



Christ Lutheran Church E-News

January 12, 2023



Church Notes

It's almost here...

fasten your seatbelts! You're in for a wild ride!!!

Readings for Sunday, January 15, 2023

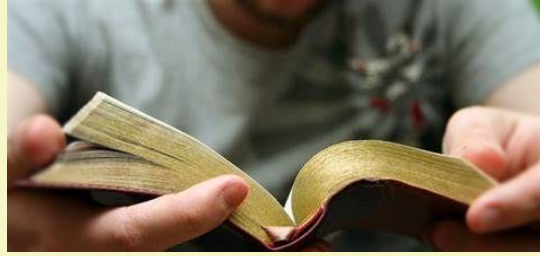
First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Pastor David Hulse, Presiding



Music Notes

Composer, Paul Halley dedicates his setting of the John Greenleaf Whittier poem *Sound over all waters* “to Coretta Scott King on the occasion of her preaching at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, where Halley was organist and choirmaster. Mrs. King’s steadfast vision and hope embody Whittier’s words.”

Mezzo-soprano Gail Weston-Roberts and pianist Ross Petot will offer *Sound over all waters* as the Offertory Music on **Sunday, January 15**, reflecting on the themes of Epiphany and recognizing the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!
With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun:
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!*

*Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north, and south let the long quarrel cease
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man!
Hark! joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!*

John Greenleaf Whittier

Hymns for Sunday, January 15, 2023

Canticle of Praise: Rise, Shine, You People - ELW 665

Hymn of the Day: He Comes to Us as One Unknown - ELW 737

Offertory Hymn: Many Will Come - ACS 982

Communion Hymn: Christ Be Our Light - ELW 715

Sending Hymn: Arise, Your Light Has Come - ELW 314

Evening Prayer

On **Sunday, February 5** at 5:00



pm, Christ Lutheran Church will sponsor an evening prayer service with a focus on **Striving for Peace and Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence.**

The speaker at the service will be Angelica Fontes, a community organizer for the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. The church's annual Evening Prayer Service is part of an ongoing adult education series that examines various issues of

social justice.

The service of Evening Prayer, also known as vespers, is contemplative; a service that takes stock of the conditions of the world and asks God to lift up the lowly, cast down the mighty, and change the injustices of the world. This choral service of readings, hymns, and prayer will feature guest singers and the joint choirs from Christ Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church, Sudbury, offering Renaissance, baroque, and contemporary music by Thomas Tallis, Heinrich Schütz, and Stephen Paulus.

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

The long journey toward justice and peace

Adopted in 1994, the ELCA social message "**Community Violence**" urges us to become more involved in countering the reality and fear of violence in our communities and our neighbors' communities, pursuing justice and seeking peace no matter how long the journey or complex the challenge.

The message states: "Before God, we all are in captivity to sin, and in need of God's mercy. Some have committed acts of violence. Others have been sinned against through acts of violence. Still others are overwhelmed by fears of violence. In proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ's forgiveness, healing, and new life, the church addresses the ultimate root of violence. Through his death, Christ broke down the dividing walls of hostility, fear, and violence between people, reconciling us to God and one another (Ephesians 2:13-17). God's reign of peace has come in Jesus Christ, and will be complete in a 'new heaven and new earth' where death and pain 'will be no more' (Revelation 21:1,4)."

(excerpt from A 60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence)

Upcoming

Camp Calumet Weekend

CLC's Camp Calumet get away weekend will be **January 20-22, 2023**. Join in the fun and invite friends! Pastor David Hulse and his family will be joining us for their first experience at Calumet.

On Saturday morning Lisa Eck will lead a fun storytelling event, "Meaning Making".

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

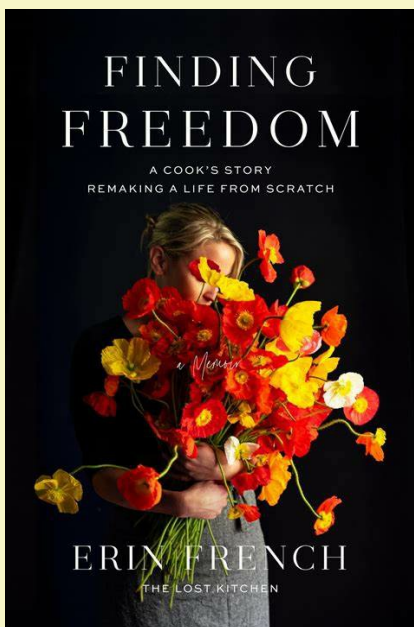


The registration form and deposit should be sent directly to Calumet.

Those who need financial assistance to attend may contact Carol Virshbo by phone or email at cvirshbo@comcast.net.

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

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.

Because you might mix this 2021 book up with her similarly named subsequent 2022 book, I'm providing the Amazon link here:

[Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story; Remaking a Life from Scratch](#)

Office Hours - Week of January 15

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



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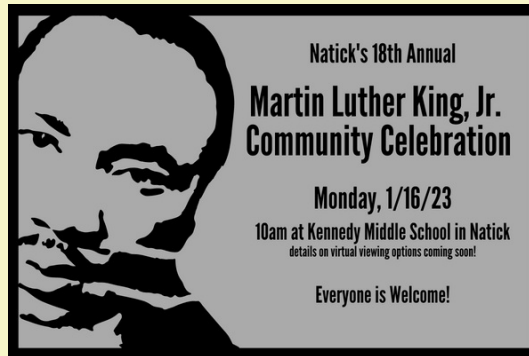
You can also follow us, [ChristNatick](#), on [Instagram](#).

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

Opportunities for You

MLK Day Celebration

Monday, **January 16th**
at 10am
Kennedy Middle School
Natick



For community members of all ages!
Back in person this year, with options to view the program virtually!

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy that inspires and empowers us all. Our program will feature performances from student groups, Middle and High School MLK Day Creative Contest winners, community leaders and partners, Interfaith Clergy representatives, a moving keynote, and more! We hope you will join us immediately following the program (at 11:15am) for a Community Connection Event, including special MLK Day activities for all ages, and time to meet student groups, community organizations, neighbors and friends.

You can livestream through Natick Pegasus - www.natickpegasus.org/
or watch through Natick Community Television channels: RCN 3, Comcast 99, and Verizon 29

Check back - more program details will be added shortly!
Interested in watching a recording of our inspirational 2022 program? Click this link [HERE](#) to access our YouTube page!

The 18th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration + Community Connection Event is co-sponsored by the Greater Natick Interfaith Clergy Association, Natick Public Schools, Natick METCO, Natick Is United, the Natick Board of Health & Natick 180, the Town of Natick, Walnut Hill School for the Arts, and SPARK Kindness.



MISN continues Fighting Wage Theft in Metrowest

Wage theft is rampant in industries with low-wage immigrant workers. Although The Fair

Labor Division of the Office of the Attorney General in Massachusetts processes thousands of wage theft cases annually, the A.G. herself confirms that the office is overwhelmed and relies on worker centers like the *Metrowest Workers Center - Casa* to help prioritize cases and provide support.

The Metrowest Workers Center in Framingham (part of MISN who CLC has supported for a number of years now) has actively been organizing actions against area hotels where workers are owed wages but were refused payment. casa has had repeated successes in these activities.

Without the help from casa, these workers will not be paid for their work.

A small group from CLC has joined this activity. Would you like to help? If you are interested in learning more about this important work, please reach out to [Rolf Larson](#): phone – 781 424 3952.

Looking Ahead

January 20 - 22, 2023: CLC at Camp Calumet

Sunday, February 5 at 5 pm: Evening Prayer

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

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

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