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The Clarion

Welcoming all with grace. Worshiping God through praise. Witnessing Christ through service.

A Message From Pastor Sellers

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was a girl, summer was glorious. There were long stretches of unstructured time for exploring, and reading, playing with friends and doing projects. But there was also time to just sit and think... or even just sit. Wasted time. Time when contemplation of a bug, or a leaf, or the way that light hit the water was enough.

As we begin the season of Pentecost, we are headed into the long season of the church – the time that seems to stretch on and on, like the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Some people may feel that that was wasted time; time that they had to just wander before they could get where they were going and get on with it. But it was also time when they found nourishment at God's own hand.

Sometimes the best thing that we can do with our time is to waste it. There is a book on my shelf called "A Royal Waste of Time" by Marva Dawn that talks about Sabbath, and how critical



“wasted time” is for the growth of our spiritual life. When we are so driven by the tasks on our list, and the goals in our future, (even the really good ones), we can miss God – because God is always here and now.

If you have a computer, I hope that you will go to YouTube and listen to Peter Mayer’s song “Holy Now” (here is a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiypaURysz4>), and if you do not have a computer, just read these powerful lyrics:

“When I was a boy, each week on Sunday, we would go to church
And pay attention to the priest. He would read the holy word.
And consecrate the holy bread, and everyone would kneel and bow.
Today the only difference is *everything* is holy now.

When I was in Sunday school we would learn about the time
Moses split the sea in two; Jesus made the water wine.

And I remember feeling sad that miracles don’t happen still.

But now I can’t keep track because *everything’s* a miracle.

Wine from water is not so small, but an even better magic trick is that *anything is here at all*.
So the challenging thing becomes, not to look for miracles, but finding where there isn’t one!

When holy water was rare at best, it barely wet my fingertips.

But now I have to hold my breath, like I’m swimming in a sea of it.

It used to be a world half there, heaven’s second rate hand-me-down,
but I walk it with a reverent air because *everything* is holy now

Read a questioning child’s face and say it’s not a testament. That’d be very hard to say.

See another new morning come and say it’s not a sacrament. I tell you that it can’t be done.

This morning, outside I stood, and saw a little red-winged bird

Shining like a burning bush; singing like a scripture verse.

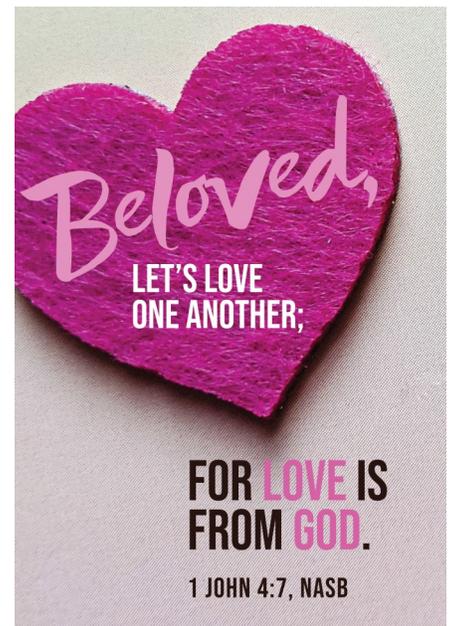
It made me want to bow my head. I remember when church let out.

How things have changed since then. *Everything* is holy now.”

Spending time in the here and now is how we learn to decipher the holiness of everything.

I understand those who say that they find God in nature, because surely the holiness shines through the creation when we take the time to dwell in it. But what I love about my faith is that it is not just a generalized experience of something bigger than myself – but includes an invitation into a way of being in the world that results in that holiness bearing fruit in my life– love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity and self-control.

Sure, I find holiness in a waterfall, or thundering surf, but the more I study scripture, the more I pray, the more I worship, the more I spend time with others seeking holiness, the easier it is to find the holiness in the least likely places... the worn hands and tired eyes of a caregiver; the broken smile of a



homeless person; a pile of bills, or laundry. Experiencing this holiness encourages me to be grateful and generous; fills me with love and joy; and gives me the ability to calm myself and tap into a well of patience beyond my own.

So my prayer for you is that this summer you make the time to waste some time. If you just need to stare at tree – I get it. We've just come through a tough time. But if you get the chance to waste time with God, I suspect that you will find deeper renewal than you imagined would be there. And you just might discover that everything is holy now.

