



Christ Lutheran Church

# The Clarion

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

## A Message From Pastor Sellers

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lutherans like to talk about God the Father, and Jesus, but we tend to be less focused on the Holy Spirit. We are, after all, people of the book. We hold scripture in high regard, and the first two persons of the Holy Trinity tend to get a bit more ink in our Bible. But God did not end his activity when the last words of our scriptures were written.

The stories of the patriarchs, the liberation from Egypt, and journey to the Promised Land shared in the Hebrew scriptures reveal the God we first meet in the opening pages of Genesis; a God who creates and provides. One who has a plan for redemption, blessing first Abraham, and then his descendants, to create a blessing that will bless all nations and people. We see the creator, first liberating his people, then leading them in a pillar of cloud and fire. God guides, feeds, and teaches his people in the wilderness. We recognize in the history of Israel, the judges and prophets, God's longing to bring us back into alignment with the original hope of Eden.

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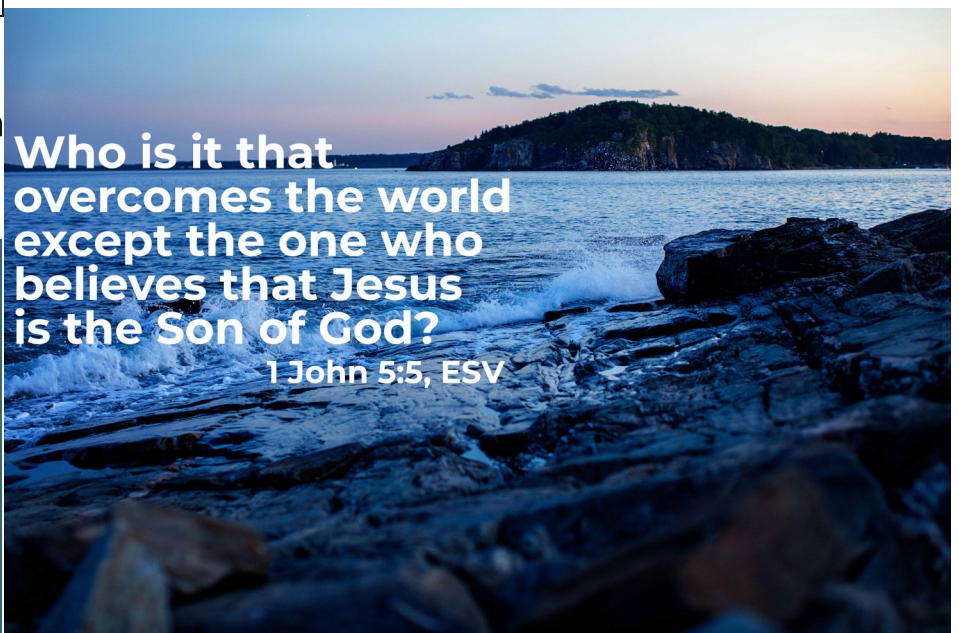
**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

This is Christ's church.  
There is a place for you here.  
We are the church that shares a living,  
daring confidence in God's grace.  
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you  
as a whole person--questions,  
complexities and all. Join us as we do  
God's work in Christ's name for the life  
of the world.

Who is it that  
overcomes the world  
except the one who  
believes that Jesus  
is the Son of God?

1 John 5:5, ESV



In the book of the New Covenant we see the fulfillment of God's intention in the birth of Jesus, the Lamb of God who comes to save the creation from sin and death. In the interactions of Jesus with people, we come to know the power of a remarkable grace that reaches across boundaries to bring wholeness, the teaching of a way that leads to abundance and fulfillment, and a plan to abide in his people, bringing the transforming power of a love stronger than death into our lives so we might have a truly blessed and eternal life. We find, in Jesus's sacrificial death and miraculous resurrection, a love bigger than our ability to comprehend it.

Scripture offers some stories of the Holy Spirit in action. In the story of the Pentecost miracle we see God entering the human story in a new way, not in a single individual, but in many. The tales and teachings of the Book of Acts and the Epistles begin to help us glimpse the Holy Spirit at work, but they only tell us about the very early years of the church. The story of the Holy Spirit only begins in the pages of scripture. It is a tale of God's presence in his people for two thousand years across many continents. It is a story that begins a new chapter at every baptism. It is a story way too deep and wide to be included in the pages of a single volume, and one that is continually unfolding in our time.

Without a narrative we can find the work of the Spirit a little harder to identify. In 1 Corinthians 9 we learn the Spirit is given to each of us – but does not look the same in everyone. Scripture does give us some clues about how to discern the Spirit in today's world. We learn the Spirit abides in us, guides us to truth, and reminds us of Jesus's teaching (John 14). We discover the Spirit is revealed in its fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5). From Luther's small catechism we learn the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies us, working in us to make us holy.

