



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thursday, August 31, 2023

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Your Attention, Please

Our Deepest Apologies

Last week, we failed to mention that last Sunday's Memorial Flowers were given by Edie Lohr to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold Lohr who would have turned 101 this week.



SeptemberFest

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Sunday, Sept 17
10 am worship
11 am picnic

Christ Lutheran Church
113 Union Street
Natick, MA
www.christnatick.org

hear:
the Good News
celebrate with:
bluegrass and gospel music
gather:
at the communion table
for a picnic after the service

Join us Sunday, September 17 for a service of Bluegrass and Gospel Music.

After the Service, we will have a picnic: hamburgers, hot dogs, and a vegetarian option. Drinks and dessert provided.

Please bring a side dish to share if you are able. Definitely bring a friend.

I hear the music ringing...

An Evening of American Music
Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 7 pm

Featuring recently composed music by John Weaver and William David Cooper based on 19th Century American hymns:

- “Three American Folk-Hymn Settings” (2009) for viola (Joan Ellersick) and organ (Tom Berryman) by John Weaver
- “Two Chorale Preludes” (2022) for violin (Jiyu Oh) and piano (Will Cooper) by William David Cooper
- “Rhapsody” for flute (Anne Weaver) and organ (Tom Berryman) by John Weaver
- “Three Chorale Preludes” for viola (Joan Ellersick) and piano (Tom Berryman) by William David Cooper

I hear the music ringing is open to the public at no charge. Donations will be welcomed to support the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.



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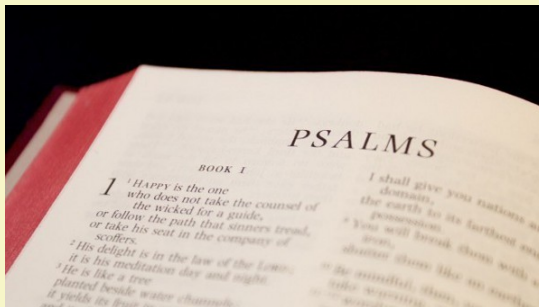
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by William David Cooper and John Weaver

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Christ Lutheran Church
113 Union Street Natick MA 01760

Anne Weaver, flute Joan Ellersick, viola
Jiyu Oh, violin Will Cooper, piano
Tom Berryman, organ/piano

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Sermon Series on the Psalms: Singing Our Lives



Singing is central to Christian worship. In the letter to the Colossians, the author encourages the use of song as response to God for a life centered in Jesus: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God” (Col. 3:16). It’s not surprising that each week we not only lift our voices in

praise and promise to God through hymns but also dwell with those ancient songs we know as the psalms.

For the next two weeks in worship, we will ponder the psalms for each Sunday in a sermon series. We’ll consider them as part and parcel of the proclamation of the good news and keys that help unlock our relationship to one another, to our neighbor, and to God.

Save the Date: Installation of Pastor Gilbert

Please mark your calendars for the official installation of Pr. Christophor as Christ Lutheran Church’s called pastor. The event will be held on **Sunday, October 8, 2023** at 2:00 pm. Please note: this will be the only service that day. **We will not have 10:00 am worship on October 8th.**

This will be a time to celebrate this new chapter in the life of the congregation and be in community with other folks from churches in the Natick area and in greater New England. You are more than welcome to invite relatives, friends, and community members to the event (an electronic flier will be forthcoming for email). The Rev. Elizabeth Nees will co-preside at the service, and the Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Yarmouth, Maine will preach.



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Church Notes

Readings for Sunday, September 3, 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms: 26:1-8

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28



Worship Assistants for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Greeters	Carol Virshbo and Deb Bianco
Assisting Minister	Cathy Gallagher
Reader	Russell Pollard
Communion Assistant	Lisa Chan
Tellers	John Whitlock and Ellen Zagajeski
Altar Guild	Edie Lohr and Dorothy Nail
Fellowship Host	Gyongyi Molnar and Hannele Saramo Raja

Music Notes

"One who sings, chases away troubles."

Miguel Cervantes

The CLC Choir singing season begins after Labor Day, on **Thursday, September 7** at 7:30 pm. Why not add your voice to ours as we "chase away troubles" and offer thanks and praise to the Lord through music.

And, if you know someone who enjoys singing and might be interested, recommend the CLC Choir!



What a satisfying experience to make music together. Join us!

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service.

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Hymns for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Hymn of the Day: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)

Offertory Hymn: We Come Now to Your Table (ACS 970)

Communion Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart (ACS 1043)

Sending Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)

Listening to the Postlude

Many people like to remain in their seats and listen to the postlude at the end of the service, appreciating the music and enjoying a few more minutes of quiet reflection. Others may want to leave and move on with their day, or engage in conversation with others.

Feel free to do what meets your needs and please keep conversations in the narthex or the fellowship hall so that the music in the sanctuary can be enjoyed by those who stay.