Be blessed my friends!

Pastor Serena

Calling All Volunteers!

We are in need of more help for our annual Vacation Bible School! Please reach out to Karolin (kbrechbill@chrsitlc.org or 215-256-8738 or 267-424-0026) if you are interested.

We are in need of daily teachers, which is perfect for those who can only volunteer one day. If you can volunteer for the five days, we can use station managers (to help run the snack station or the craft station) and group leaders (two adults needed per age group to lead the children around to the correct stations and for general supervision of the children.) Because we are running this year's VBS mostly outside, we will need to have two adults per age group at a minimum, to ensure the children safely move from one station to another. Please note: any adult who volunteers must be vaccinated, and if inside, will need to wear a mask (since we are expecting that most of the children will NOT be vaccinated). Also those interacting directly with the children will need their clearances on file with the church office.



Vacation Bible School is a community outreach program. We do NOT charge for any child to attend. It is a week filled with joy, music, Bible stories, games, crafts and snacks. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to attend; over 12 can serve as helpers. The dates are: July 26-30, 9 am-11:30 am.

Volunteers are asked to come by 8:30 am on Monday and then 8:50 am Tuesday-Friday. Decorating for the week will take place on Sunday, July 25, 1 pm-4 pm.

Please prayerfully consider helping us out this year. Never has it been more important to spread the good news of Jesus and to offer a safe, fun and faith filled event for the children of our community.



Worship Update

Due to the rising rates of vaccination and the warmer weather that allows for more outdoor activities (with a much lower rate of transmission of the covid-19 virus), rates of infection are going down. As we begin to emerge from the pandemic we are continuing to keep two thoughts foremost: How can we best honor and worship God? How can we best love our neighbor?

Not everyone can, or will, get the vaccine, and there is a continued need to suppress the virus to protect our neighbors. Each person will need to assess their own risk and make choices that are best for them.

We will continue to offer on-line worship at 9:30am. This will make it easier for those who are at risk of getting the virus, or those who may be at risk of spreading the virus, to participate in worship without exposure. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to worship at the church, but do join us on-line.

We will offer outdoor communion twice a month at 11 a.m. (on the first and third Sunday) throughout the summer. We are learning that outdoor transmission of the virus is very rare, and this gives us the opportunity to be present with one another, and receive the sacrament regularly with very little risk.

We will be permitting worshippers to come to the 9:30am indoor worship service. Groups may sit together, but we are asking everyone to sit a minimum of six feet away from anyone who is not in their group. Please be mindful of the distance in front and in back of you, as well as to the sides. In order to protect the most vulnerable among us we are planning to continue to have worshippers wear masks when they are in the building. We will also ask everyone who attends in-door worship to sign the welcome pads that are in the pews. That way if anyone does get sick, we will be able to inform those who were sitting nearby to take appropriate precautions.

The back three rows of pews will not be seen on camera – so we encourage worshippers to sit in the forward section of the sanctuary for the sake of those watching at home. This will also make it easier for the microphones to pick up worship responses.

Because visual information is helpful for the hearing impaired, worship leaders who are fully vaccinated will be mask-less. Since there is evidence that singing puts more particles into the air, worship leaders will still mask for singing. **A brief in-door spoken communion will be available on request following the 9:30 a.m. worship on the second and fourth Sunday.**

This is our current plan for worship throughout the summer months. As always, things may change. We will keep you informed of any changes through the weekly News and Notes e-mail, the website, and The Clarion. Please feel free to call the office if you have questions or concerns.

We are getting through this together by finding ways to welcome all with grace, worship God with praise, and witness Christ through service. Thank you for your patience.

Live broadcasts will continue at 9:30am on Facebook and YouTube

Save the Date!
Congregational meeting June 6, Noon via Zoom
Election of Council Members!
Shepherd's Shelf Addition Proposal



Treasurer Needed!

After several years of exemplary service Brian Sharkey is ready to step back from serving as our congregation's treasurer after our June congregational meeting so that he can serve in other areas. He has graciously offered to help train and support the individual who takes his place. We are seeking a member who is ready to take on this important role.

The Treasurer is responsible for the oversight of the financial affairs of the congregation, and ensuring the congregation adheres to the constitution, permissible accounting rules, and legal requirements. The Treasurer must be an active, voting member, and is responsible for signing checks, reviewing transactions, reconciling accounts and making reports and recommendations to the church council and congregation. With the support of the Finance and Stewardship team the treasurer prepares and presents the annual budget.