In the gift of the Holy Spirit God is at work in you and around you. With eyes to see and ears to hear God is speaking in our lives and through our lives to others. As we prepare for this final season of our year of witness through service, we will be living into the season of the Holy Spirit.

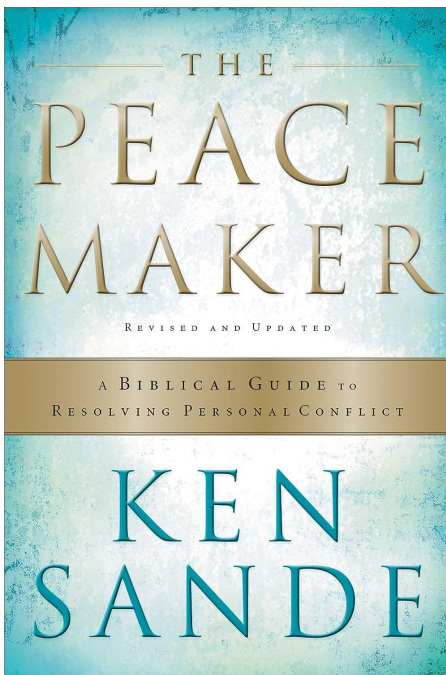
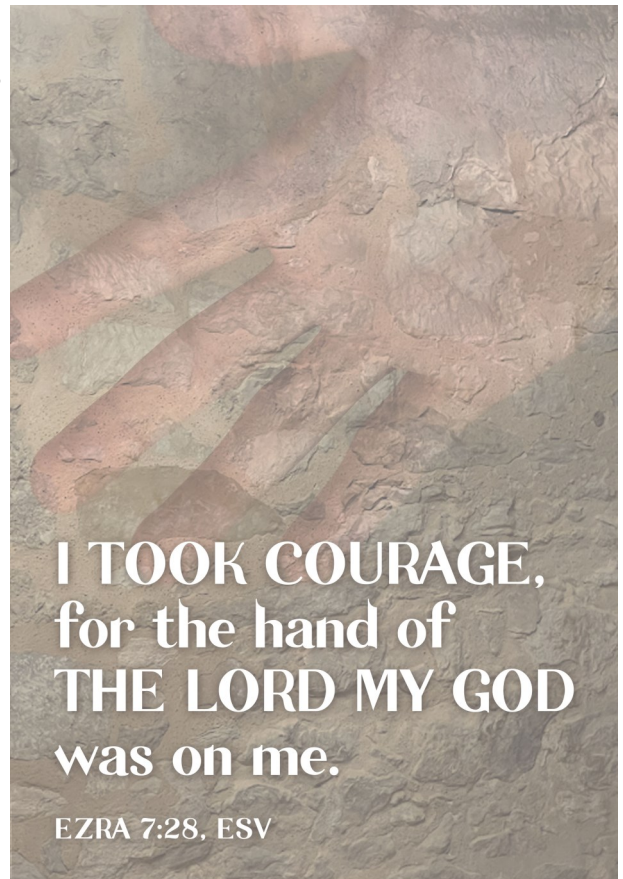


In the month of May we will continue the Easter season, but will transition into the season of Pentecost, the season of the Holy Spirit and the church. On May 3 & 4 the Southeastern PA Synod will be meeting in Assembly not very far from us, at the Franconia Meeting House on route 113. It will be an exciting meeting as the voting members from Lutheran Churches across our five county area discern the Spirit's call to a new Bishop. Volunteers and visitors are welcome, and the worship services are usually very inspiring. You can find out more at [www.ministrylink.org](http://www.ministrylink.org)

May 5 is our semi-annual All-Team Planning Meeting at 11:30am following the second service. May 12 will be our final day of Sunday School before we begin our single service schedule. We will be celebrating the final Sunday of Easter, observing both the Feast of the Ascension and Mother's Day. Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated on May 19, and we will conclude the month on Trinity Sunday with the Confirmation of Andrew Dodge and Sara Geschwindt on May 26.

May we all experience the fullness of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit this May.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Serena



### THE PEACEMAKER Book Study

Discussion of Ken Sande's "The Peacemaker – A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict" will be held as hybrid gatherings at 7pm on four Sunday evenings May 5 and 19, and June 9 and 30. Discussions will be led by Scott Swindells and Gary Johnson-McNutt. In-person we will be in the Annex, and using the Meeting Owl people may join on Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8329455731?omn=85077645592>

All are welcome.



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Worship



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## What to expect at CLC—In-Person– 2024

The 9:00am service is in-person and livestreamed to those watching at home on Facebook or YouTube. The second service begins at 10:30am with younger Sunday School Students (3 years old- 6th grade) present at the start of the service and dismissed to their classrooms after the Children’s Sermon. May 19 is the beginning of our Summer schedule: one service at 9:30am live and on line.