Of Interest

Read the Truth Discussion Group

The ELCA has designated the summer months for members to read books by and about Indigenous Peoples as part of the Truth and Healing Movement.

Several books are on the cart in the narthex. Feel free to borrow one to read and then, to join our reflection group on **Sunday, September 3**, at 11:15 in the Memorial Room.

Celeste has created a list of books that she has collected for the study group which you can download [here](#).

ELCA is also [offering workshops via Zoom](#) to help us begin to understand the history of our relationships with Native people.

[Learn about bills](#) before the MA legislature supporting indigenous people.

Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy Day!



The Coalition is teaming up with Stop Handgun Violence, Moms Demand Action, GIFFORDS, and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence for a gun violence prevention advocacy day

on **Wednesday September 13th at 10:30am.**

Join us as we show the Legislature how important gun violence prevention is to their constituents and help us stand up against the gun lobby.

We will meet at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul at 138 Tremont Street in Boston (across the Common from the State House) to go over logistics for the day and provide you with everything you'll need to be an effective advocate. We will then walk over to the State House together and folks will be split into groups to attend meetings with their legislators.

If you've never been to an advocacy day or the State House before, this is the perfect place to start! We will help you set up meetings with your legislators, walk you through

what to expect during those meetings, and ensure that you have everything you need to feel comfortable talking to your legislators.

[Register for the advocacy day here.](#) You might notice that the link to register above has the Moms Demand Action Logo on it - don't worry, that's the right form! We're partnering with Moms Demand Action to help organize larger groups of constituents to meet with their legislators. The link above is unique to the Coalition - please be sure to use this link so that we're able to track who plans to attend with us.

What's really in Omnibus Gun Bill HD4420?

There's a LOT to unpack in this comprehensive gun bill - all 141 pages of it. That's why we, along with our partners, created this fact sheet, so you can get a handle on its most important content.

Our fact sheet breaks down what's in the House bill, where MA currently stands on each topic, and why each piece of the advocacy puzzle matters.

Download Fact Sheet



You're invited! Announcing the 2023 Peace MVP Awards, celebrating Dr. Thea James

Every year, we host a celebration of local leaders who have made an impact on their community, called the Peace MVP Awards.

This year, we're honoring Dr. Thea James - Director of the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at Boston Medical Center, and the Vice President of Mission, Associate Chief Medical Officer, and Co-Executive Director of BMC's Health Equity Accelerator.

Dr. James has transformed how hospitals respond to gun violence on a local and national level - through her leadership at BMC and her work with the Hospital Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI). A tireless champion for survivors of violence, she has dedicated her career to ensuring that trauma victims have access to equitable and trauma-informed systems of care.

Join us in celebrating Dr. James and her team!

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7PM

Where: The Cathedral Church of St Paul

138 Tremont Street, Boston

(A virtual option will also be available.)

Featuring music by the fabulous Lisa Bello

[Buy your tickets today!](#)

Boom Chicka Boom Christ Natick Walkers!

With all of our members reporting, I am proud to say that we collectively as a team earned 1,000 miles walking, running, biked, swam, and so forth and it sounds like the team walked some interesting places:



- The Chan Family walked through trails, parks and beaches
- Gyongyi completed a 21 mile walk on August 13th!
- Nadia, Zoey, and James clocked many miles on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City on a family vacation
- Carol walked all over Boston, Walden

Pond and Georges Island

In total the entire team of walkers for the first two weeks walked 24135.78 miles. It is amazing work by all and I believe that we can all use the motivation from each other to go even further for our next reporting period. Please encourage other friends or congregation members to join us over the next month to help go even further! It's not too late to [sign up](#).

Peace,
James and Nadia Salerno

Book Group



Everyone is invited to join us **Monday, October 2** at 7:30 pm to discuss Marie Benedict's "The Only Woman in the Room."

A word of caution: there is another (excellent) non-fiction book also called "The Only Woman in the Room.". Make sure you get this one by Benedict.

Office Stuff

Contacting Pr. Gilbert and the Office



To reach Pr. Gilbert by phone, call the office (508-315-3170) and press 1 for his extension and voice mail.

You can reach him for pastoral concerns and worship-related business via email at pastor@christnatick.org

Pr. Gilbert's office hours are by appointment.

Please send Prayer Requests to office@christnatick.org

Please send church-business issues to [Celeste Larson](#), Congregation President

Office Hours - Week of September 3, 2023

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



Lost and Found

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The Lost and Found Box is in the narthex above the mailboxes. It currently holds two pairs of glasses. Denizens of the box will be disposed of after one month.

Doors and Security

If you are a Fellowship Host, please make sure the doors are locked when you leave the church. The doors have recently been left unlocked leaving the church open.



CLC on Social Media



If you have any events with church members you would like to share on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please send a 3-4 sentence paragraph and a picture to [the office](#) so we can post it.

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.

Looking Ahead

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Sunday, October 1 @ 7:00 pm: I hear the music ringing Concert

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