If you can think of a member who might serve in this capacity, or if you would like a more detailed description of what is involved, please contact Brooke Kuhlen in the church office.

Your Finance and Stewardship Team

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Highlights: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Pastor's Report

Towamencin Township would like to start a chaplaincy program for the township police, which has never been done. Presently, there is a plan to try to form a ministerium for the 11 churches in the township.

Since the Police Chief of the township is an expert in emergency responses, it might be good to have a training session, possibly this summer.

The worship landscape is changing quickly. A synod meeting was held to determine what is safe and not safe. Some parameters still need to be worked out by the Worship and Music Committee at their next meeting.

Shepherd's Shelf: Addition Proposal

Steph Sharkey is looking to bring this proposal to June congregational meeting for approval, but needs to get Council approval first.

Description of proposed addition: This would be an 800 square foot addition. It would close in the area behind the garage, extending about six feet beyond the current annex, add more attic space, with regular steps replacing the pull-down steps. There would be a walkway on the side of the extension to allow deliveries directly to the area. The outside would match the aluminum siding of the annex.

Reasons for addition: Need more space! Looking to move to a "choice pantry", similar to a grocery store. Creates handicapped accessibility for clients and volunteers. The freezers could be moved out to give the choice pantry more space, and the inventory would be moved out of the basement, so the basement could be used as an overflow area only. Clients and volunteers would no longer come through the office area. Daytime distribution hours might be possible.

Building plans: Steph will work with architect (who will do sketches/drawings pro bono for township approval), and get three bids from builders. A grant has been submitted to Philabundance for new freezers, refrigerator and shelving. With roughly \$183,000 in the Shepherd's Shelf funds presently, and several up-coming fundraisers they anticipate having enough to cover the expense.

A motion was made by Pastor that council grant Steph Sharkey permission to begin the process of getting approvals for moving forward on this expansion project. AH seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pastor that we add the Shepherd's Shelf proposal for expansion to the congregational meeting agenda in June, which will still be conducted via zoom. AH seconded. Motion carried.

Communications Ministry Team: The team is presently working on upgrading the CLC website to be more user friendly.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team: Still need a replacement for Brian. Until a replacement is found, Brian will stay on. The team is beginning to work on the fall stewardship program, possibly including wills and bequests. Pastor stated that she believes audits are scheduled to begin before the end of June, and that, most likely the audit reports will be completed later in the summer.

Property Ministry Team:

Roof: The roof contract has been signed. No date yet as to when work will start.

Pavilion: The concrete pad contractor will begin pouring the concrete pad as soon as we get Towamencin Township's approval.

Stained glass windows: All complete except for 1/3 of a window. The "God's Eye" window inside the church (in the back of the sanctuary) will be started soon.

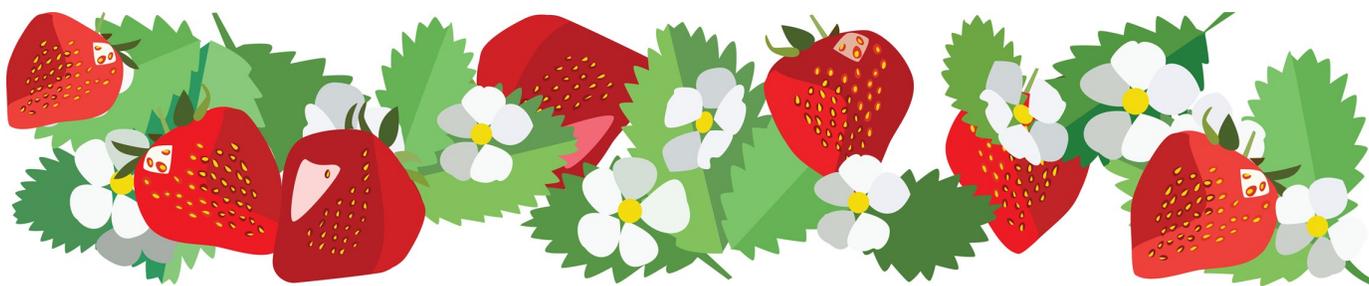
Boy Scout / Eagle Project: Owen Krauss has decided to switch his project (due to time constraints for completion) to renovating the church's playground.

