



# Christ Lutheran Church E-News

December 1, 2022

## Church Notes

### Christmas Poinsettias



To honor or memorialize your loved ones with Christmas poinsettias, please fill out the Flower Envelope and place in the offering plate during service by **Sunday, December 11**.

You can also place an order with [the office](#).

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### Readings for this Week: December 4, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



*Pastor Donald Larsen, Presiding*

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### Music Notes

Consider attending a concert this month that some of our CLC singers and players are participating in:

Boston Cecilia (John Whitlock) *EVENSONG* Friday, December 2 (Church of the Advent, Boston) and Sunday, December 4 (Parish of All Saints, Brookline)  
<http://www.bostoncecilia.org>

Jameson Singers (Tom Berryman) *WITH A JOYFUL HEART* Saturday, December 3 (First Church, Cambridge) and Sunday, December 4 (Second Church, West Newton)  
<https://www.jamesonsingers.org>

Mystic Chorale (Tom Berryman) *THE HEART DANCES, THE SOUL SINGS*

Thursday, December 8 (Cary Hall, Lexington)

<https://mysticchorale.org/browse/concerts/upcoming/>

Chorus Pro Musica (Kim Petot) *HOLIDAYS. HARMONY. HOPE.* Friday and Sunday, December 9 and 11 (Old South Church, Boston)

<https://choruspromusica.org/concerts-tickets/>

Boston Saengerfest (Hilding Hedberg) *IN DARKNESS AND LIGHT* Saturday, December 10 (UU Wellesley Hills) <https://saengerfest.org>

Emmanuel Music (Joan Ellersick) Bach: *CHRISTMAS ORATORIO* Sunday, December 18 (Emmanuel Church, Boston) <https://www.emmanuelmusic.org>

Light up your Advent season with some live music making!

#### Hymns for December 4: Advent II

**Opening Hymn:** Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding (ELW 246)

**Gospel Acclamation and Wreath Lighting:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257)

**Hymn of the Day:** Comfort, Comfort Now My People (ELW 256)

**Offertory Hymn:** He Came Down (ELW 253)

**Communion Hymn:** Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247)

**Sending Hymn:** Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

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### Office Hours: Week of December 4



Monday: 8 - 1

Tuesday: 10:30 - 3:30

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 8 - 1

Friday: 8 - 1

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### Advent Reflections

During Advent, Rev. John Stendahl, Rev. Richard Hurst, and Russell Pollard offer readings, reflections and prayers each weekday as we approach Christmas.

The daily Reflection will begin with a musical offering based on an Advent hymn followed by a reading, reflection and a prayer. So, light your Advent wreath and include Advent Reflections part of your Advent observance this year.



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### Diaper Drive



Diaper Drive for Natick Service Council: The NSC needs diapers in sizes 5 and 6 and pull-ups in size 4T and 5T. Wipes of any sort are welcome too. Bring your contributions on **Sunday, December 4** and **Sunday, December 11**. Let's fill the pack-and-play that will be in the narthex!

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## Congratulations, Carol!

The award given to Carol Virshbo at the Family Promise Keeping the Promise event was incorrectly identified in last week's Enews and bulletin announcements. She was honored with the Legacy Award.

Pictured are current Family Promise Metrowest Board Chair Kelli Connors, Carol Virshbo and Development Chair Carole Broderick.



Join us to welcome the Christmas Season with a tree lighting and caroling with our bell choir on **Sunday, December 18** at 5 pm. Begin outside on the lawn with the lighting and a round of *O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree*, and then head inside for some ringing and carol singing with the bell choir.

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## Carols, Candelight, and Communion

Join us at 4pm on Christmas Eve, **Saturday, December 24** for our wonderful service of Carols, Candlelight, and Communion. Bring a friend!



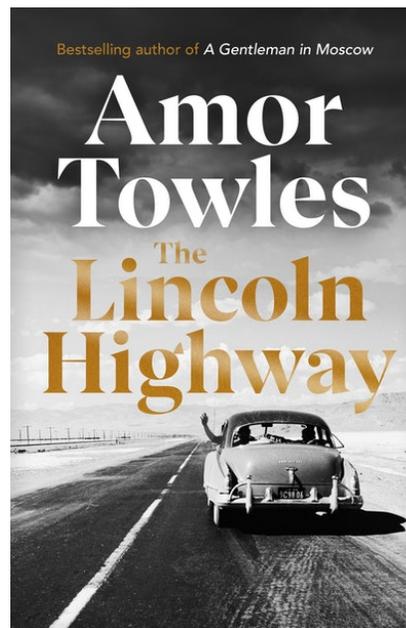
## Book Group

Book Group will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles on **Monday, January 9** at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

*In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter.*

*His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew.*

*But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.*



## Camp Calumet Weekend



We have a date to resume our annual Camp Calumet get-away weekend: **January 20-22, 2023**. Some CLC folks are already putting their heads together to plan activities. Registration will be in the narthex starting **Sunday, December 4**. Be thinking of people you want to invite to join us. Watch ENews in the weeks ahead for more information.

