



# Christ Lutheran Church E-News

December 15, 2022

## Church Notes

### Music Notes

Ross Petot (piano) and colleagues John Clark (clarinet) and Peter Tillotson (bass) bring a jazz take on our hymns and liturgy this **Sunday, December 18**.

The trio will also be playing *Christmas Time Is Here* from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965!), Duke Ellington's *A song goes out from my heart* (1938), *Infant Eyes* by Wayne Shorter and *Shine* by Ford Dabney (1910), Cecil Mack and Lew Brown.

**JAZZ  
ADVENT**

Sun Dec 18 10 AM  
Christ Lutheran Church  
113 Union Street, Natick

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

music and hymns led by  
Ross Petot, piano  
John Clark, clarinet  
Peter Tillotson, bass

**AND**, don't miss our Tree Lighting and Carol Singing with the Bells at 5 pm on **Sunday, December 18**. Director, Kim Petot and the ringers have been working hard to polish up some Christmas favorites that we can sing-a-long with!

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.

**Light the Tree  
Carol with the Bells**

Sunday  
December 18 5 pm

Christ Lutheran Church  
113 Union Street Natick MA  
[christnatick.org](http://christnatick.org)

## Hymns for December 18: Advent IV Jazz Advent

Opening Hymn: People Look East (ELW 248)

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

Hymn of the Day: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)

Offertory Hymn: He Came Down (ELW 253)

Sending Hymn: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

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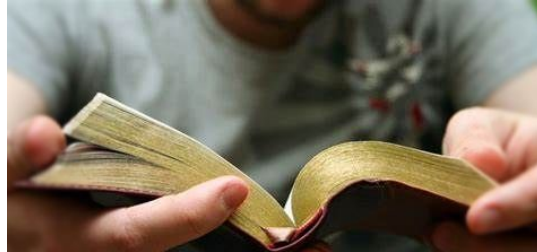
## Readings for this Week: December 18, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 7:1-16

Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25



*Pastor David Hulse, Presiding*

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## Call Committee News

The Call Committee is in a period of discernment as they consider a candidate. They appreciate our prayerful support.

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## Cottage Meetings - Report to Congregation

Earlier this fall, CLC members and friends met in a series of Cottage Meetings to prayerfully consider the future of our congregation. For a comprehensive summary of these discussions, please [read the report](#).

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## For a Family in Need



At this time of Christmas merriment, gift giving and partying we often may miss the needs of others in need close to us.

A family has come to Pr. David Hulse's attention who is in severe need. Christ Lutheran will make a small gift from the Pastor's discretionary fund. He is asking if others here at Christ are able to also help with an additional gift. A gift card or check to Christ Lutheran will be forwarded to this family in our name.

Donations marked "For family in need" may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Blessed Advent All.

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## Home Communion

Pastor Richard Hurst is available to provide home communion to home-bound members and friends. To arrange this, contact [Pastor Hurst](#) or call or email the [church office](#).



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## Carols, Candelight, and Communion



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

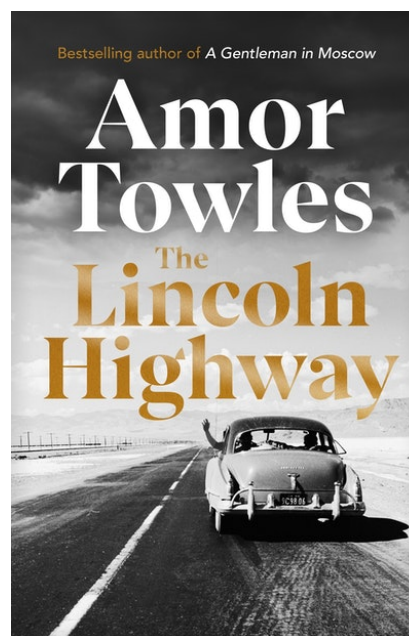
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## Book Group

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

"Welcome to the enormous pleasure that is *The Lincoln Highway*, a big book of camaraderie and adventure in which the miles fly by and the pages turn fast. Set over the course of ten riveting days, the story of these four boys unfolds, refolds, tears, and is taped back together. When you aren't actually reading the book, you'll be worrying about the characters, so you might as well stay in your chair and keep reading."

—Ann Patchett



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## Camp Calumet Weekend



CLC's Camp Calumet get away weekend will be **January 20-22, 2023**. Join in the fun and invite friends!

You can download the [information sheet](#) and [Registration Form](#) and printed forms are available in the narthex.

The registration form and deposit should be sent directly to Calumet.

Those who need financial assistance to attend may contact Carol Virshbo by phone or email at [cvirshbo@comcast.net](mailto:cvirshbo@comcast.net).

If you wish to register without using a stamp, scan the registration form and email it to [julie@calumet.org](mailto:julie@calumet.org), then follow up with a phone call to provide your debit or credit card info.

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## Diaper Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to our successful diaper drive. We collected 844 diapers, 323 pull-ups and 3698 individual wipes! Supplies were delivered to the Natick Service Council on Tuesday where they were weighed and totaled 150 pounds!



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## Find Us on Social Media



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.

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## Of Interest

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### From Rita Corey

Many members of the congregation and choir may remember the string trio, Mahewa Trio (Njeri, Nkosi and Njioma Greivous) who often played at Christ Lutheran while I was the organist there. Well, Njioma, the youngest member, graduated from Juilliard in 2021 and her quartet was awarded a fellowship at the University of Delaware to study with the Calidore String Quartet. They are finishing their master's degrees this spring. They are a wonderful quartet ([read more about them on their website](#)). And you can hear them locally! They are coming to my church in Easton to give a benefit concert for The Rose Conservatory in Brockton on **Friday, December 16** at 7 pm.



I know that it is a very busy time for everyone. But you will thoroughly enjoy the evening, which includes music by the Quartet, the children from Rose Conservatory and an excellent sit-down reception.

Hope to see some of you there!  
Rita Corey

Some of the children from Rose Conservatory will also be at the concert to present several pieces. They are precious!

The concert has been in the works since this summer...

**Friday, December 16th, 7pm**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
143 Lincoln St  
North Easton, MA

#### PROGRAM

Ludwig van Beethoven:  
String Quartet No. 5 in A major, Op. 18

Billy Childs:  
String Quartet No. 2, Awakening

W.A. Mozart:  
String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K 465

Abeo Quartet  
Felix Mendelssohn: String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13  
August 31, 2022  
Banff International String Quartet Competition  
Banff, Alberta, Calgary  
<https://youtu.be/ZxJfZQW0Jb8?t=00m00s>

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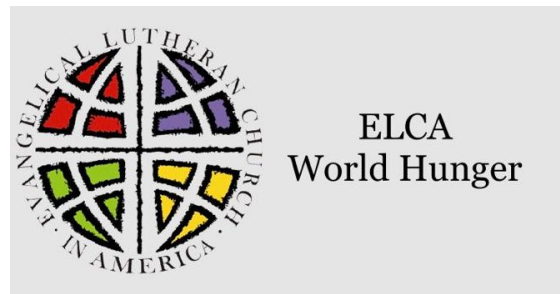
## A Calumet Christmas

"A Calumet Christmas Carol" will be a LIVE broadcast event on YouTube 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 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.

## Looking Ahead

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

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

**Sunday, December 25, 10 am:** Christmas Day service

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

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

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