New Business:

Two council members (BD and GT) met with the Boy Scout Troop on 5/10/21 to discuss the Eagle Project that involves the pavilion, and to talk about ideas for some hefty future projects that would enhance the church. A discussion was held concerning the Boy Scout Troop's plan to possibly solicit funding (e.g. "Go Fund Me") for some of their more expensive projects. It was felt that Council needs to be asked whether this is feasible, with the rules of the church corresponding to fundraising. Council decided that until we know the financial scope of each project, it would be difficult to determine how to go about getting the funds

A big thank you to Mike Baymor, Sharon Noble, Dawn Baxter and Ryan Kagarise for serving on Council! Lisa DeLong and Andria Alderfer have been nominated to become new members of Church Council.

Bob DiNenno gave a verbal "hats off" to the women on Council (and Pastor), since they are definitely the majority, for pulling off so many good things during the difficult times of the pandemic.



Social Media Handles



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Twitter
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If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds>

We are continuing to take donations. Please see www.christlc.org to get up most up to date needs list. Due to the church office being closed the addition to the garage is being left unlocked so donations can be placed in there.

Thank you to everyone in our church congregation and in the community for your continued support of this very important feeding ministry!

If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Steph Sharkey at shepherdsshelf@christlc.org or call the church office.



Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB



Shepherd's Shelf Summary April 2020

In April the Shepherd's Shelf served 122 people: 61 adults, 41 children and 20 seniors. 37 households made 57 visits. 13 church members and 33 volunteers from the community logged 222 hours and distributed 456 bags of food and supplements (approximate value \$13,680). Diapers were distributed 13 times and wipes 6 times. Feminine hygiene products were distributed 18 times.



In Full Swing

Last chance to register to golf! The 2021 Richard D. Stephens golf outing to support the Shepherd's Shelf is just around the corner. Registration for golfing closes June 1. If you would like to register to golf go to <https://www.christlc2.org/events/richard-d-stephens-memorial-golf-outing-2021>

CLC RETURNS FOR A NIGHT OF IRON PIGS BASEBALL

CLC friends and family are invited to visit Coca-Cola Park in Allentown on Friday, August 27 when the Iron Pigs take on the Scranton WB RailRiders. Game time 7:05 PM.

Your \$11 game ticket includes:

- \$2 credit redeemable for food, beverage, or merchandise at the stadium
- Field level seating
- Pig in a Poke raffle ticket
- Fireworks following the game
- A great night of fun and fellowship



Due to Covid, the Iron Pigs currently have some restrictions in place. Our group has 66 seats which are socially distanced consisting of every other row and preassigned seats in groupings of 2, 3 and 4. The seats are all in the same section so while there may be spaces between your party you are guaranteed to be amongst friends. Celebrations Ministry will be taking reservations and payment for tickets until Sunday, July 18. Tickets must be paid in full to hold your reservation. Hope you will join in the fun!

IRON PIGS TICKETS

NAME _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

TOTAL DUE _____

Please detach/print/copy this order form and include with cash or check payment in an envelope, addressed to Celebrations Ministry, and return to church office. Checks can be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with Iron Pig tickets in memo. Any questions? Please contact Karen Johnson at 267-992-2966.





Youth News *By Karolin Brechbill*

Be Strong and Courageous

At the end of May, we celebrated the Confirmation of nine of our youth. Four students from the 2020 Class (Lauren Frye, Emily Keith, Katie Kuhlen, and Julia Marchewski) and five from the 2021 Class (Maddie Bingley, Stephen Blake, Andrew Hallman, Aidan Healy, and Danielle Rush.) All nine of these students have grown in their faith over the years, participating in hundreds of church events, worship services, Synod gatherings, and community service/mission trips. Christ Lutheran Church can be proud of these young people and their commitment to being a part of the church community.

I spent quite a few hours working on the power point video (which I do every year and is one of my favorite jobs I get to do) that highlights some of the activities the youth have participated in, while embarrassing them with photos of when they were younger. You can find this video on our Facebook Page, if you haven't seen it yet. The video also includes a Bible Verse that the confirmand selects for themselves. This year, I found it quite interesting that many of our confirmands picked verses with the same theme. Not all, but a majority of the youth chose verses that had to do with God given courage, strength, resilience and faith in adversity; "Do not be afraid for I am with you. Do not be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen you" (Isaiah 41:10); "Be on your Guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" (1Corinthians 16:13); "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6); "...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline" (2Timothy1:7); "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9).

