

## May 5 at 9:30AM - In-Person Worship WORSHIP WITH US Sixth Sunday of Easter

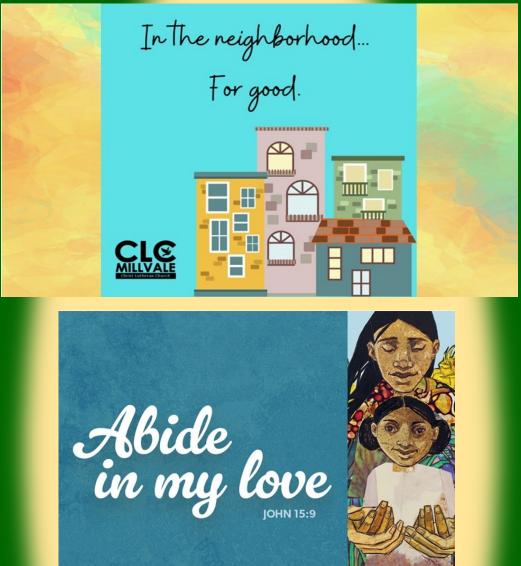
## FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48 PSALM 98 SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

**Pastor Tricia Schneck Preaching** 

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This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit. ~

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## Potluck Celebration Welcome Pastor Tricia and Farewell Seminarian Lindsie

Sunday, May 19th - After Service

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX

#### UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE

CLC FOOD PANTRY Donations are requested for Pancake Mix Toilet Paper Pork n Beans



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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Welcome PASTOR TRICIA SCHNECK

CLC has called a new Pastor to serve our church!

The Rev. Tricia Schneck began her call here on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



"I am Pastor Tricia Schneck and I'm excited to be your newly called Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Millvale. I have 22 years of experience in ministry serving congregations throughout the Southwestern PA Synod. I earned my Bachelor's degree from Robert Morris University and my Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. My husband is Pastor Tony Schneck and he serves a congregation in Gibsonia.

We have been married for almost 24 years and have 3 children. We have a son and two daughters. We also have two dogs, a beagle and a Shih Tzu. I enjoy the outdoors, vacationing with my family, and spending time with them. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and following our Lord together."

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## SWPA Synod Assembly 2024

#### Friday, June 14 @ 9:30 AM - Saturday, June 15 @ 12:30 PM at PennWest California (Cal-U) swpasynod.org/assembly2024

Registration opened April 1. Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. **Please speak with Pastor Tricia or Lennie Jansen if you'd like to attend.** 

#### CLC is "in the neighborhood, for good!"

Your regular support and presence at church is vital to the ministry of our congregation. We are known in the community for the work we do and the relationships we build, and for the ways we offer our time, talents, and treasures to serve our neighbor. As a committed member of the church, please remember to send your offerings regularly,

check your Weekly Update, and find ways to participate in this community of faith.

If you're new here, or just visiting, please take some time to get to know us!



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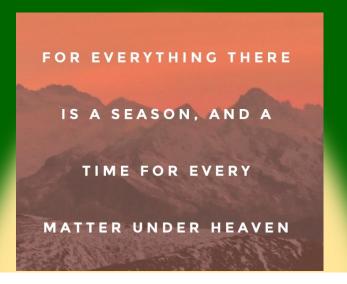
For seventy-five years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience!

Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, halfweek, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA. Go visit for FREE on May 11th for their Annual CAMP BLAST to learn about all camp has to offer!

CLC has had a long relationship with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Lutherlyn and has scholarship funding available for YOUR child to attend a week at camp this summer!

Check out www.https:// www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp for all the details.



## **Time Cycles 1**

Joseph Imhoff

In Ecclesiastes 3 5 we read . . .

Lamentations continued:

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

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6	a time to seek, and a time to lose;
	a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
7	a time to tear, and a time to sew;
	a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8	a time to love, and a time to hate;
	a time for war, and a time for peace.
	Ecclesiastes 3, NRSV

One more line comes to my mind: "A time to welcome, and a time to say good-bye!" Last week we said 'good-bye' to Pastor Erin Evans who is off to serve congregations in the same capacity as an interim pastor as they go through the process of calling a pastor for their churches.

This week we give a hearty 'welcome' to Pastor Tricia Schneck who conducted service back on March 17 under the auspices of the Synod and was then voted by the congregation to be called as our pastor. She has shown enthusiasm for the position when meeting with the church council and on that trial Sunday, may we all show the same enthusiasm in working together as she expressed in her short message in last week's Update in "following our Lord together." ~

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER The Unconditional Love of Disciple-Friends

Friend requests are a common feature of Facebook and similar digital platforms. When it comes to social media, "friends" are just a click away. But there is no automatic guarantee of accountability, warmth, relationship, or true belonging in a virtual community. In stark contrast, Jesus invites the disciples to become part of a community where selfless, sacrificial, unconditional agape love is the core criterion. The kingdom, or "kin-dom," of God is present wherever God's people are affirmed as children of God and siblings in Christ. But Jesus gives his disciples an additional identity: that of "friends."

In the new status Jesus confers on his disciples, the single most important criterion is love, including the readiness to lay down one's life for another. Jesus has just taught this lesson by example when he washed the feet of his disciples, including Judas Iscariot. The new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us summarizes the whole of the gospel mandate. It is not an easy commandment by any human standards, but it is possible because Jesus himself showed us the way and forgives us when we fall short. The status of "disciple-friends" is not a request for the church, but a faith mandate.

How can we live as disciple-friends of Jesus in this world? When we believe, trust, obey, and follow the word, and the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples, a real new community is born. When we learn to embrace the other—those who are marginalized and "othered"—we partner with God in enabling the image of God to blossom to its fullest. ~

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#### This Week at CLC:

Sunday, May 5 -

8:30am Sunday School Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am 4:30pm Violin Recital

#### Monday

May 6 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry 5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL, 7-9pm Pain Support

Reminder

This Week

at CLC:

#### Tuesday

May 7 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue, 9:30-11:30am ESL in Library, 6-8pm Violin

#### Wednesday

May 8 - 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY 6-7pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL

#### Thursday

May 9 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

May 10 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY 7pm NA meets-Library

#### Saturday

May 11 - 9am AA meets in the Library 7pm NA meets in the Library

#### Sunday

May 12 - 8:30am Sunday School Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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#### **Upcoming Commemorations**

## Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

#### Wednesday, May 8, 2024

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

#### Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF) Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.







Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760 Thursday, May 9, 2024

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these mis-

sions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SCOUTS!

Troop 162 (CLC, Millvale) and Troop 138 (Bethlehem, Glenshaw) combined forces to "Scout for Food". They set up tables at Shop N Save and recieved more Food Pantry donations than we have room for on our shelves! They are also continuing "Scouting for Food" door to door in their neighborhoods this month.



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The Infant Room is temporarily closed. If you need a Quiet Space, please use the room at the top of the stairs.

Otherwise, all children are welcome in

worship, and able to play quietly and interact at our Pray Ground in the side aisle.

**Online Giving** 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 Easter, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to: <u>https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/</u> See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!** 



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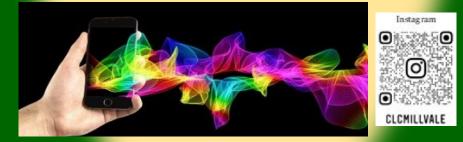
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