

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC NOTES

Among Lutheran musicians, *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (ELW 308) is often referred to as “The Queen of Hymns.” Lutheran Pastor Philip Nicolai’s text and music were written at the end of the 16th Century in Germany during a time of devastating plague and invasion. 20th Century composer, Hugo Distler included this hymn in his collection of 52 hymns and sacred motets, *Das Jahrkreis*, in 1933, another time of great upheaval in Germany. The CLC Choir with flutist Anne Weaver will offer the Distler setting of *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* for the Offertory Music.

EVENING PRAYER

A Service of Evening Prayer will be held on **Sunday, February 5** at 5 pm and will be led by the choirs of Christ Lutheran Church (Natick) and St. John Lutheran Church (Sudbury) and features Angelica Fontes, Community Organizer for the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence who will speak about responding to gun violence. A dinner and discussion time will follow the service.

The service includes music by Thomas Tallis, Stephen Paulus, and Heinrich Schütz. Evening Prayer is a sung service of readings, prayers, hymns, and anthems at the close of the day.

All are welcome to join us for the service and for the dinner and discussion following. Kindly e-mail the office by **Wednesday, February 1** if you plan to stay for dinner: office@christnatick.org

Help is needed with setting up and cleaning up for the dinner following the evening prayer service. Contact Celeste Larson to sign up.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The company that supplies our envelopes has informed us of further printing delays. We are searching for a new supplier for 2024!

This year's envelopes will be placed in the narthex as soon as they arrive, hopefully no later than February. Until then, checks with your name clearly indicated may be placed in the offering plate or you may use the envelopes in the pews. Another option is to enroll in Simply Giving, to have your weekly or monthly donation automatically sent from your bank account. To enroll, contact Edie Lohr.

IT'S FINALLY HERE!

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

CLC's Semi Annual Meeting is currently set for **Sunday, February 12**, in person, immediately following worship.

While most of the meeting will be devoted to financial matters and approval of a 2023 budget, there are a few required technical amendments to CLC's Constitution and By-laws that were overlooked when we last updated the Constitution in 2020. Council does intend to add this topic to the agenda for next month's meeting.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When sending a prayer request to the office, please send us your contact information and your relationship to the person for whom prayers are being requested. Thank you.

BOOK GROUP

Our next read is Erin French's memoir *Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story; Remaking a Life From Scratch*.

We will meet **Monday, February 6** at 7:30 pm. Russell has volunteered to lead our discussion, but welcomes help from anyone else so moved.

COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday, January 25

Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Thursday, January 26

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Friday, January 27

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Saturday, January 28

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

SUNDAY	Jan 22	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Epiphany III)
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	Jan 23	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
TUESDAY	Jan 24	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Office Hours
WEDNESDAY	Jan 25	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Bell rehearsal: Easter Rm.
THURSDAY	Jan 26	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
		7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Clean and Serene: Memorial Rm.
		7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	Jan 27	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
SATURDAY	Jan 28	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	Jan 29	9:15 am	Choir warm-up
		10:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Epiphany IV)
		11:15 am	Coffee Hour

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 5 at 5 pm: Evening Prayer

Monday, February 6 at 7:30 pm: Book Club

Sunday, February 12 at 11:15 am: Semi-Annual Meeting