May 5	Easter 6	9:00am 10:30am	Communion
May 12	Ascension Mother’s Day	9:00am 10:30am	Communion 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School
May 19	Pentecost	9:30am	<b>Start of Summer schedule</b> Communion
May 26	Trinity Sunday	9:30am	<b>Affirmation of Baptism</b> Communion Sending of Travelers

### Faith Formation Spring Events!

**May 12- Last Day of Sunday School-** with Pentecost being early this year, our last day of SS classes will be on May 12.

**May 26- Confirmation Sunday!** On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders. These students have attended two years of instructional classes, participated in many service projects and have been vital members of our faith community. Please join us at the 9:30am service to welcome them as full adult members of the congregation!

### SAVE THE DATE June 2 Congregational Meeting

The congregation meets each June to elect Council members. Please plan to be there. A quorum of 50 voting members is needed. Voting members are confirmed members who, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Ushers & Usher Coordinator Needed

Each Sunday as you enter the Sanctuary you are greeted by a smiling face and someone ready to hand you your preference of bulletin. That person also assists with collecting offering and guiding folks to receive communion during worship. If you are interested in possibly volunteering or have any questions about in this role, please reach out to the office.



## A Monthly Message from the Finance and Stewardship Team

### *The Foundation of Stewardship*

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. -Psalm 24:1*

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It's so radical that many of us can't accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything **IN** the world. Even **US!** We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don't own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don't own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. Though made in God's image, we are nonetheless humble servants – slaves, actually.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

How are you doing with all this?

--Rob Blezard

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Registration for **GOLFERS** for the 2024 golf outing is now closed. If you are still interested in participating, there is the option to do a Lunch n' Learn (\$75). Starting at 11:30am, receive 1.5 hour group lesson from a pro at the IVCC driving range and instructional facility, then join us for the luncheon following the outing. There is still an opportunity to be a **SPONSOR** for the Golf Outing as well. Deadline to be a sponsor is **May 20th**. The outing is **Monday, June 24** at Indian Valley

Country Club. Use this link: <https://richard-d-stephens-memorial-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/> to register for the Lunch n' Learn or to sponsor the event. We are excited to welcome all of our golfers and sponsors as we take a swing to help the food insecure neighbors in our community.



**SHEPHERD'S SHELF**  
EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD  
RICHARD D STEPHENS MEMORIAL  
**GOLF OUTING**

## Team CLC

CLC's cycling team is a group of members and friends who ride and socialize together. The team rides on both roads and trails (Perkiomen Creek, SRT, 202 parkway trail) as well as the following local charity rides.

**French Creek Iron Tour** - June 9 - 11, 20, 32, 50, and 62, 75, and 100 mile routes (Benefits French Creek Watershed conservation efforts)

**Roll and Stroll** - June 18 - 10, 20, 40, and 62 mile routes (benefits Indian Creek Foundation)

**Bikes & Beers** - June 22 - 15, 30, 45 mile routes (benefits local, nonprofit bike organizations)

**Covered Bridge Classic** - August 18 - 34, 50, 66, and 100 mile routes (benefits Lancaster Bicycle Club grant program, funding covered bridge restoration and bicycle initiatives)

**BikeMS City to Shore** - September 28 & 29 - 25, 40, 75, 100, 150 mile routes (benefits National MS Society, each cyclist must raise \$300 to participate)

If you are interested in getting out and riding please reach out to Cory Brechbill, Jane Dettra, or Steve Landis

## Women's Group Events

Join us for a Zumba class taught by Tara Brehm, our OG Zumba teacher at CLC

Wednesday, 5/8 from 6pm - 7pm, \$5 per person.

Snacks and drinks to follow

There will be a max of 30 people, so we have plenty of space to move. Sign up here if you plan to attend.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A62EA3F85-48695646-zumba>

For June we have a wine tour and tasting at Evansburg Vineyards on June 8 at 1:30, please RSVP by June 1 so I can let the winery know our numbers.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A62EA3F85-48696413-wine>

After that we have a few months of no events planned. If you have an idea, please either let Steph Sharkey know or sign up for a month. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A62EA3F85-womens1#/>



## IRON PIGS TICKETS - GAME TIME: FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 7:05 PM

CLC friends and family are invited to visit Coca-Cola Park in Allentown on Friday, June 21st, as the Iron Pigs take on the Norfolk Tides.

Your \$12 game ticket includes: \$2 credit redeemable for food, beverage, or merchandise at the stadium, Field level seating, Fireworks following the game, A great night of fun and fellowship.

**Celebrations Ministry will be taking reservations and payment for tickets following worship services on May 5, 12. May 12 is the last day for ticket sales.** Tickets must be paid in full to hold your reservation. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church, with Iron Pigs game in memo. If you are interested and not able to purchase your tickets following worship service, please contact Karen Johnson at

267-992-2966 by April 23rd. Hope you will join in the fun!



