

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

September 21, 2022

Transition News

Call Committee formation is moving along! Council expects to appoint the Committee at the September 27th meeting.

Church Notes



Harvest Harmonies
*Food Fellowship and
Festive Sing-a-Long*
sunday october 2 2-4 pm
christ/natick
christ the king/holliston
grace/needham &
lutheran church of the newtons

let's get together!

singing, cider, donuts & desserts

under the tall pines at
Christ the King
600 Central St Holliston

Please click [here](#) to RSVP for *Harvest Harmonies*
– we look forward to seeing you there!

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. These will take place at church after the service on Sundays, October 16 and 23, and in members' homes on Tuesday, October 4, Wednesday October 19, Thursday October 23 and Tuesday, November 1. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. We hope every member and friend of CLC will participate!

Thank You from Gina Beck

Resounding thanks to our CLC family for their support of Preston's recital on Sunday. It was lovely to see the people who came to the concert, and special thanks to Edie Lohr, Celeste Larson and Carol Virshbo who helped with the reception. Thanks always to Tom Berryman for his mentorship and support for Preston's music, and to Anders Carlson for recording! So grateful to this wonderful congregation.

Best,
Gina

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

One year ago we premiered the hymn "By Grace, As One, We Gather Now" commissioned especially for Christ Lutheran Church. CLC choir member Bob Weaver and his composing partner, Bill Pasch, were inspired by Psalm 150 to celebrate the return of live music-making at Christ Lutheran and to honor the players and singers of our parish. Bill, Professor of English Emeritus at Clayton State University in Georgia, poet, organist, and Lutheran clergy spouse, wrote the text. Bob composed the music. "By Grace, As One, We Gather Now," set to Bob's tune UNION STREET, returns this Sunday, September 25 as the Offertory Hymn.

See the hymn and hear our first performance in September 2021 with brass, organ, choir and congregation!

The Prelude and Postlude music this Sunday is excerpted from the Flute Sonata in G Minor, often attributed to J.S. Bach, but possibly by his son C.P.E. Bach. Anne Weaver will play the flute, joined on the harpsichord by Tom Berryman

Hymns for September 25 Pentecost 16

Hymn of the Day: Canticle of the Turning ELW 723
Offertory Hymn: By Grace, As One, We Gather Now
Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body ELW 496
Sending Hymn: The Church of Christ, in Every Age ELW 729

Adult Formation

CLC Book Club –

The next book club selection is Murder at the Wedding (Book 1 of the Modern Midwife Mysteries series) by Christine Knapp. The date is TBA, depending on whether and when the author will be available to join us!

Call to Action

Work & Family Mobility Act & Question 4

On June 9, the Work and Family Mobility Act became law, with over 75% of Massachusetts Senators and Representatives voting to override a gubernatorial veto.

It allows all qualified state residents, regardless of immigration status to apply for a standard Massachusetts driver's license starting on July 1, 2023.

- Sixteen other states have already passed similar laws, including Connecticut and Vermont, and also the District of Columbia.
- The law enforcement community has made it clear that allowing those who lack federal immigration status to drive will make our roads safer and will make our communities more welcoming to immigrant families.
- Both the Massachusetts District Attorney's Association and the Massachusetts Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association support this law.
- The Work and Family Mobility Act will enhance public safety for everyone and help us rebuild our economy by allowing immigrants to drive to work, drive to school, drive to the grocery store.

On September 9, enough signatures were submitted to qualify Question 4 to be included on the ballot on November 8. The goal of this question is to repeal the Work and Family Mobility Law.

WHAT YOUR VOTE ON QUESTION 4 WILL DO

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which would allow Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or permit if they meet the other requirements for doing so.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

We urge you to vote on or before November 8.

Vote Forward

Vote Forward is a non-partisan organization that sponsors a letter writing campaign to encourage people to vote, while not endorsing any candidate or party. Lists of voters names and addresses are provided, along with a printed letter to which a handwritten message and signature are added. A group wrote letters during coffee hour on September 11 for God's Work Our Hands, and this will be available on future Sundays. If you would like to participate from home, letters to print out and instructions are available [here](#). Alternatively, you can pick up printed letters at church, complete them at home and then return them to church to be stamped and recorded as sent. Contact [Carol Virshbo](#) for more information.

Looking Ahead

September 24 – Natick Porchfest! CLC Bell Choirs will be playing in Dr. Frank Miller's parking lot, 45 West Central Street, Natick, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Scott Carlson's band Dads Gone Mad, who recently appeared at CLC's End of Summer Party, is also participating in Porchfest. They'll be at 12 Sheridan Street from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Plan to stop by and help spread the word about the fun things we do at CLC! Visit natickporchfest.org For more information.



Sunday October 2, 2:00 pm – Harvest Harmonies! Sing Along with members of four area ELCA congregations at Christ the King Church in Holliston.

October 4 through November 1 – Cottage meetings

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

September 25, 2022

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

For the Psalm

Psalm 146

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31



Rev. David Hulse, Presiding

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