



Christ Lutheran Church E-News

October 6, 2022

Transition News

The Call Committee invites the congregation to submit questions that they would like the Committee to consider when interviewing candidates. Questions should be sent to catherine.gallagher21@gmail.com by 5:00 pm on **Sunday, October 9**.

What's New

E-News New Day

Hi all,

Due to the new office schedule, E-News will be sent out every Thursday morning.

New office hours:

Mondays: 8 - 1

Tuesdays: 10:30 - 3:30

Wednesdays: OFF

Thursdays: 8 - 1

Fridays: 8 - 1

New Church Administrative Assistant

Richard Larraga joined us on Monday October 3. He comes to us with all the skills needed to manage the routine office tasks like producing the bulletin and the Enews AND has ideas for improving our internet presence AND everyone who has met him has been very impressed! His routine office hours are

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He is scheduled to meet with staff members and volunteers who will frequently interact with him in these first two weeks. Everyone can stop in or call to introduce yourselves and welcome Richard after that. Emails to him at office@christnatick.org are welcome too, any time.



Many thanks to former Administrative Assistant Gretchen Rowley who continued to work for CLC in her “down time” for many weeks after she started a new full time job. She met with Richard this past Saturday to help him get started. Her comment, “Holy moly. If I had to imagine the ABSOLUTE MOST PERFECT AA for CLC, I honestly think Richard would still be an even better version!”

So, a warm welcome to Richard and we miss you already Gretchen!

Cottage Meetings

Small group meetings are planned to give everyone in the congregation the opportunity to prayerfully consider mission sustainability and the future direction of our church. [Sign up here](#) or on sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall at church. We hope every member and friend of CLC will participate!

Harvest Harmonies

Thanks to all who attended *Harvest Harmonies* Sunday, what a treat it was! Over 60 people from four area Lutheran congregations gathered at Christ the King in Holliston to sing together under the joyful direction of Pr. Ed Voosen and his wife Ruth.



Pr. Ed, a hymnist, singer, and song-leader, and Ruth have been “singing our hearts out” around the world during Ed’s long career as a chaplain on cruise ships. Ed is serving as supply pastor at Christ the King through the fall months before he and Ruth resume their travels. His arrival at CTK just as *Harvest Harmonies* planning was getting underway was truly a Godsend!

Singing was followed by lively conversation, cider, donuts and pie in the Fellowship Hall.

Harvest Harmonies was the first of four collaborative events being planned over the next year. Your thoughts and ideas for future gatherings are welcome; anyone interested in joining the planning team, please reach out to [Lisa Eck](#) or [Mary Avalos](#).

Music Notes

Guest cellist, Susanne Friedrich will be playing the Prelude Music this Sunday, offering the Allemande and Gigue from the *Third Cello Suite* by J.S. Bach. For a recorded performance of the Suite go to this [url](#).

Susanna will also join the CLC Choir and flutist, Anne Weaver for the Offertory Music, Emma Lou Diemer's setting of *Thy holy wings*.



Hymns for October 9 Pentecost 28

Gospel Acclamation: Listen now for the Gospel ACS972

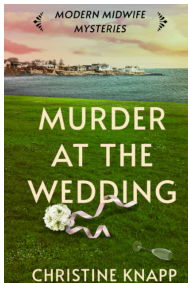
Hymn of the Day: I heard the voice of Jesus say ELW611

Communion Hymn: There is a balm in Gilead ELW614

Sending Hymn: Now thank we all our God ELW839

Tom Berryman Music Director

Adult Formation



CLC Book Club

Book Club will meet on **Monday, October 17** at 7:30 pm via Zoom to discuss *Murder at the Wedding* (Book 1 of the Modern Midwife Mysteries series) by Christine Knapp. The author, a midwife herself and former co-worker of book club member Hannele Saramo-Raja, will be joining us!

Call to Action!

Nursery and Driving Help Needed

We now have two young people who staff our nursery each week, but sometimes they have a conflict. Please consider signing up to be back-up coverage for our nursery. Celeste Larson will let you know if you are needed.

[Backup nursery coverage](#)

Zourfahou, Hosni and Haris need rides to church each Sunday. Zourfahou will take care of the car seats. You only need three spots in your car on a Sunday morning. Speak with Celeste Larson if you have questions.

[Sunday morning rides](#)

Brush Clearing Help Needed

Everyone,

Saturday, October 15, we will be removing brush and small trees, in order to improve sight lines at the exit to the parking lot. Even if I've talked to you before, please respond with what help you can offer between 9 and 3 pm that day.

We need:

- A few trailers to haul brush away, and these people need to be Natick residents, so they can have entrance to the town recycling center.
- Loppers and tree saws (from any town).
- PEOPLE (again, from any town), to cut brush, load trailers, and haul the brush to the town recycling center.

So, everyone that can help, please reply to me.

Thanks,
Frank Miller

Support Lutheran Disaster Response

This Sunday there will be envelopes available for a special offering to support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response. This organization provides on the ground assistance in so many places where disasters have struck, but the needs are urgent now in Florida. Please come prepared to give generously! You can also donate electronically at elca.org.

Lost Jacket

Nithya may have brought a black Northface or Columbia Jacket to Preston's recital and accidentally left it at church. It has a grey fleece/soft interior. Did someone happen to pick it up? If you've seen it, please give Nithya or Gina a call.

CLC Advocacy on MA Question 4

At last week's Congregation Council meeting the Social Justice Committee proposed that the Council support education and advocacy for Question 4 which will appear on the November ballot.

The discussion that followed made the distinction between asking for the support of a political party or candidate and the support in this instance of a law already passed by the Massachusetts legislature. CLC support of this issue directly relates to our commitment to the Agbodjinou family as they move toward becoming independent in their new country.

It is also evidence of our commitment to all immigrants as a Welcoming Congregation in a Sanctuary Synod and as a member of the ELCA which at its 2019 churchwide assembly declared the denomination to be a Sanctuary Church.

The following motion was made and unanimously approved:

As a people of faith called to welcome the stranger, Christ Lutheran Church is committed to supporting immigrants in our midst.

As part of the election this November, citizens of Massachusetts will be asked to decide whether to uphold a law recently passed by the legislature, which would allow immigrants, regardless of their legal status, to obtain a driver's license.

As a part of our commitment to justice for immigrants, and specifically to the Agbodjinou family, the Social Justice Committee requests support from the Congregation Council to provide education regarding Question 4 and to encourage members of CLC to vote "yes" on this ballot question.

The Social Justice Committee will be sharing information with the congregation in the following days and weeks. Early voting begins on **Saturday, October 22**; election day is Tuesday, **November 8**.

Looking Ahead

October 4 through November 1: Cottage meetings

Saturday, October 15: Brush clearing

Readings for this Week: October 9, 2022

First Reading: *2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c*

Psalm: *Psalms 111*

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 2:8-15*

Gospel: *Luke 17:11-19*

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