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Worship with Us

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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CLC Weekly Update - Sept. 25, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, September 25th at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



*At his gate lay
a poor man
named Lazarus*

LUKE 16:20

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed. ~

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NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Starting October 12th, Pastor Erin will lead
"Psalms and Prayers."



This class will not only explore the basics of prayer, how to pray, and patterns for prayer, but perhaps offer a thoughtful counter-perspective to the phrase "thoughts and prayers" as we respond to situations in our life. Learn from the Psalms how to pray, alongside Martin Luther and Deitrich Bonhoeffer, and explore the richness of scripture as it grounds our prayers. This class will be just six weeks long - sign up in the narthex after church or let Pastor Erin know you are interested.



SUNDAY SCHOOL for PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

SUNDAY STEAM IS IN FULL SWING!

Thanks to everyone who came to our Rally and Rejoice Ice Cream Social Party, those who helped with set up, and clean up, and Pat Bauer who contributed to a rocking party with her drum circle talents.

Sunday STEAM is a one room schoolhouse curriculum for Sunday school that pairs scripture with science! Join us this week for some chemical reactions!

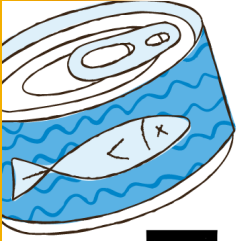
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Millvale Food Council Food Drive and Community Dinner here at CLC

The Food Council is sponsoring a community food drive at area businesses and churches. We have such a generous and supportive community! Then we will welcome our neighbors back to break bread with us and hear a little more about the Food Council and our partnerships. ▼



Millvale Food Council

FOOD DRIVE

*DONATE during September 2022
at area businesses to support
CLC Food Pantry*

COMMUNITY DINNER

*ATTEND October 16th 5pm-7pm
COMMUNITY DINNER AT
Christ Lutheran Church
917 Evergreen Ave*

*With presentations from Millvale Food Council Community
Partners and information about food programs for Millvale*

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE APPEAL

View the LDR letter about recent natural disasters and the help LDR provides online at:

<https://community.elca.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293-110f79f4b72d&trid=02ea3600-d486-4585-a293->



PRAYER of the DAY: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

food pantry update



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Pancake Mix and
Pancake Syrup

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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HARVEST HOMECOMING on OCTOBER 2nd

Join us as we celebrate all that God has provided for us, the heritage of God's word, and the home we have in God's house. We give thanks by giving back, and will have a special offering of donations for the food pantry that morning. With our Harvest Homecoming Offering Envelopes, we will give one more time to the investment we've made in our "home" through the Capital Campaign. We will also have mums available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary, look for more info to come!



YOGA at CLC!

Join this small class on the
2nd and 4th Monday of
each month at 6:00pm.
No experience necessary,
\$10 donation per class.



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A Good Time to be the Church 1

Joseph Imhoff

As I was doing a lot of reading to write the series of articles on prayer I was looking through a number of books, many acquired at the book store at Synod (Conventions) Assemblies over the years, one title struck me among the others, A Good Time to be the Church, conversations with George H. Anderson who was elected Bishop of the ELCA in 1995. What I thought when I picked it up I don't remember, something like: what a crazy idea with what was going on in the world!

In a way that is exactly what he refers to; challenges are with the Lutheran Church, desegregation in the 50's, Viet Nam in the 60's, historical criticism in the 70's, the merger in the 80's and human sexuality in the 90's. He referred to these as 'messes' rather than problems, because problems are specific and individual, what faces the Church comes from a variety of sources.

"It seems that God just won't let the Church settle down and enjoy its triumphs. Every time we want to linger on the Mount of Transfiguration, God pushes us off the scenic viewpoint and lands us back in some valley."

The Church should be a working Church, a community of believers who having a relationship with Christ come together as a community in a community as the motto of CLC proclaims. Some long for the good old days but times were different, society was different, more stable than it is today. The demographics have shifted, the mobility of families economically, socially and job-wise. Multiculturalism, racial, ethnic, the globe has become a very small place and The Lutheran Church once the province of Germanic and Northern European people in Northern States has become more culturally diverse with the moves to the South and West.

"Openness to new religious experience offers us a chance to reach persons whose parents would never have considered the Lutheran Church. In fact, this openness puts us at the threshold of possibilities far greater than any we can imagine." *More to come.*

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Optical Illusions

Have you ever seen one of those pictures that changes depending on how you look at it? Is it a rabbit or a duck? Is it a vase or two faces looking at one another? A young woman or an old one? Sometimes our first impression of something gets in the way of us seeing it another way.

In the parable Jesus tells today, there is a man with wealth and influence who has always seen his life as a success. That success seems all the more pronounced in contrast to a poor, sick beggar who is always hanging around the entrance to his house. But when the rich man dies, he realizes that his life was actually the opposite of what he thought. It was not his possessions or status that mattered; it was the justice and love he showed to others. When it came to those things, he was far more impoverished and much sicker than the man he looked down on every day.

When we look at our own lives, it can be easy to get stuck in just one way of seeing them. If we focus on worldly standards, we may judge ourselves as successes or failures in ways that are out of touch with how God sees us. With this parable, Jesus calls us to new ways of looking at ourselves. Where are we missing the opportunities right outside our front door to act with love and justice for our siblings near and far?

In Christian worship, we gather to practice the way our lives and our world appear to God. We lift up the cries that have gone unheard. We look at one another and ourselves through the redemptive waters of baptism. We feed one another around the table that Christ sets for us all in our common need. As witnesses to God's truth, we send one another forth to shatter misguided illusions in the world around us. ~

Upcoming Commemorations

Michael and All Angels

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Friday, September 30, 2022

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

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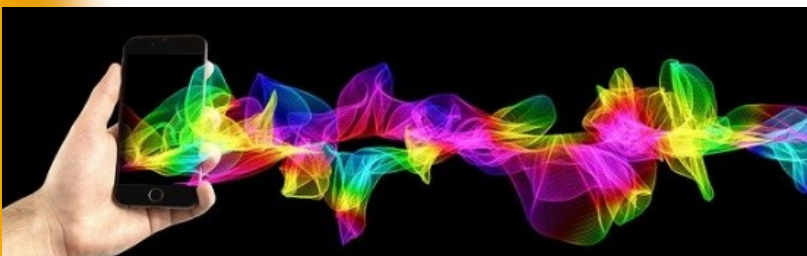
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