## March into Peace

### 10-mile Christmas Peace Pilgrimage on Saturday, December 14, 2024,

from Nazareth to Bethlehem PA ([peacewalk.org](http://peacewalk.org))

Ahh! May is the perfect time to train for the Peace Walk in December. Haven't signed up yet? Well, this is the month to do so! Utilizing Cooper Aerobics Health and Wellness program to gradually get into condition, we will walk our faith together. Starting in June, 2 mile walk events will be held and you might be surprised where they will end up. Claim your walking time as an

opportunity to reconnect with your favorite scriptures, those discussed during worship services, or those from your daily devotions. As Philippians 4:9 reminds us, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Please contact Ginny Ward or Dann Stephens for more information.

Week	Time (min)	Distance (miles)	Frequency (days)
1	30:00	1.50	4-5
2	30:00	1.55	4-5
3	30:00	1.60	4-5
4	30:00	1.65	4-5
5	30:00	1.70	4-5
6	30:00	1.75	4-5
<b>Time increases</b>			
7	31:00	1.85	4-5
8	32:00	1.90	4-5
9	33:00	1.95	4-5
10	34:00	2.00	4-5





### **The ELCA Youth Gathering is Getting Close!**

Nine of our youth and two adults will be traveling to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering on July 16-20. We are so excited for this opportunity! Details are still being determined, but we know our hotel assignment and our flights, and are meeting early in June to work out the final details.

For the congregation who is unaware of what a Youth Gathering is, here's a quick synopsis: The ELCA Youth Gathering is a four day event for any ELCA youth in grades 9-12. A host city is chosen for a variety of reasons. New Orleans, in my opinion is an excellent host city, as it is walkable, has great venues, plenty of hotels,

great food, historical significance, amazing music and a vibrant community that in past years has welcomed us with open arms.

During the four days, we will have a day of service, a day where we meet with our synod, and a day of interactive learning. Each evening finishes with a mass gathering, which includes music, videos, key note speakers, spoken word poetry, dancers, and pastoral addresses. The final day wraps up the event with a unique worship experience including communion (and let me tell you, it is truly a special experience to commune with that many people at once!)

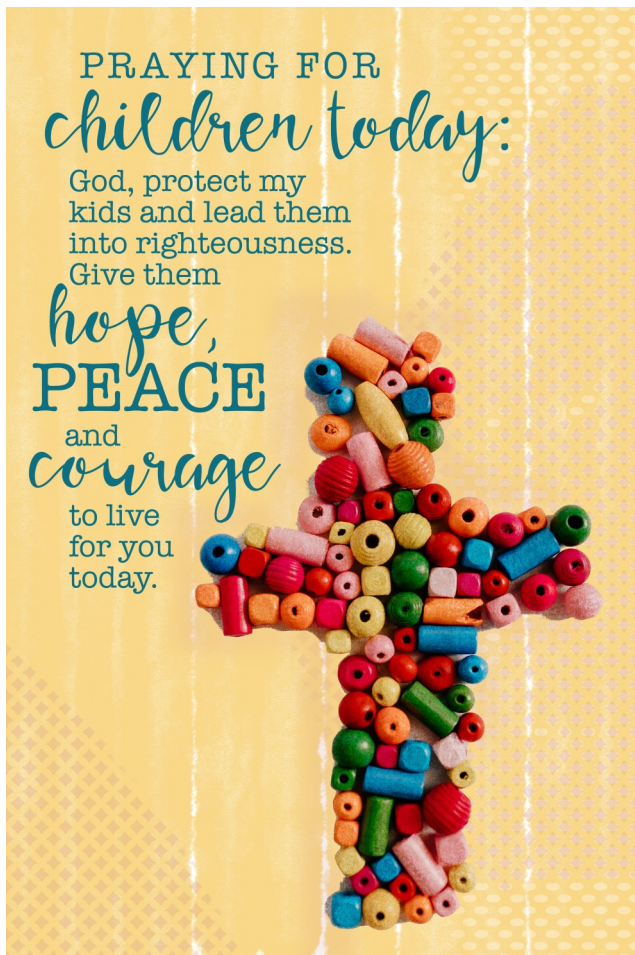
This year, there is also a young adult gathering happening concurrently with the youth gathering. Three of our young adults are attending this event and we hope to be able to bump into them once in a while or share a meal together.

Each participant is responsible for a portion of the funds required to attend. The remainder of the costs are covered through Youth Fundraising and gifts from the congregation. This year's candy making raised approximately \$5,500! That, combined with the money raised from previous years completely covers our costs to attend and then some. We will be offering the same agreement with the young adults for their gathering, as all three of them were a vital part of fundraising in past years.

As we draw near to the event, the participants will be asked to choose a trip sponsor. Be on the lookout, as they may ask you! Trip sponsors are simply asked to pray for and correspond with the participant while they are on the trip. This is a nice way to connect the youth to the larger congregation. Once we are back, we will also offer a fellowship hour one Sunday to show pictures and share about the trip. This date is yet to be determined, so stay tuned.