While a few of these passages are typical ones for confirmands to choose, I find it remarkable that so many of our young people chose these particular ones this very year...a year in which we have needed to be strong and courageous. A year in which we needed to be reminded that God is with us. A year in which we have not been able to lean on the strength of others, but have had to often look to God in our solitude to fight the weariness of being alone.

There is much discussion going on nationally between youth leaders and clergy about "What will church look like when we come back?" and especially "Will the young people come back at all?" The fear of answering the question "have we lost them?" is real. Once the habit of coming to church is broken, it can be hard, even for us adults, to reinstate. And, for our teenagers, in the formative years of their faith life, this absence from in-person church may create a lack of interest that just can't be overcome. If they have not had the opportunities to continue creating relationships and learning

about God's love for them, will they understand the value of a life lived within the church? Or, will they just walk away?

Based on these selected verses, my questions about the future have changed a bit. Rather than focusing on will they come back, my new questions are centered on what they might need when they do. Are the youth choosing these verses because they proved to be true during the pandemic, or are they choosing them because they NEED reassurance after such an ordeal? Has this past year strengthened their faith or has it crumbled it? Are these statements of belief or a plea for affirmation? I am not sure of the answer to these questions, but whether the teens chose these verses carefully, or at random, it is clear that reassurance is something they value, and have either received it from God or are looking for it in his word. To me, these words are evidence that these youth have had the same fears, doubts and anxieties we all have had this past year and a half. But it also tells me that they know where to find the answers to their fears...they chose words that remind us all that God can help us through difficult times. That God will give us the courage and strength to face tough things. And that we do not need to be discouraged that things this year have been strange and different and disappointing, because better days are ahead.

On Pentecost Sunday, nine of our Youth bravely stepped forward and proclaimed to be people of God. They chose to remind us to be strong. Be courageous. To love and to stand firm. Whether they believe those words steadfastly, or needed to hear them again, they are the perfect words for the coming year.



REGISTER FOR

Vacation Bible School

July 26th-30th, 9 am-11:30 am

Christ Lutheran Church is delighted and excited to offer Rocky Railway VBS for Summer 2021! The purpose of our theme is to encourage children to know that Jesus helps us to power along the Rail Road of Life! This will be an in-person, mostly OUTDOOR VBS, as we wish to honor our State's social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Register at : www.christlc2.org/vbs



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

We have a wonderful group of youth graduating from High School this year. They are: Eric Alderfer, Ryan Blake, Brayden Bell, Christopher Bonsignore, Isaac Frye, Ryan Kagarise, Austin Rush and Tyler Williams. As I write their names down, I can't help but think of them as little kids that came to Kid's Club and participated in the Christmas Pageant. I also have fond memories of Vacation Bible School and Sunday School Bingo. As they grew up I had the pleasure of watching them receive their First Holy Communion, teaching them in Sunday School class, witnessing their growth in confirmation classes and of course doing all things Youth Group. Oh my, the memories we made: making candy, putting on the Intergenerational Dinner, going on mission trips to Philadelphia and

South Dakota, going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, writing and presenting annual youth Sundays, attending Synod events, having fun at Knoebels and Dutch Springs Water Park, going midnight bowling and sleeping at the church, volunteering with Mitzvah and MLK Day, and my favorite of all...having the best weekend every year at the Winter Retreat. So many awesome adventures!

The month of June is always a month of mixed emotions: I am so proud of these amazing teenagers and who they have become. I can't wait to see what they do with their lives and the things they will accomplish. But, I am also so sad because I know that I won't get to see most of them very much anymore. This particular year has really messed with my emotions (as I am sure it has for you too) since this class of seniors were taken away from me a whole year too soon. Since we haven't been able to meet in person, we were not able to go to the Gathering as planned. We didn't have a full Winter Retreat. We didn't have the dinner. No sleeping on the floor in the narthex. (Ok, not going to lie, I didn't miss that too much). No volleyball games or SPUD or playing characters for hours. It really did stink. I missed seeing their faces so much!

But, even with all that disappointment, time still moves in one direction and the reality is that these young people are moving on...going to college, getting their careers started, moving away. I pray that even with missing this last year in the traditional sense, these young people leave CLC filled with the knowledge of the incredible, boundless love God has for them. I pray that they stay safe and make a lot of good choices and learn from their mistakes. I pray that they find their voices and follow a path to success and joy. And, I pray that they know deep in their bones that they have a whole host of people called Christ Lutheran Church who love them dearly, wish the best for them, and will always have a place for them.

