

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

August 10, 2022

Transition News

State of the Transition.... Mid-Summer update

As most are aware, CLC's Transition Team has been working with Coach/Pastor Elizabeth Nees since the beginning of the year to plan and oversee a series of events meant to help us examine patterns, engage with each other and develop a strong sense of mission and purpose as we move through the transition process.

All that we have learned has now been distilled into a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which was made available to members for review and input earlier this summer, and received by Council at our July meeting. We will be giving the MSP the full attention it deserves at our Council retreat on Sunday, Aug. 21, with the expectation it will be finalized by the end of this month.

Please thank these people – George, Cathy, Phil, Lisa, Russ and Amy – for their flexibility, faithfulness and diligence throughout this rigorous process. We have all been very well served by their efforts and hard work and are most grateful indeed! Next steps in our transition include forming a Call Committee and exploring Missional Sustainability options, which will happen concurrently in the months ahead. Please do reach out to any Council member if you have questions or concerns about where CLC is in our shared journey as we continue to discern where God is calling us to go next.

Yours in Faith,

Mary Avalos
CLC Council President

Church Notes

Help Wanted

Do you know someone with excellent communication and computer skills who is looking for a part time job? Christ Lutheran Church is looking for them! We need an administrative assistant who can collaborate with staff and volunteers in our work of building community and serving others. Scheduled hours in the office are negotiable and some work can be done remotely. Details can be found in our indeed.com listing and resumes and cover letters can be submitted to office@christnatick.org. Spread the word!

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

The organ postlude this **Sunday, August 14** is Italian composer Bernardo Storace's "Ballo della Battaglia" ("Dance of the Battle") (1664) from *Selva di varie compositioni d'intavolatura per cimbalo ed organo*, a set of works for harpsichord or organ. Messina, Storace's hometown was devastated by earthquakes in the 18th and 20th centuries that destroyed most of his written scores. Go to this [url](#) to watch a performance of "Ballo della Battaglia."

Hymns for August 14 Pentecost 10

Canticle of Praise: Glory to you (from ACS Liturgy 12)

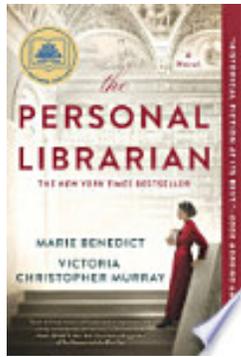
Hymn of the Day: All my hope on God is founded. ELW 757

Offertory Hymn: When Israel was in Egypt's land (printed in bulletin)

Communion Hymn: Come, let us eat. ELW 491

Sending Hymn: Lead on, O King eternal. ELW 805

Adult Formation



The CLC Book Club

We will meet on **Monday, September 12** via Zoom to discuss *The Personal Librarian*.

"A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from New York Times bestselling authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray."

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

Call to Action

Help protect the right of immigrants to get driver's licenses in MA -

A bill that would allow immigrants in the country illegally to obtain driver's licenses in Massachusetts became law after the state Senate voted 32-8 to override Governor Charlie Baker's veto. The law went into effect on July 1.

Opposition to the drivers' license bill, which is taking the form of a signature collection campaign to put the bill on the ballot in Nov, is GROWING. It will be much

easier to slow this down now than it will be at the ballot, and every signature we can avoid matters.

There are many opportunities each week to go to the publicized signature collection locations to monitor and have conversations about this with people who would potentially sign - there is a coordinated effort happening across the state in the drivers' license coalition to encourage people to 'DECLINE TO SIGN'! Dates and locations are available [here](#).

[You can use this volunteer guide](#) to help you get ready. There is a training every Thursday through August 24th. Please sign up and attend so that you can have all the information you need:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl1c--urDIiEtQBTIo7CPuZafC88MtNNIrn](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8445122222?pwd=ZlZlc--urDIiEtQBTIo7CPuZafC88MtNNIrn)

Walk the Walk for Calumet

With all of Christ Natick's Walk-the-Walk mileage reported, we clocked 930 miles from July 1 through July 15th reporting period. All of Calumet nation cumulatively hit 50,463 miles out of the 350,000 mile goal.

There is no better time to join our team and help drive our mileage up. Please follow the [registration link](#) and join the Christ Natick Team.

Looking Ahead

August 19 From TCAN -

The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN) is putting on a show at the Keiter Center in Natick with The Blind Boys of Alabama performing! As TCAN's Marketing Coordinator, I wanted to personally reach out to our local faith-based organizations because this is a beautiful gospel show that your congregations would enjoy.



The Blind Boys are known for crossing multiple musical boundaries with their remarkable interpretations of everything from traditional gospel favorites to contemporary spiritual material by songwriters such as Eric Clapton, Prince, and Tom Waits.

We would love to see your communities come out for this event!

Here is the link to the event: <https://www.natickarts.org/performance/blind-boys-alabama-2022-08-19>

August 28, after church – Gun violence study group meets in person in the Memorial Room.

The Congregational 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**

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First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

For the Psalm

Psalm 82

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56



Rev. David Hulse, Presiding

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