

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

May 18, 2022

****COVID ADVISORY****

Please be aware that a CLC member who was present at both services this past weekend, and luncheon/coffee hour that followed, has tested positive for covid. Known close contacts have been notified. Said member is currently recovering at home and doing well.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness of any kind, especially fatigue, fever/chills and achiness, is strongly advised to test for covid as soon as possible.

CLC Transition

Important Transition Events This Week

Wednesday May 18, 7-9 PM

Pastor Sara Anderson, Associate to the Bishop of the NE Synod and CLC's synod liaison, will lead a CAT interpretation event via Zoom. Check your email for the Zoom link. A link to a recording of the event will be sent out later.



Saturday May 21, 5 PM

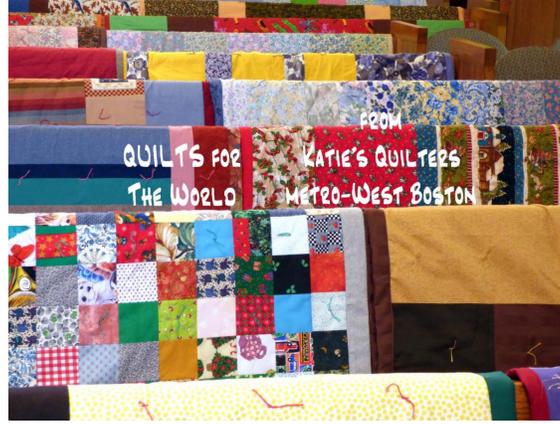
A pasta dinner provided by the church will gather CLC folks together for the next step of our transition process. You are asked to reflect on your reasons for joining the church. Why did you join? Why have you stayed? This information will help define this congregation's strengths as we describe ourselves in the parish profile which will be written in June.

Sunday May 22, 9 AM and 10 AM

Pr. Sara Anderson will be present at Adult Forum, 9 AM in the Memorial room, to talk more about the transition process and answer any questions people may have. At 10 AM she will preside and preach at the worship service.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director



Quilts for the World

A short video featuring Katie's Quilters of Metro West and including some of our own CLC quilters is now posted on our website. The video shows quilts under construction, a gallery of completed quilts. The images are accompanied by some American hymn tune settings for viola and piano that my wife Joan and I recorded. The periodic ingathering of quilts from around New England will be celebrated on Quilt Sunday at CLC, June 19. A truck from Lutheran World Relief will load up all of the boxed quilts and head for Baltimore and destinations around the world.

Music for May 22, The Sixth Sunday of Easter includes "Priere du Christ Montant Vers Son Pere" ("Prayer of Christ Ascending to His Father") from *The Ascension* (1933) by French composer and organist Olivier Messiaen. Messiaen captions his composition with this quote from John 17:

"And now, O Father, I have manifested thy name unto all people...and now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee."

Hymns on May 22:

- That Easter Day with joy was bright ELW 384 verses 1, 2 & 4
- Love divine, all loves excelling ELW 631 verses 1, 2 & 4
- Look, now he stands! verse 4
- When peace, like a river ELW 785
- Crown Him with many crowns ELW 855 verses 1, 4 & 5

Church Notes

This time of transition is an opportunity to try some new ways of doing things. You will notice changes in the Sunday church bulletin as members of the Worship, Music, and Visual Arts Committee in consultation with Tom Berryman, Music Director, experiment with ways to prepare an easily followed order of worship while considering the workload of office staff reduced during the pastoral vacancy from three members who produce the bulletin to two members. The changed format and look of the bulletin will run for several weeks in order to acclimate worshippers to the changes. In the meantime you are invited to offer your feedback on the changes to members of the committee and the music director: Phil Roberts, Hannele Saramo-Raja, Dorothy Nail, Rolf Larson, Joyce Simon, and Tom Berryman.

CLC has received a letter of thanks from ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and New England Synod Bishop James Hazelwood for the \$41,059 contribution to Mission Support for synod and churchwide ministries.

Adult Formation

CLC's Social Justice Committee invites you to join with the "Green Reads" book group in a **Community Read, Sunday, June 12, 4 pm** of the book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, written by Katharine Hayhoe. Folks from around Natick will gather with CLC Book Group members and "Green Readers" outdoors on the church lawn to discuss effective ways to engage people in conversations about climate change. Each Sunday at worship we offer an intercessory prayer for creation. As people of faith, how do we carry those prayers into our conversations with others about ways to care for creation?

On **June 6, 7:30 pm**, CLC Book Group members will gather via Zoom to discuss a book each has selected from their own bookshelves, offering a smorgasbord of book suggestions to one another. Pick a short book so that you can join the Community Read on June 12!

Looking Ahead

Sunday June 12, 11 AM – the Transition Team will host a Ministry Profile Writing Event. Results of all of the previous transition activities will be used to produce a document that the Call Committee will then use in the search for our next pastor.

Call to Action

Calumet Walk the Walk 2022 – Nadia and James Salerno will again lead CLC's team for this event to benefit Camp Calumet. For more information contact Nadia or James or see the Calumet website: calumet.org.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May 22, 2022

First Reading
Acts 16:9-15

For the Psalm
Psalm 67

Second Reading
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

Gospel
John 14:23-29



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