



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
October 1st at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

18th Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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For good.

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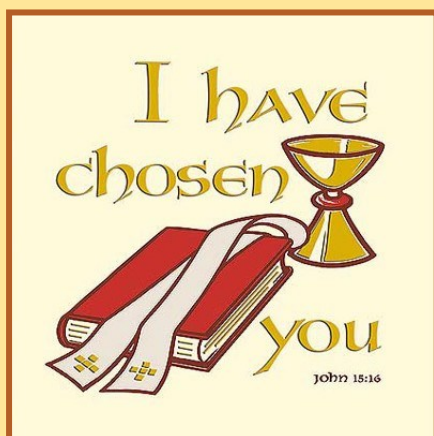
GO ²AND WORK
IN THE VINEYARD TODAY

MATTHEW 21:28



Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world. ~

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Steve Slepecki has been offered a call and has accepted!

This is the news we had prayed for and waited for. The next step for him is Ordination, and we are hosting the worship service and the dinner on October 8th at 4:30pm. Please see the formal invitation in your Weekly Update email or Bulletin and remember to RSVP.

Members are asked to volunteer to help set up, or clean up, or donate a dessert for the meal. Reach out to Ginger Worst or Karen Timchak to help. CLC members may also make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the celebration. Please keep Steve and Julie in your prayers and plan to attend this important worship service! ~



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WELCOME LINDSIE STRUTH!



Our congregation has been asked to serve as a Ministerial Fieldwork site for a 1st year seminary student!

Pastor Erin will serve as her supervisor while Lindsie observes, learns, and practices her leadership skills and vocation at CLC.

Lindsie will be with us each Sunday through the 2023-2024 school year, and at other times as well, about 6-8 hours a week.

**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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Thrivent Action Team Grants

Do you have a Thrivent account for insurance or other financial services? **Did you know that you can apply for grants up to \$250 for various service projects?** They'll send you a debit card loaded with money to spend on a project! It's free money, and Pastor Erin can show you how to access it!



New Church Directory

Coming soon! Please see Sarah in the office if there is information you would like updated.



Sunday School News

We have 17 students registered so far for Sunday School/Confirmation!

Thanks for all who helped and participated in Rally Day. Please pray for our Confirmation students as they begin their 2 years of faith formation: Zachary Jansen, Paige Leas, Jenna Vogel, Chase Vogel, and Alaina Weiher.

New friends are always welcome in our Elementary School class, and Pre-K Class, so bring a friend next week!

Honoring and Remembering our Veterans



Each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, American flags are placed around the sidewalks of the church with the names of Veterans we remember and honor. Thank you to those who have given their time and energy to make this happen. We are currently updating our database of names. **Please let the office know if you have a name of a family member or friend that we should include, and we will make new tags for all flags.**

Veterans Day this year is Saturday, November 11th.

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HELP WANTED

Would you like to take a more active role serving in worship, but prefer something behind the scenes? Are you good with computers or want to learn? The Tech Team needs a few more hands on deck each month to record services, run the PowerPoint slides, and operate the camera. Please see Pat Bauer to learn more, and serve with the Tech Team once or twice per month.



Donations are
requested for
♦ **KETCHUP**
and
♦ **MUSTARD**

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

In case of emergency....



Did you know we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

Did you know we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

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Change for the Better

Public officials routinely get drilled about changing their minds, especially around reelection time. One's past pledges as a political candidate are not easily left behind or forgotten. Earlier promises are often used to measure one's moral character in light of one's actual voting record. A change in opinion can be viewed with suspicion or lead to accusations of hypocrisy. We want consistency. Above all, we want to know that we can trust others to follow through on their word. This is understandable.

Unfortunately, such political norms don't often allow for the power of changing one's mind. Jesus' parable of the two sons suggests that a change in heart can in fact be a sign of deeper listening and transformation. Conversely, a refusal to change can leave us stalled on our spiritual journeys. In this way, "flip-flopping" might not always be a bad thing but rather might indicate our faithfulness to God's ongoing role in our lives.

God's promises in baptism make such change possible. Martin Luther encouraged that we daily return to our baptism. Every day God's grace frees us to admit the possibility that we have previously been or done wrong, or perhaps simply haven't been able to see the whole picture before. Grace also affords us the chance to allow that anyone can be transformed in ways previously thought impossible or unexpected. The promises that God makes in baptism open the door not only for us but for everyone else too. We can learn perhaps to trust not in consistency but in the endless possibilities for change and growth. Sometimes a change in opinion goes only as far as what we think will be most popular. But changing our mind, when done in a spirit of authentic discernment and from the heart, can be transformative. It might even open us to the kingdom of God in ways unknown before. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

October 1 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Monday

October 2 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

5-6pm TOPS CLUB

6-7pm Tai Chi, 7-9pm Pain Support

6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

October 3 -

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

Wednesday

October 4 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Millvale

Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL

Thursday

October 5 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

October 6 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

6-8pm Girl Scouts

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

October 7 - 9am AA meets in the Library

11am Extension Society Meeting

7pm NA meets in the Library

Gathering Place is Booked

Sunday

October 8 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Ordination Dinner

Gathering Place is Booked

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Upcoming Commemorations



Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.



William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Friday, October 6, 2023

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

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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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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