinic

Tuesday

June 20 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

Wednesday

June 21 - 9am to 1pm 412 Food Rescue 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

Friday

June 23 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY 7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

June 24 - 9am AA meets in the Library 2-6pm Gathering Place Booked 7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

June 25 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am 2-4pm Sunday School Field Trip





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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Upcoming Commemorations



Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.



John the Baptist Saturday, June 24, 2023

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Our Council Members for 2023

Erica Strafalace Kurt Schreiber Lennie Jansen Becky Nyren Diane Curry

Tim Komoroski Jean Thens Bud Worst Ray Lardin 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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917 Evergreen Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209 ~ 412-821-4300 ~ eMail: christlutheran917@gmail.com ~ www.clcmillvale.com 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.



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