Congratulations, Seniors. God Bless.



Kids Activity Page



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)

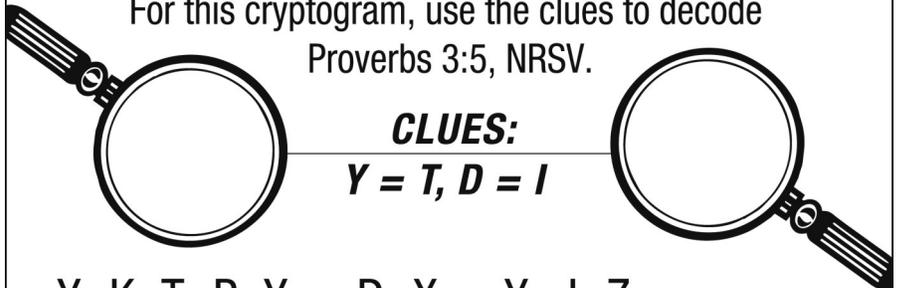


What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.



CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

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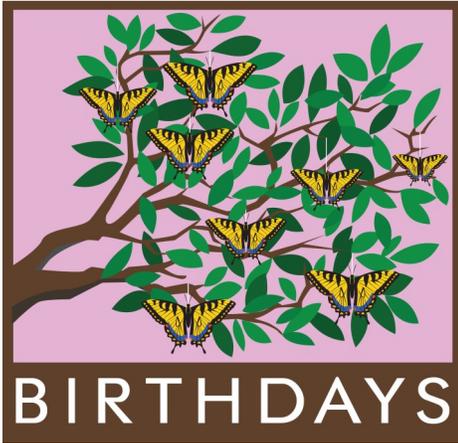
C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R
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R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.
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Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV

JUNE



06/01 Nancy Stephens
 06/02 Carole Parmley
 06/02 Joseph Ferretti
 06/02 Elaine McFadden
 06/03 Ian Thomas
 06/04 Judy Taylor
 06/04 Bill Blum
 06/06 Steve Richards

06/06 Angie Bell
 06/07 Katie Kuhlen
 06/07 Matt Ryder
 06/08 Jeanine Marchewski
 06/08 Serena Sellers
 06/09 Scarlett Brown
 06/10 Ron Dundore
 06/10 Ryan Kagarise
 06/11 Ryan Geschwindt
 06/12 Jack Schlossman
 06/12 Harrison Stover
 06/12 Jordan Brechbill
 06/13 Joan Connors
 06/13 Connie Godshall
 06/13 Karen Williams
 06/15 Lucy Schulcz
 06/17 Conlan Carpenter
 06/18 Daniel Alderfer
 06/19 Jack Leitmeyer

06/20 Bette Hoffman
 06/21 Edward Steingraber
 06/22 Bev Stover
 06/22 Gary Dietrich
 06/22 Aaron Bonsignore
 06/22 Michael Roberts
 06/22 Ryan Bell
 06/23 Linda S. Landis
 06/23 Amy Ferretti
 06/23 Andrew Dodge
 06/24 Emily Bardman
 06/24 Nichole Palmer
 06/25 Lynne Martino
 06/25 Kim Frye
 06/29 Michael Noble
 06/30 Peter Knauss
 06/30 Jared Martin



Montgomery County Health Services: For general health and other questions related to Covid-19: COVID-19 Help Line: (610) 631-3000
 Overwhelmed? Lonely? Anxious? The Peer Support Talk Line lets you can speak anonymously about any issues or problems you are facing without fear of judgement. Peer Support Talk Line: (855) 715-8255
 If you are experiencing a mental health emergency: Mental Health Mobile Crisis: (855) 634-4673

Bucks County Covid-19 Behavioral Health Helpline: Feeling anxious? Need help managing stress, anxiety, drugs or alcohol? Need to talk to someone? 215-399-5681 Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month
Please do not send pdf files. Linda Nyce Landis, Editor clclarion@gmail.com

