

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

May 11, 2022

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## CLC Transition

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*A message from Mary Avalos, Council President:*

Pastor Sara Anderson, Associate to the Bishop at the NE Synod, preaches and presides next Sunday, May 22, at 10 am worship service. She will also be present at Adult Forum, 9 AM in the Memorial room, before worship, to talk more about the transition process and answer any questions people may have.



Pastor Sara, CLC's synod liaison, is responsible for overseeing and guiding us through this time of discernment. She will be leading the Transition Team event being held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, when she will walk us through the interpretation of the CAT survey results.

Welcome, Pastor Sara!

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**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.

Sign up with Cathy Gallagher to bring a side dish or a dessert to the meal.

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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Music for **Sunday, May 15**, The Fifth Sunday of Easter includes "Dance Prelude on *I know that my Redeemer lives*" by Michael Burkhardt for flute (Anne Weaver) and organ as the Prelude. We also will be singing *I know that my Redeemer lives* as the Sending Hymn, with flute variations for the three chosen verses.

The CLC Choir sings "Christ is with" by Gerald Patrick Coleman for Offertory Music. Coleman is a musician, composer, poet and Lutheran pastor. His Easter text:

*We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised, by God's glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live in him.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go  
Never to leave me, this I know.*

Allegro non troppo from *Zweite Sonate* (1963) by German composer Hermann Schroeder is the organ Postlude on Sunday.

Hymns on May 15:

*Christ has arisen, Alleluia* ELW 364  
*With high delight* ELW 368  
*Look, now he stands!* verse 3  
*We who once were dead* ELW 495  
*I know that my Redeemer lives* ELW 619

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## Church Notes

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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.

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## Adult Formation

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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?

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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!

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## Looking Ahead

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**Saturday, May 14, 11 am** – Memorial service for June Hurst, mother of Pastor Richard Hurst. A luncheon in the parish hall will follow the service.

**Sunday, May 15, following worship** – Gather in the Parish Hall *with* well-wishers at a bridal shower for Patricia Bianco, daughter of the congregation, who will marry in June.

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## Call to Action

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This weekend, **May 14 & 15**, *Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness* Two CLC walkers, Carol Virshbo and Amy Lousararian, are among the three top fundraisers for this event. Our entire team has raised \$8165 of their \$12,000 goal. [Make a donation](#) to help them meet their goal for this vital program that CLC co-founded in 2003.

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May 15, 2022

First Reading

***Acts 11:1-18***

For the Psalm

***Psalm 148***

Second Reading

***Revelation 21:1-6***

Gospel

***John 13:31-35***



***The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor***

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