



Christ Lutheran Church E-News January 19, 2023



Church Notes

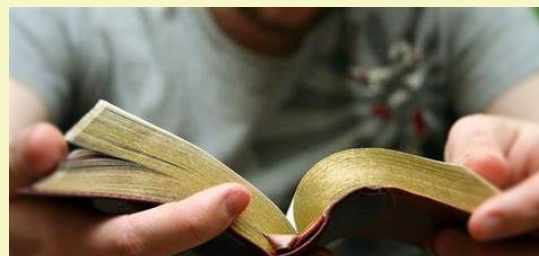
Readings for Sunday, January 22, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



Pastor Richard Hurst, Presiding

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.

Hymns for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Hymn of the Day: God's Work, Our Hands (ACS 1000)

Offertory Hymn: Many Will Come (ACS 982)

Communion Hymn: I Come with Joy (ELW 482)

Sending Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

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)

Volunteers Needed for Evening Prayer

Help is needed with setting up and cleaning up for the dinner following the evening prayer service on Sunday, February 5. Contact [Celeste Larson](#) to sign up.

It's finally here! The 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.

CLC's by-laws currently require that Council notify the congregation 30 days before the meeting at which the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on. To that end, attached please find

1. [A Memo on the CLC Constitution and By-law Amendments](#)
2. [Proposed Amendments to the CLC Constitution and By-laws](#)

for your review and consideration.

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](#).

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.

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.

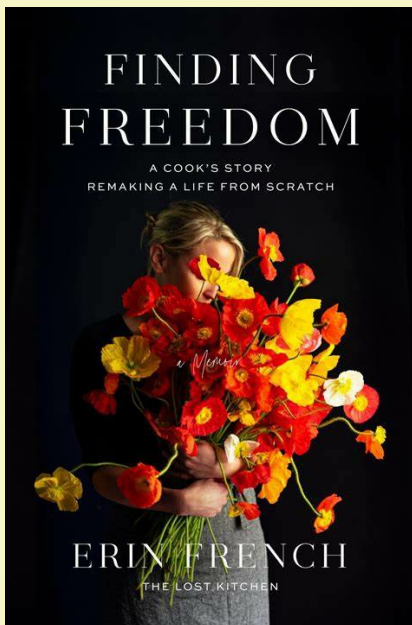
The registration form and deposit should be sent directly to Calumet.



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 22

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



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Opportunities for You

Family Promise



Save the Date!

**Day Center Open House
and
Meet and Greet
our new Executive Director
Danielle Conti**

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 4:00-6:30 pm
6 Mulligan Street, Natick, MA


www.familypromisemetrowest.org

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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