Council Member: Christine Martin

I am beginning my 5th year on church council and liaison to Social Ministry, having also served with Cemetery and Celebrations Ministries. There are so many absolutely wonderful folks here at Christ Lutheran Church! I have so many fond memories attending a Swedish Lutheran Church in NW Pennsylvania when I was young (even wearing that infamous crown of candles as the St. Lucia Bride). As I began searching for a church here in Montgomery County, Diane West suggested we try CLC. I remember how truly welcome everyone made us feel. The church itself reminded me so very much of the inside of my childhood church. It felt like the place we needed to give our children their Christian roots. Our 3 year old daughter Lindsay and I joined Christ Lutheran in 1999 shortly before the birth of our son Jared. My husband Dan, although not a member, enjoys attending CLC and fondly refers to himself as either *Lutheric* or *Cathoran*. Our family has lived in Harleysville since 1986 and currently have a shetland sheepdog Fletcher, and 2 cats, Ares and Stella. I attended Indiana University of PA and graduated with a BS in Accounting spending the first 10+ years of our marriage working in various financial positions in the long-term care industry. Motherhood became my new career and I spent much of my time volunteering in elementary school classrooms, Home and School President/parent, Cub Scout Leader, Sunday School teacher, VBS volunteer, multiple sports booster parent, and MS/HS musical "mom". My volunteer time in school lead to working in the SASD for 9 years and currently I do part-time bookkeeping. I still enjoy supporting my 2 young adults as they complete their educations. My hobbies include baking, sewing, crafts, gardening and the beauty of the outdoors. We love our family vacations (Hawaii is our personal fav) and hope to fulfill our trip to Europe that got cancelled, literally within days of leaving, by COVID. We also spend every fall cheering on our beloved Nittany Lions, tailgate is always open!



Grief Share

One of the toughest transitions of life is life after the death of a loved one. It is a difficult journey to navigate alone. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You do not have to go through the grieving process alone.

CLC's Grief Share Group meets for a 13 week course. Another cycle will be starting soon. In order to maintain the social distancing, our sessions will be available via the Zoom teleconference web site until we are able to resume events in our Church Library. Please email Kim at KJA610@aol.com if you would like to attend Grief Share meetings. Information on the next cycle and an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom will be emailed to you. Thanks! Kim





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Sunday Services

Live streaming Service 9:30am

On Facebook and YouTube

Sunday School Classes

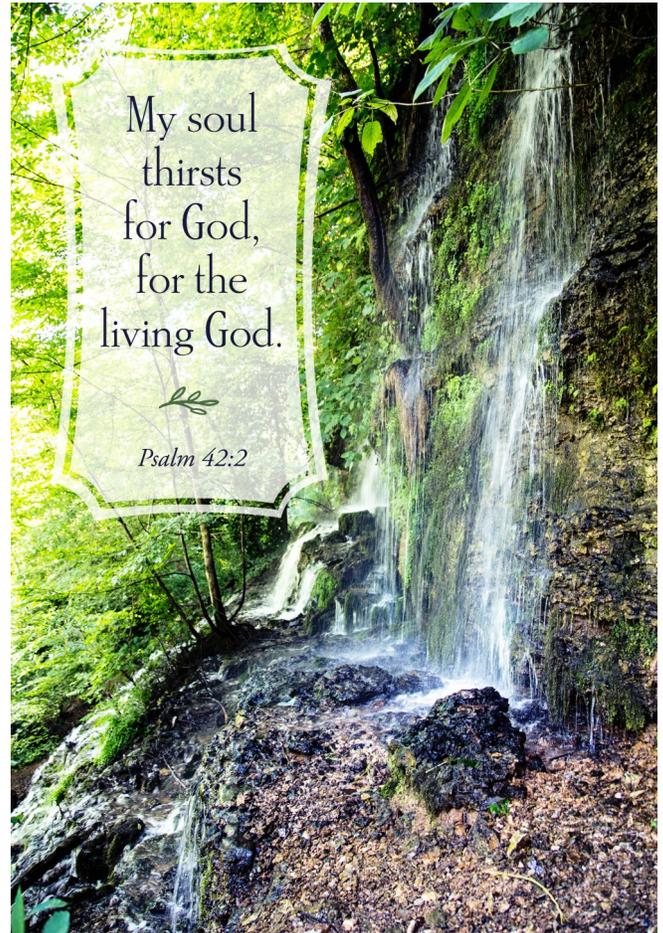
Wednesday evenings via Zoom

Choir Rehearsal

Return to be determined

Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month.

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Witnessing Christ through service.

CLC's Ministry Teams

June 2021

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