

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

July 20, 2022

Transition News

This week the Transition Team incorporates into the draft Ministry Site Profile the suggestions offered by congregation members. The Team will present a final draft to the Congregation Council for its approval at its next meeting July 26. When approved, the profile will be submitted to the synod office for review by potential clergy candidates. CLC will appoint a Call Committee to conduct the search and interview process when a candidate applies for the position.

Church Notes

Rolf Larson's photo display *Stories from the Southern Border*, exhibited on CLC's sanctuary walls throughout Lent, is now available as a traveling exhibit for other New England congregations. Following a successful showing at the New England Synod Assembly in June, the photos provide an opportunity for people around the synod to learn about a significant Lutheran ministry on the Texas border. If you have church friends in other locations who would be interested in hosting the exhibit, put them in touch with Rolf at (781) 424-3952.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Music for Sunday, July 24

Bach is commemorated each year at the end of July as one of the most important Lutheran composers and musicians of all time. A renowned organist, Bach also composed two complete cycles of cantatas based on the appointed lessons of the church year for the churches he served in Leipzig, St. Thomas Church and St. Nicholas Church. Our singers and players at CLC and guests have performed the opening chorus to Cantata 99, "Was Gott Tut das Ist Wohlgetan" ("What God ordains is best") before, most recently in a version that we compiled and recorded remotely for a ZOOM service on Sunday, March 21, 2021. You can watch our video by following this link



We have a fine group of players and singers leading the hymns, liturgy and performing the opening chorus of J.S. Bach's Cantata 99, "Was Gott Tut das Ist Wohlgetan" ("What God ordains is best") live this year. The instrumental ensemble includes Heidi Braun-Hill (violin), Joshua Addison (violin) and Adelaide Braunhill (bassoon), all from Natick. Nancy Dimock will play the oboe d'amore, a double reed instrument, slightly larger than the oboe. Anne Weaver will play the flute and Joan Ellersick will play the viola. We will also be using a harpsichord modeled after an 18th century Flemish instrument. Guest soprano, Christine Jay will sing the aria "Höchster mache deine Güte ferne from Cantata 51 during the communion.

The organ Postlude on Sunday will be Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata 29.

Hymns for July 24 Pentecost 7

Canticle of Praise: All Glory be to God on High

Hymn of the Day: O Spirit of life

Offertory Hymn: What God ordains

Sending Hymn: Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Adult Formation



The CLC Book Club will discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline at 7:30 on August 8 via Zoom. This is a historical novel about a trio of women's lives - two English convicts and an orphaned Aboriginal girl - in nineteenth-century Australia.

Kline commented in an interview, "What we call "history" is almost always told from the perspective of the conquerors, a group that has typically excluded women, the poor, indigenous people, and any combination thereof."

This book presents new perspectives on the more familiar story of the settlement of Australia by male British convicts.

There is still time to join the study group engaged in *A Sixty Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence* which Celeste Larson is leading. You may read selections day-by-day or all at once prior to attending the two remaining in-person discussions on July 31 and August 28. The ELCA website provides the resources for reflection: www.elca.org/6oday.

Call to Action

Family Promise is restocking their supplies for families now living in the new Mulligan Street facility. Bring any of the following items to church during July:

Toothpaste, adult or children's toothbrushes, dental floss
Deodorant, body lotion, bath soap (full size bars), liquid shower soap
Shaving cream, razors
Baby lotion, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, Vaseline
Diapers in sizes 3, 4 or 5
Baby detergent
AA batteries

Looking Ahead

Keep on walking! CLC team members who've registered to raise funds for Camp Calumet have logged over 600 miles during the first two weeks of this year's Walk the Walk.

Registration continues through August at calumet.org/walkthewalk2022. It's easy to participate – any walking, swimming, running, biking counts. Log your miles and report them periodically to team captain Nadia Salerno. Walkers, send photos and stories of your walks to Ellen Zagajeski at ezagajeski@comcast.net or the CLC office at office@christnatick.org to share them here!

The Congregation Council will meet for a planning retreat on Sunday, August 21, joined by newly elected members Audrey Colson and Sandra Smith. The Council will identify goals for the coming program year.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

July 24, 2022

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

For the Psalm

Psalm 138

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13



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