Once again, I want to personally thank the congregation for offering support of these types of experiences for our youth. It is a joy and an honor to be a part of a church family that values the faith formation of its young people!





## Youth News

By Karolin Brechbill

### Youth Sunday -Witnessing Through Service

I like this title because of the double meaning. Our youth students witnessed their faith by leading the worship service on Sunday, April 14, AND, the theme of the day was witnessing their faith through DOING service work.

In case you weren't able to join us, I'll give a quick recap. All year long we have had members of our congregation sharing their faith through short witnessing videos. When I pitched the idea to our youth, they were...let's say...hesitant. Youth in general, do NOT like public speaking, especially about such things as their faith. After all, they are still forming their belief systems and their faith journeys have just really begun. So, when we talked about it in class, it was undeniable that the majority of our youth prefer to share their faith

through action, rather than words. They LOVE service work. They get excited about mission trips. They enjoy helping others and following Jesus' example.

All throughout the Youth Sunday worship service, we had pictures shown of the numerous mission trips and service projects we have done over the last 20 or so years. But please know, mission trips and service projects have been going on loooong before my time; I just didn't have any pictures of that! Two of our youth (Maddie and Lily) shared their experiences in Kentucky at our most recent trip, then one of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders (Zoe) shared how she has participated in service work with the youth group as a younger sibling since she was 4-5 years old, and then we had Andria Alderfer share about how her experiences as a youth at CLC helped form her into the adult she is now. Finally, we had the congregation recognize themselves, because none of the service work we have done over these many years would be possible without the support (financially, spiritually and physically) of the entire congregation.

It was a great day, and if you want to watch the video, I believe it can be found on our YouTube channel.

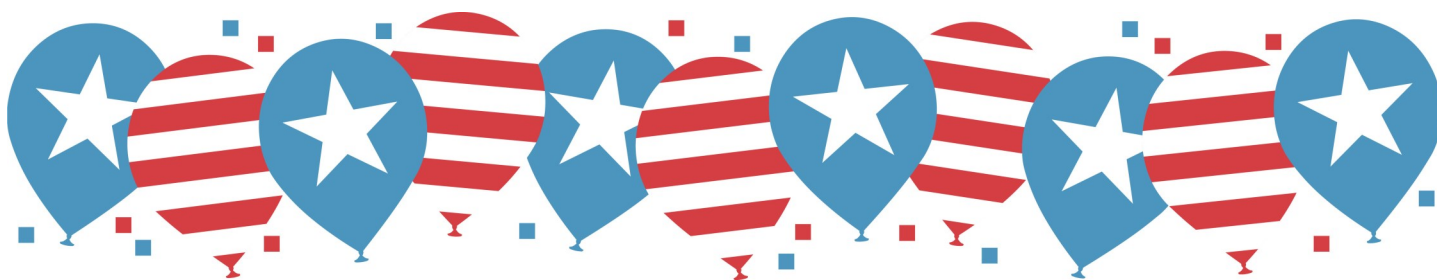
I'll leave you with this ending part of my sermon from the day:

*"If you asked most teens, 'why do you go to church?' they would likely answer 'because my parents make me'. I mean...Truth. It's what a lot of us would have answered back in the day. But when I asked our particular group of teens why they come and stay involved at CLC, almost every one of them*

*answered that they like how welcomed they feel and they like to participate in service projects and mission trips. That is when they feel the most connected to God. That is how they most comfortably share their faith stories with others. That is how they witness.*

*And so that is what we've tried to do with the youth of CLC...In youth group, we provide lots and varied ways for teens to connect with each other, and with God's creation. We travel on mission trips and attend gatherings. We clean highways and parks, we serve dinners and make sandwiches and stock shelves...we really try to get our hands dirty."*

That, I believe is the future of church. Offering opportunities and experiences that connect people of all ages with God, the creator, and allow them to follow Jesus' example of loving God and loving one another. It's just that simple.



MAY  
Birthdays

- |                    |                       |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Patti Welsh      | 11 David Valovage     | 22 Bryan Geissel       |
| 2 Kathy Benjamin   | 11 Matthew Keyser     | 23 Gary Johnson-McNutt |
| 2 A.J. Swindells   | 12 Erin Alderfer      | 25 Zoe Kuhlen          |
| 3 Scott Swindells  | 12 Andria Alderfer    | 26 Austin Griffin      |
| 3 Steven Baymor    | 12 Michael Palmer     | 26 Evan Griffin        |
| 4 Mark Brown       | 14 Katie Childs       | 26 Miranda Griffin     |
| 6 Deb Freece       | 16 Kathryn Musselman  | 26 Lindsay Griffin     |
| 6 Amy Stover       | 16 Karolin Brechbill  | 26 Dillon Griffin      |
| 6 Lisa DeLong      | 17 Ann Sheasley       | 28 John Stoler         |
| 9 Julie Munden     | 17 Karinna Martin     | 30 Gayle Smith         |
| 9 Brittany Prestia | 18 Jaret Marsteller   | 30 Nancy Henry         |
| 9 Brooke Prestia   | 18 Eli Childs         | 30 Megan Thomas        |
| 9 Noah Fillgrove   | 19 Malinda Griffin    | 30 Shawn Bream         |
| 10 Michael Kuhlen  | 20 Penelope Swindells |                        |
| 10 Anna Swoyer     | 21 Suzanne Childs     |                        |

