



# Lent

2024



**March 3 at 9:30AM  
In-Person Worship**

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

**Psalm 19**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Gospel: John 2:13-22**

**Pastor Jennifer McCurry preaching**

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In the neighborhood...  
For good.

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**MILLVALE**  
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**Zeal**  
for your  
house will  
**consume**  
**me**

JOHN 2:17



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world. ~

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# *congregational* **MEETING**



## **Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 17th**

A candidate has been put forth by the Call Committee, and has been interviewed and approved by the Council. They will preach and lead worship on Sunday March 17th, and following worship we will have a Congregational Meeting. The agenda for this meeting is a call vote. **All active members should plan to attend this exciting morning!**

On Saturday, March 16th, you will have an opportunity to meet the candidate at an **Open House** here at the church. The name and details of the candidate will be kept confidential until that time, as is our practice. **Stay tuned for information about and opportunities to help with the "Meet and Greet" Open House.**

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## *Lenten Wednesdays: Spiritual Drumming*

### **SPIRITUAL DRUMMING**

After the popularity of our Lenten Wednesday Evenings last year, we've decided to do it again! Pastor Erin and Pat Bauer will again lead **Spiritual Drumming on Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm**. This 45 minute experience will combine open-ended questions and prayers, with short readings and blessings, as we drum together.

Drumming has been used in nearly every faith for the purpose of experiencing the sacredness of God. The earliest music one experiences is the heartbeat of their mother. The simple heartbeat is the sound of the universe – the sound of life. Drumming is a time-honored method of uniting people, and the power of drumming multiplies on many levels in a group of drummers. Share in the prayers and rhythmic energy of the drum as we lift our prayers up to God. No previous music experience is necessary, and drums will be provided.

***March 6 and 13. ~***



**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look up on you with favor and give you peace. ✝**

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 SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

# Sip And Snip!

Learn the art of flower arranging  
and take home a beautiful bouquet!  
\$20 covers all flowers, supplies,  
beverages, light appetizers, and a  
donation to CLC.

SATURDAY APRIL 6  
4:00PM-6:00PM

Please register by March 17th - call  
the church office at 412.821.4300  
or sign up the in narthex



## DUFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Are you a protestant student who has attended high school or been home schooled at least two academic years in Allegheny County, PA? Are you a high school senior or high school graduate planning to enroll (or already enrolled) in a full-time undergraduate course of study leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year education institution?

Do you have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale? You may be eligible for aid from the Lola G. Duff and William H. Duff, II Scholarship Program. Information is available at:

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/duffscholarship/>.

The application deadline is March 4, 2024.

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## WILLIAM J. WOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

was created by a bequest from William J. Wolf, founder and president of General Cleaning Company. Although Mr. Wolf completed high school, he did not have the means to attend college, which he regretted. Through the establishment of this fund, he is able to give back in perpetuity to the Pittsburgh community that he and his wife, Elizabeth, loved, and to the Lutheran faith which they supported during their lifetimes. This scholarship is to assist with the college or graduate level education of students of Lutheran denominations who have a residence in Allegheny County and maintain good grades. To apply for the Scholarship go to <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/1631>. Completed applications are due April 1, 2024.



Donations are requested for

◆ PEANUT BUTTER  
and  
◆ JELLY

### 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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## Why 40

Joseph Imhoff

After the service on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent in preparation for Good Friday and Easter, I was asked about an article I had written some time ago concerning the forty days of Lent mentioning other times the number occurs in Scripture. Looking but not finding I did some research since I did mention it in last week's article.

The number 40 appears over 150 times in the Bible, 24 of them refer to 40 days and 40 nights. Each time it is something significant for God and his people. In some instances 40 implies testing, trial or probation while in others it symbolizes growth, new life and transformation. That the Church should choose 40 days for the observance of Lenten fasting is not surprising.

The first mention of 40 is of course in the story of Noah and the flood when it rained for 40 days and nights. Moses is associated with 40 in many ways, 40 years as prince in Egypt, 40 years in Midian, and 40 years as God's servant; 40 days and 40 nights spent on Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments; the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.

Goliath taunted Israel's army for 40 days before David came forth with his sling and a stone. Jonah had 40 days to convince the people of Nineveh to repent before God would destroy their city.

Jesus' spent 40 days in the desert fasting after his Baptism by John before being tempted by Satan. It has been calculated that there were 40 hours from the end of the Crucifixion until the Resurrection on the first day of the week, Easter!

Lastly, there are 40 days from Easter until Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Judgement, punishment, preparation, fulfillment, God is patient with his people be it in hours, days, months, years, centuries, millennia, He remains faithful, steadfast and honors his covenants. ~

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## ***God's Zeal Makes Us Clean***

In this penitential season, we hear the words of God's law revealed on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:1-17). The law was given to guide Israel, newly rescued from slavery in Egypt, to become a community reflecting God's love and holiness. However, this law, no matter how full of love it is, will always carry the sting of accusation for us because our hearts have strayed from God's gracious purpose.

We aren't capable of fully following the law because we are still captive to the powers of sin and death, so the commandments will always reveal our trespasses. We should not be surprised that God's word convicts even those who have been called into the community of faith. After all, Jesus cleansed even the temple, reacting against sin within the very heart of religious life.

These scenes on Mount Sinai and in the temple don't just concern people of times long past. They draw us in as well. In the mysteries of holy baptism and holy communion, we become the house of the Lord. Joined to Christ by grace, we are, together, the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is zealous for the holiness of his body, desiring that those who have been united to him would walk in love and truth.

Our great assurance, though, is that the living Word of Jesus is greater even than the revelation on Sinai. Where the law can only convict, Jesus forgives. Where the law reveals our bondage to fear and pride, Jesus brings joyful freedom. In Christ, his body the church dies to sin and then, by grace, rises to new life, made clean and holy.

Let us not fear the one who calls us into holiness and cleanses the temple with zeal. The law reveals where sin has brought death to our souls. But Jesus has passed through death into a glorious resurrection to make us into a living temple, where God's mercy can be found in abundance for us and for the world. ~

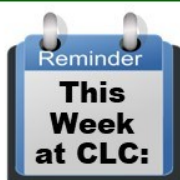
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## **This Week at CLC:**



### **Sunday**

**March 3 - 8:30am Sunday School**  
**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

### **Monday**

**March 4 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry**  
5-6 TOPS Club, 6-7 Tai Chi, 6:30-8pm ESL.  
7-9pm Pain Clinic

### **Tuesday**

**March 5 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue, 6-8pm Violin**

### **Wednesday**

**March 6 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY**  
6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring,  
**6-7pm Choir Practice**  
**7-8pm Spiritual Drumming**

### **Thursday**

**March 7 - 6pm ESL Tutoring ,**  
**6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162**

### **Friday**

**March 8 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY**  
7pm NA meets-Library

### **Saturday**

**March 9 - 9am AA meets in the Library**  
7pm NA meets in the Library

### **Sunday**

**March 10 - 8:30am Sunday School**  
**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

**Don't Forget!! ...**

**Saturday, March 16 - Open House to meet the Call Committee Candidate.**

**Sunday, March 17 - Special Congregational Meeting for a Call Vote; all active members please attend!**

March						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# 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!**



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## Upcoming Commemorations

### Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.



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