



Christ Lutheran Church E-News

December 8, 2022

Church Notes

Laila Prosser, RIP

Laila Prosser, a long-time CLC member and friend, died peacefully at her home on **November 24** at age 92.

Services will be private for her family.

Memorial donations to support ongoing efforts in Ukraine may be made at <https://u24.gov.ua/>.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Amy and Eric Lousararian on the birth of their baby boy!

Camden Lynn Lousararian arrived at 3:58 am on **December 5**, weighing 5 lbs 2 oz.

Mother and baby are doing well. What a blessing!

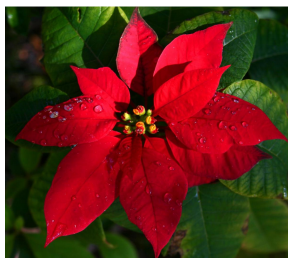
Home Communion

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](#).



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](#).

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 11**. Let's fill the pack-and-play that will be in the narthex!

Call Committee News

The Call Committee received a candidate profile on Monday. They are reviewing it and will determine next steps.

Readings for this Week: December 11, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm: 146:5-10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



Pastor David Hulse, Presiding

Music Notes

The Advent season hymn *Comfort, comfort now my people (Freu dich sehr)* serves this Sunday as the basis for both the organ Prelude and the CLC Choir's Offertory Music. [Listen to a performance](#) of Georg Böhm's set of variations on this hymn tune recorded on an historic 18th-century Arp Schnitger organ in Groningen, Germany.

John Ferguson, a composer and organist long associated with St. Olaf College, set

the three verses of this hymn for choir and repeating instrumental interlude (a *ritornello*). Flutist Anne Weaver will join the CLC Choir and harpsichord this Sunday for the Offertory Music this Sunday.

Hymns for December 11: Advent III

Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (ELW 249)

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

Hymn of the Day: Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW 264)

Offertory Hymn: He Came Down (ELW 253)

Communion Hymn: All Earth Is Hopeful (ELW 266)

Sending Hymn: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

Office Hours: Week of December 11



Monday: 8 - 1
Tuesday: 10:30 - 3:30
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 8 - 1
Friday: 8 - 1

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.



Carols, Candlelight, and Communion

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

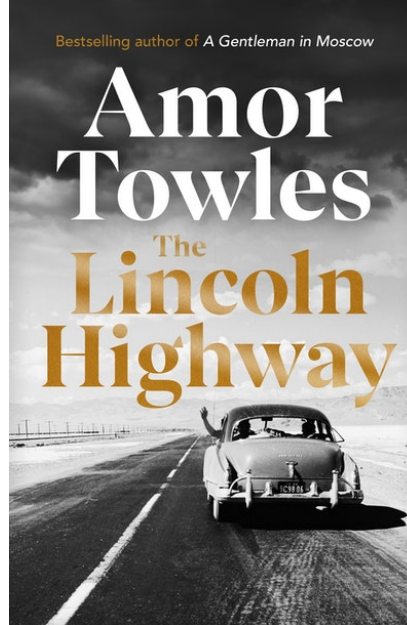


Book Group

Book Group will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor 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



Camp Calumet Weekend



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

An information sheet and registration form were emailed this past Sunday and are also available in the narthex.

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

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

From Rita Corey

Many members of the congregation and choir may remember the string trio, Mahewa Trio (Njeri, Nkosi and Njioma Grevious) 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>

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

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.



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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

Sundays, December 11: Diaper Drive

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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