**VBS July 22-26, from 9am- 12 noon.**

**Registration Opens This Month!**

Vacation Bible School at CLC is always a great time! We are offering Group Publishing's **SCUBA! Dive into Friendship with God** this summer, July 22-26, from 9am- 12 noon. Each VBS day is filled with fun games, awesome music, great Bible lessons, yummy snacks and cool crafts.

VBS at CLC is FREE and open to the public, and is offered to children ages 3-12. Please note that the 3 year olds need to be out of diapers. Tweens and Teens who wish to participate are always welcome to serve as helpers at the stations or with an age group class. Registration will go live on our website ([www.christlc.org](http://www.christlc.org)) beginning this month! We hope to see you there!



**One important notice:** Our VBS director (Karolin Brechbill) will be away with the Youth at the ELCA Youth Gathering the week before VBS. That means we need more help than ever to decorate our spaces for the big week, because not only will she be unavailable until Sunday, but also some of our best teen decorating helpers will be with her in New Orleans! If you are at all interested in setting up tables, making props, decorating hallways, or setting up the stations, WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! We will have the church open on Thursday, July 18 from 10 am-2 pm for anyone who wants to come help. Materials and suggestions/ideas for decorating will be provided, and Brooke will take the lead in supervising the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, but can't make it on Thursday, we will be finishing up decorating and putting the final touches on our sanctuary space on Sunday after worship, so you are welcome to join in then.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer during the week of Vacation Bible School, please reach out to Karolin for details ([kbrechbill@christlc.org](mailto:kbrechbill@christlc.org) or 215-256-8738). There are all sorts of jobs to do: four station leaders, helpers at each station, registration table, and age-group leaders. Each adult who leads a station or is an age group leader needs their PA State clearances on file in order to participate. If you need assistance in getting those, please reach out to Karolin. It's free for volunteers and all on-line.

Come on out and enjoy VBS at CLC!

**Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month**

**Please do not send pdf files. Linda Nyce Landis, Editor [clclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clclarion@gmail.com)**



## Church Council Meeting

### Council Highlights

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024,**

#### **Peacemaker Book Discussion:**

As a group we discussed our thoughts and feelings around the third chapter of the Peacemaker Book

**Report from Mutual Ministry Chair** (Lisa DeLong & Michelle Martin)

Mutual ministry team met last evening. Staff reported that the communication in the office had broken down even further after the

congregational meeting, but a week after that things had started to improve, and things continue to improve. Five staff members agreed to meet with Dr. Littleton and all reported that the session went well.

Pastor Sellers was asked to provide a list of goals: Offering Peacemaker book discussions with the congregation. Work with the staff and have discussion with Dr. Littleton in order to try to repair what is broken. Try to learn what happened in the congregation. Would like to work with those who are unhappy with the decision and encourage them to stay at CLC.

**Report from Pastor Littleton** (Allison & Michelle Martin)

Allison read the report from Dr. Littleton. Dr. Littleton made a few suggestions during her report. A staff group session is tentatively scheduled for April 17. We will look for an update from Dr. Littleton after the group staff meeting. Pastor will send out a letter to the congregation regarding next steps and healing.

#### **Homelessness Taskforce Updates**

They are continuing their work within the task force subcommittees. The safety committee is about finished with their work and just need to follow up on recommendations with lighting and office buzzer. Looking for congregational council direction for next steps. Gary Johnson-McNutt shared a letter to the Council regarding next steps in supporting this population.

#### **Council Executive Officer Recruitment**

Council will work on recruiting new council members.

#### **Fundraising Request:**

Request from Cory Brechbill:

1. Phillies ticket fundraiser---We will be selling tickets to a June Phillies game. A portion of each ticket will be donated to Team CLC's fundraising efforts for the National MS Society's City to Shore bike ride. I'd like approval to advertise the ticket sales at CLC. (This has since fallen through.)

2. A freewill offering on September 22 after the 9 and 10:30 services. The freewill offering will be advertised in the August Clarion and the September 15 This Week. The funds raised will be donated to Team CLC's fundraising efforts for the National MS Society's City to Shore bike ride. Pastor Sellers moved the motion for Phillies ticket fundraiser and freewill offering. Lee Wolfe seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion was carried and approved

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

**Celebrations Ministry Team** Motion to approve ticket sales for the June 21st Iron Pigs Game following worship on April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12

Allison made the motion to approve Iron Pigs ticket sales after worship on April 21st, April 28th, May 5th and May 12th. Linda Landis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried and approved

### **Property Ministry Team**

Church clean-up is this upcoming Saturday April 13th

Jim Laguna made a motion that any large equipment, trucks or work vehicles that need to stay on the grass areas of the Church grounds will need to be approved by the Property team. Rick Fox seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried and approved.

