



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Church News



Diaper Drive September 17

Most members of CLC haven't needed to buy diapers in a long time! So, you may not realize how expensive they have become.

Diapers (and lots of them!) are an urgent need for many families who access our local food pantries. Size 5 and 6 diapers and size 4T-5T pull-ups for both boys and girls are especially needed. Donations can be placed in the port-a-crib in the narthex. You can also donate cash to Dorothy Nail or Celeste Larson.

SeptemberFest

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

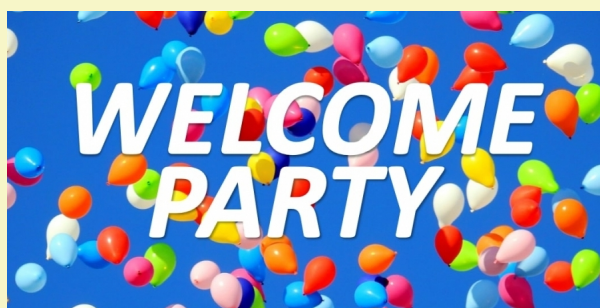
Please bring a side dish to share if you are able.

Definitely bring a friend.

Watch the video (below) for more information.



Welcome Party



Come welcome Pastor Gilbert and Donald at what we hope will be the first of many house parties in the years to come! Lisa Eck and David Ripp invite you to an open-house for CLC members:

Saturday, September 23rd
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

19 Morse Street in Natick

Come anytime! Bring an appetizer, side dish, favorite beverage, or dessert.

The party committee (Lisa, Dave, George Hall and Martha Cronin) will provide the main course, drinks, and more. The luck of potluck has never let us down! If you have questions, call or text Lisa at 774-578-6655.

Street parking is available on both sides of Morse street, or you may opt to park in the Town Hall lot (corner of Central Street and Church) and walk south one block to 19 Morse, a cheerful sky-blue house with a mustard door.

Adult Education at CLC

With our return to Fall offerings, we'll also be bringing back adult educational opportunities. As a way to start, we will offer both an in-person and Zoom option for each study unit.

The only materials you may want to have at the ready will be a bible and your curiosity - everything else will be provided for you.



While connections will be made between sessions, each is stand alone: you are encouraged to come to drop in as your schedule allows.

For help in planning (especially for the Zoom offering), if you know you are going to attend please let Pr. Christophor know: pastor@christnatick.org

In person sessions will be held immediately following worship on Sundays, from 11:30 - 12:30.
Zoom session will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 5:30 - 6:30.

Practicing our Faith

This education offering will bring us into conversation about spirituality and spiritual practice, and how our texts and traditions offer us a way to bring the Good News into our whole lives.

Sunday 9/24 & Tuesday 9/26 - What is Spirituality?

Sunday 10/1 & Tuesday 10/3 - Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No

Week of 10/8 - No adult ed

Sunday 10/15 & Tuesday 10/17 - Testimony

Sunday 10/22 & Tuesday 10/24 - Practicing a Way of Life

No adult ed the week of Reformation or All Saints (10/29 & 11/5)

Preparing for the New Year - Looking at Mark

With the change in liturgical year that begins with Advent, we will shift from the gospel of Matthew as our orienting perspective to hearing excerpts from Mark on Sundays. We'll learn a little bit about the author of Mark's point of view as a way to listen with our whole selves to the stories offered.

Sunday 11/12 & Tuesday 11/14 - Who is "Mark"?

Sunday 11/19 & Tuesday 11/21 - How do we listen to Mark?

Sunday 11/26 & Tuesday 11/28 - Living a life of urgency

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.



**An Evening
of American Music**
by William David Cooper and John Weaver

Sunday, October 1 2023 7 pm
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

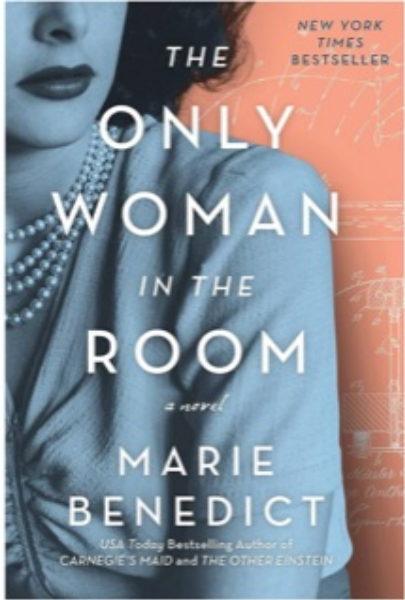
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Book Group

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.