## Social Media Update



Please be sure to like the [Christ Lutheran Church](#) page on Facebook to get all of our updates.

You can also follow us, [ChristNatick](#), on [Instagram](#).

Please invite your family friends to join us on social media.

## Of Interest

Dear CLC creatives:

I know it is a bit indulgent of me to use the CLC list-serve to promote an event I'm hosting as school, but I am of the firm conviction that you will really appreciate the spirit of the evening, which is all about trusting stories to celebrate our shared humanity! I know Dorothy and Jim came last time and really enjoyed it!

Come help a group of 12 FSU students, most of whom have never left the country

before, travel to Mother India with meaning of life questions in tow! The monies raised by our evening of featured storytellers -- FSU faculty, staff, and students -- will go to offset the rising costs of travel for these enterprising students, intent on participating in service-learning.

I am the MC for the evening with a travel parable of my own to tell...Here's hoping you're free! See details below...

If you need directions, or tips on where to park, please don't hesitate to reach out!

With love and anticipation,  
Lisa

**TRAVEL TALES**

HOW LEAVING HOME CHANGES YOU!

A storytelling fundraiser for FSU's India  
J-term Travelers('23)

**FRIDAY** | **IN THE**  
**DEC. 2ND** | **HEINEMANN**  
**7PM** | **ECUMENICAL**  
**CENTER**

Suggested donation at the door!

### Concert at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Rev. Miriam Sedzro, Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Roxbury invites everyone to a concert on **December 4th** (second Sunday in Advent) 4 pm - 5 pm. The theme is Celebrating Our Diversity in Christ.

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## Greetings to Calumet Nation!

People have been visiting Calumet during these Autumn Days, groups of all kinds and sizes. It's wonderful that guests are enjoying the quiet, the beauty, and the community of Calumet. That's what Calumet is all about!

There are three things we think folks of Calumet will have an interest in knowing ...

- "A Calumet Christmas Carol" will be a LIVE broadcast event on Zoom and Facebook taking place on **December 17**. Join Adrien, Pastor Sara, Pastor Jon, Kat & Perry, Dave Piper, Johnny C, Rob Gray and lots of others for this fun event. We hope people all over will set up a Watch Party! Learn more here: [www.calumet.org/achristmascarol](http://www.calumet.org/achristmascarol)

## Call to Action and Advocacy

Looking to give a meaningful gift? Consider making donations in honor of your friends and family using our giving tree! There are two ways to donate:



ELCA  
World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Choose an ornament from the tree. There are many options from \$10 to \$150. Write a check made out to Christ Lutheran Church with "ELCA World Hunger Appeal" in the memo line or put cash in envelopes provided. Take the ornament to give as your gift.

Ascentria. Take an ornament that says "gift card for Ascentria" to remind you to bring a \$25 gift card for Target, Walmart, grocery store or gas. Place the gift card in the offering plate. Choose a card and write a note that you donated a gift card to Ascentria to give as your gift.

For every donation you make, you can place an ornament on the tree from the box beside the tree. Help us decorate the tree for Christmas Eve! See Celeste Larson with questions.

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## Metrowest Asylee Family Coalition

Hello all,

We are excited to share with you a couple of developments with the Agbodjinou family. In July Comlanvi and Zourfahou's immigration attorney, Julio Del Olmo, filed their work authorization application. Hearing back from the DHS after filing typically takes a few months and sometimes longer.

We are pleased to share with you that in late October Comlanvi heard that his work authorization had been approved. The next steps in this process is to receive a Work Authorization Document which sort of looks like a drivers license and finally a social security card. Comlanvi has now received both.

This is such good news. After getting some help preparing for interviewing and finalizing his resume, Comlanvi has begun interviewing with nearby businesses.

Comlanvi's background is in computers - he has experience in both software and hardware related issues. He is particularly experienced with repairing hardware and generally keeping hardware and software working. I know that he is able to provide a more complete summary of his experience and capabilities.

If you have any recommendations on businesses that he might seek an interview with, please let us know.

Zourfahou's work authorization application has been delayed due to a mix up with DHS processing. We expect to hear that her application has been approved soon.

In the mean time, she is enrolled in a Certified Nursing Assistant or CNA program offered by MassBay Community College. The classes will begin in late January and will last approximately 8 weeks. The first half of her program will be online; the second part will be in person. We will be looking for help with transportation, so if you feel that you might be able to help, let us know. In person classes will all be on weekends.

All for now. I hope that you have a peaceful Thanksgiving shared with family and friends.

Rolf

## Looking Ahead

**Sundays, December 4 and 11:** Diaper Drive

**Sunday, December 18, 5 pm:** Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 24, 4 pm:** Christmas Eve service

**Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm:** Book Group

**January 20 - 22, 2023:** CLC at Camp Calumet

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