### **New Business:**

#### **Rise for Hunger Funds:**

Discussion around whether we want the Easter money to go to offset the Rise Against Hunger event.

Short about \$1500 if we do not use Easter offering  
Lee made a motion to use the Easter money to pay for the difference of Rise Against Hunger event. Linda Landis seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried and approved.

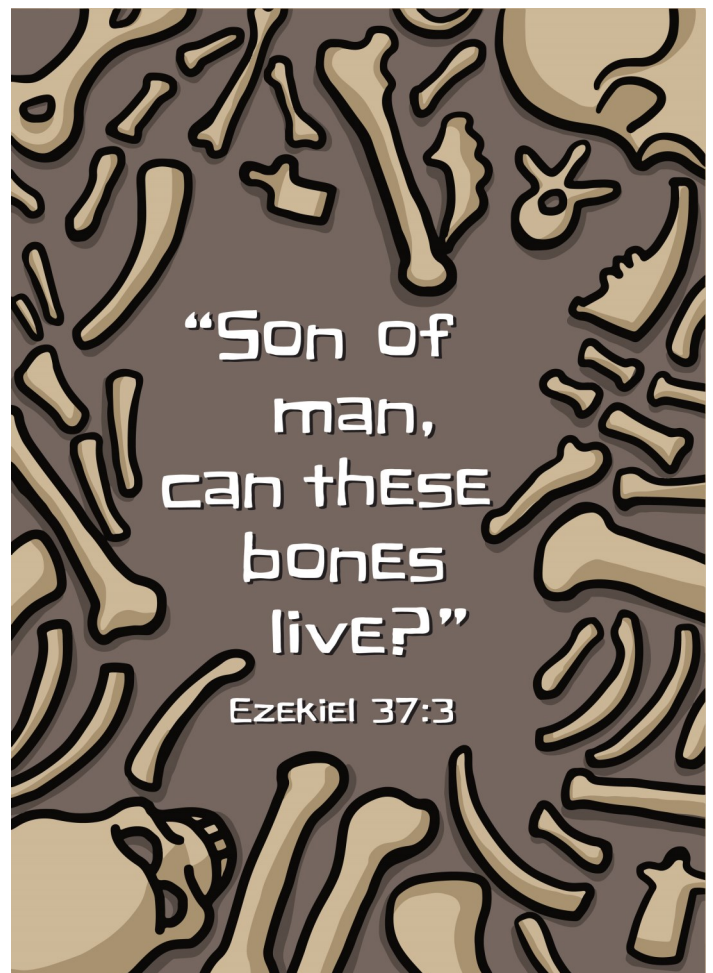
2023-2024 CLC Council Goals to Keep in Mind

1. Witnessing Christ Through Service: All Ministry Teams
2. Zooms with Council members
3. Connections with Congregation (local & online/remote)
4. Growing our Congregation via the Welcome Ministry Team that needs more members

**All team meeting** scheduled for May 5th after 10:30 service

Respectfully Submitted,

Andria Alderfer, Council Secretary



Easter blessed us with church attendance and stronger giving. Online giving, month to date (MTD), is over budget \$402 and the highest we have had in the last 15 months. Envelope giving is \$15,327 over this month's budget. Total ordinary receipts for March are \$16,089 over budget.

Ordinary receipts are \$9,234 over our year to date (YTD) budgeted receipts through March. YTD 2024 receipts are \$1,441 higher than last year.

The Rise Against Hunger invoice was offset against Lent and Easter donations, still leaving a bit of income left over. A quick heads up that we have additional lent donations received in April.

Total ordinary expenses MTD are under budget \$1,287 and YTD are under budgeted expense by \$2,051. YTD 2024 expenses are higher than YTD 2023 due to property expenses, advertising and a long term parament purchase for the altar. Nothing of any ongoing concern.

Net ordinary income is \$17,375 ahead of budget MTD, \$11,284 ahead of budget YTD, and \$9,613 lower than 2023 YTD.

Shepherd Shelf has started to receive Golf Outing funds in March. Total receipts remain ahead of budget, \$470 MTD, \$2,220 YTD. Expenses are over budget \$464 MTD, \$934 YTD. The \$6,036 YTD 2023-2024 variance of lower income is due to \$4,000 less golf receipts through March 2024, and \$2,000 of food purchases made in March 2024 that were purchased in May last year.

Building Fund receipts MTD were \$1,663 less than budget, but YTD over budget by \$4,554.

Building Fund is \$3,394 less YTD in 2024 than in 2023.