In the 1940s, Hedy Lamarr was one of Hollywood's most sought-after leading ladies. But away from the cameras, her passion for innovation spawned the wireless communication technology we take for granted today.



Lost and Found



A number of items have been in a basket in Fellowship Hall and they are looking for their homes.

Have you not been able to drive your cars for a while? We have a set of car keys for a Lexus and a Toyota



We also have a set of keys attached to an Orioles beverage opener



an earring

a cute little owl



and a ring in search of a finger

They are in foster care in the office until the end of September.

Readings for Sunday, September 17, 2023

First Reading: Job 38:1-18

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-5

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



Worship Assistants for Sunday, September 10, 2023

Greeters	Carol Virshbo and David Ripp
Assisting Minister	Edie Lohr
Reader	Alan Avalos
Communion Assistant	Celeste Larson
Tellers	Frank Miller and Ross Petot
Altar Guild	Phil Roberts and Hannele Saramo-Raja
Fellowship Hosts	Ellen Zagajeski and Eric & Kathleen Kirleis

Music Notes

Our Sending Hymn for **Sunday, September 17** (*SeptemberFest*) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (*Lord, revive Us*) recalls last Sunday's Sending Hymn *God, who Made the Spangled Heavens* (*Holy Manna*). Both are *pentatonic* tunes: five note scales that avoid half-steps and both have a very similar melodic shape. *Lord, Revive Us* first appeared in *The Revivalist*, a Methodist hymn collection published in Troy NY, 1868. The hymn text, by Joseph Faber, was included in *Oratory Hymns* (1848).

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy fits especially well with the traditional 19th Century American folk tunes employed in the *Of the Land and Seasons* liturgy we are using on September 17.

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Hymns for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Hymn Sing: I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say; Are you Washed in the Blood of the Lamb; Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Hymn of Praise: Above the Hills the Angel Hosts

Psalmody Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Hymn of the Day: She We Gather at the River (ELW 423)

Offertory Hymn: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Communion Hymn: Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Sending Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's eryl (ELW 588)

Last Sunday's Service Recording

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

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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Community News

Earthquake in Morocco

EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief will deliver urgently needed support and care to your neighbors in Morocco.

lwr.org/morocco




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Thank you for sharing God's love with your neighbors when they need it most.

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Boom Chicka Boom Christ Natick Walkers!

<i>Calumet 2023</i>	*****
W WALK	the 2023
THE 	Numbers
W WALK	732
<i>"On the Road Again!"</i>	Registrants
	7 weeks
	110,000
	miles

Where has the time gone? We are almost through reporting period three! We have some great news and an urgent call to help Calumet.

The great news, in reporting period two, CLC walkers rose to the challenge and walked more miles than in reporting period one by SIX whole miles tallying in at 1,006 miles.

The greater community reported 26,172 miles for the second reporting period totaling us at 54,325 miles.

The urgent call to action is that Angel Donors will not be called upon unless we hit 110,000 miles collectively by September 16th. Can you invite any friends and family to join our cause and have them retroactively report their mileage on our next report?

For more information, contact [James](#) or [Nadia](#) Salerno.

World Hunger Challenge

Thanks from Bishop Hazelwood to CLC for our generous gift of \$2,775 to support the World Hunger Challenge. Because of our generosity and that of other members of the New England Synod, \$234,854 has gone to ECA World Hunger.

Office News

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 17, 2023

Monday: 10-3

Tuesday: 8-1

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 8-1

Friday: 8-1



Lost and Found



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

Sunday, September 17: SeptemberFest

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

Sunday, October 8 @ 2:00 pm: Pr. Gilbert's Installation

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