



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
June 4th at 9:30AM**

# **WORSHIP WITH US**

**The Holy Trinity**

**1st Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

**Psalm 8**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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For good.*

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**I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
TO THE END OF THE AGE**

**MATTHEW 28:20**



Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



## **Trinity Sunday Potluck AND Annual Meeting**

**THIS SUNDAY is our CLC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and potluck “brunch”!**

Join us on June 4th 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. You can review the reports for the Meeting ahead of time on your CLC Weekly Update.

- CLC 2022 Annual Report
- CLC 2022 Bank Monthly Comparison
- CLC 2022 Budget Spending Comparison

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

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

### **JUNE 16 & 17, 2023**



# **better together**

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](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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## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

**NEW SUMMER STAFF** - Follow These Steps to APPLY:

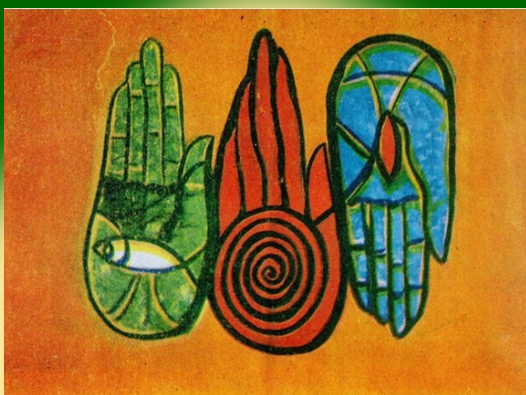
- 1.) Read the Information Below to Learn More About the Ministry of Lutherlyn and Employment Details
- 2.) Fill Out the Application (must create a "campbrain" account)
- 3.) Have Three (3) References Complete the Online Reference Form
- 4.) Once Your Application and ALL Three References Are Received,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

When the eleven disciples arrived at the mountain to which Jesus had directed them, they might have been surprised or overwhelmed by his commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

At first glance, this description of their future ministry maybe felt like a tall order. But remember, they'd been watching and learning. And on either side of these ministry specifics are promises they surely found comforting: first authority, then assurance.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), Jesus said. This is authority in the best sense of the word, offered with confidence, love, and respect. The disciples are empowered to do the ministry Jesus is asking of them. And next, they are given assurance in these final words from Jesus, which serve as a benediction—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Whatever the outcome—trials, or joys that come along the way as they disciple, baptize, and teach—Jesus will be present with them.

This call is not just for the eleven but for us as well. We are called to heal the brokenhearted, care for the earth, and work for peace in the world. This commission comes to us in baptism. And having been baptized in the name of the triune God whom we celebrate this festive day, the newly baptized—whether child or adult—is presented to the assembly and welcomed into the mission we share, invited to join in "giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (ELW, p. 231).

Jesus sends the disciples from the mountain, and sends us empowered with the same authority and assurance that we do not go alone. ~

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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  
(412) 904-5284**

### CLINIC DATES:



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



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**\*\*Mobile Unit Will Be Parked on North Ave\*\***

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## This Week at CLC:

### Sunday

June 4 - HOLY TRINITY

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Annual Reports Meeting with

Potluck Brunch

### Monday

June 5 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

7-9pm Pain Clinic

### Tuesday

June 6 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

### Wednesday

June 7 - 9am to 1pm 412 Food Rescue

4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

### Friday

June 9 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Saturday

June 10 - 9am AA meets in the Library

11am-8pm Gathering Place booked

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Sunday

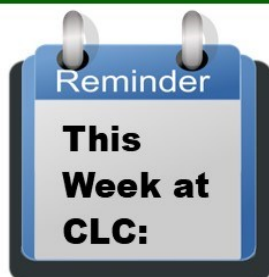
June 11 - CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

### Monday

June 12 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

6:30pm Council Meeting at Becky's house



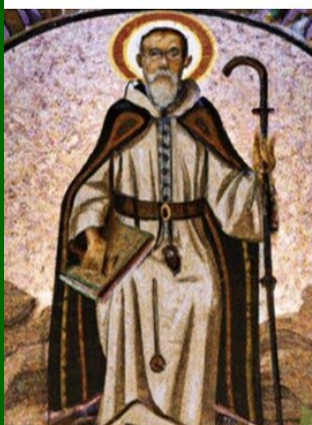
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## Upcoming Commemorations



**Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754  
Monday, June 5, 2023**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

**Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.



Columba

**Columba, died 597;  
Aidan, died 651;  
Bede, died 735; renewers of the church  
Friday, June 9, 2023**

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.



Bede



Aidan

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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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Pastor Erin Evans: displays for CLC Weekly Updates, Heading Logo-In the Neighborhood (In the Neighborhood LOGO Blue Variations\_background SeekPng.com\_vector-shapes-png\_524200), Food Pantry Updates, Sunday Steam, Church Outing, Sunday School Field Trip

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