Investment earnings of \$34,013 for the first quarter of 2024 are unbudgeted and are \$12,281 higher than first quarter 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin,

CLC Treasurer



	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance
<b>Mar '24 Income</b>	\$47,309.97	\$31,221.33	\$16,088.64
Mar '24 Expense	\$31,875.77	\$33,162.49	-\$1,286.72
Net Ordinary income	\$15,434.20	-\$1,941.16	\$17,375.36
<b>YTD Income 2024</b>	\$101,397.90	\$92,164.00	\$9,233.90
YTD Expense 2024	\$104,027.43	\$106,078.04	-\$2,050.61
Net Ordinary income	-\$2,629.53	-\$13,914.04	\$11,284.51
<b>Previous Year to '24</b>	<b>'24</b>	<b>'23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Income Jan-Mar	\$101,397.90	\$99,957.00	\$1,440.90
Expense Jan-Mar	\$104,027.43	\$92,973.13	\$11,054.30
Net Ordinary income	-\$2,629.53	\$6,983.87	-\$9,613.40



### **Ways to Witness through Service at Shepherd's Shelf!**

Shepherd's Shelf distributes every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm and Tuesdays from 10am - 11am. We are ALWAYS looking for more volunteers to help during distribution times. Adults and youth 12 and older are welcome to help. No experience necessary, we will train you when you come. Anyone interested in helping can sign up. Any questions contact Steph or call the church office. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds)

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[shepherds](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds) Donations are accepted during church office hours. Please see <https://www.christlc.org/shepherds-shelf> to get the most up to date needs list. 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](mailto:shepherdsshelf@christlc.org) or call the church office.

### **Shepherd's Shelf Summary**

In March the Shepherd's Shelf served our greater community. There were 140 visits from eligible households. 4 new households were added consisting of 13 individuals (8 adults, 3 children and 2 seniors). Diapers were distributed 26 times and wipes 15 times. Feminine hygiene products were distributed 50 times. Volunteers from CLC and from the community logged 277 hours. The estimated value of distributions to our clients for the month is \$33,600. There were also one hundred \$20 Giant gift cards distributed for the Spring holidays.

## **Shepherd's Shelf is celebrating 20 years of helping our community!**

You and your family are invited to stop by Shepherd's Shelf on May 17 anytime between 6pm - 8pm for a night of food and fellowship to celebrate. We couldn't have done it without the help of all our wonderful volunteer and countless donors throughout the years. Please RSVP below by May 8.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA723A5FD0-48275451-2024>

## **Golf Outing June 24 See page 5 for details!**



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9:00am in person and live stream on Facebook and YouTube (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

10:30am with Sunday School opening (Communion every Sunday)

### Sunday School Classes

10:30am

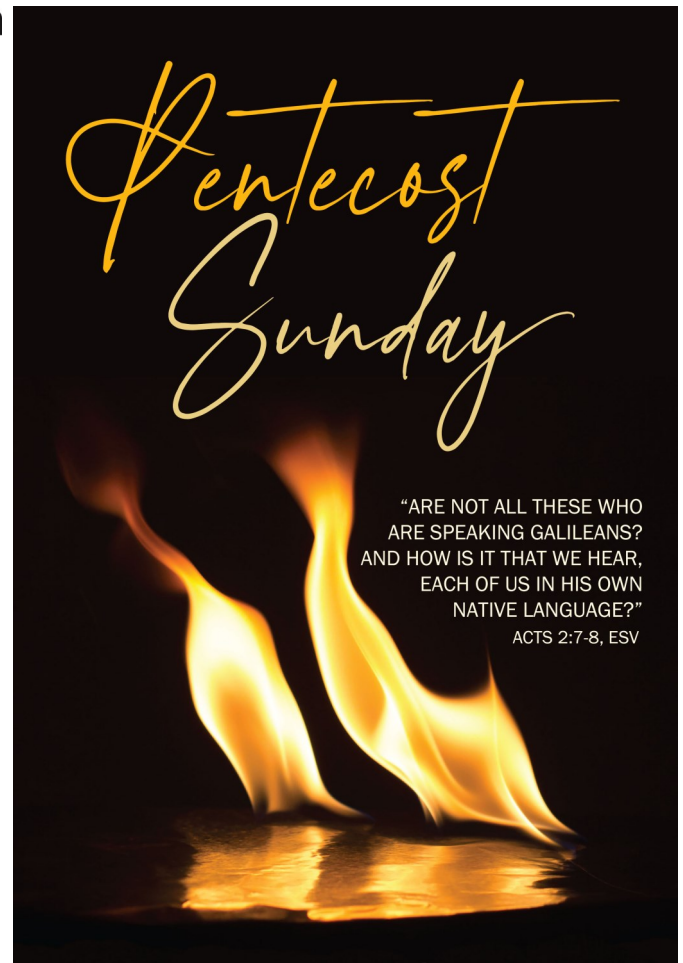
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*Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month.*

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Witnessing Christ through service.



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# May 2024

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