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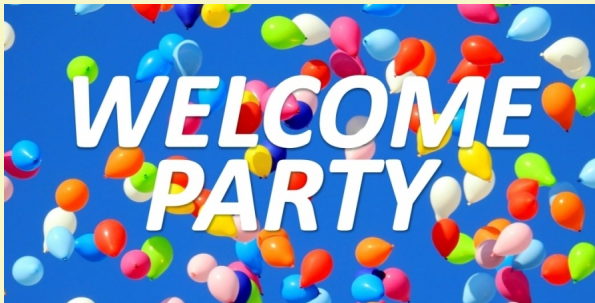
Thursday, September 21, 2023

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Church News

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.

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.

Watch the video below for more information:



Adult Education at CLC

Our Adult Education sessions begin this Sunday following worship from 11:30 - 12:30.

Zoom sessions 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 Zoom Meeting - What is Spirituality?
Sunday 10/1 & Tuesday 10/3 Zoom Meeting - Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No
Week of 10/8 - No adult ed
Sunday 10/15 & Tuesday 10/17 Zoom Meeting - Testimony
Sunday 10/22 & Tuesday 10/24 Zoom Meeting - 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 Zoom Meeting - Who is “Mark”?
Sunday 11/19 & Tuesday 11/21 Zoom Meeting - How do we listen to Mark?
Sunday 11/26 & Tuesday 11/28 Zoom Meeting - Living a life of urgency

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.

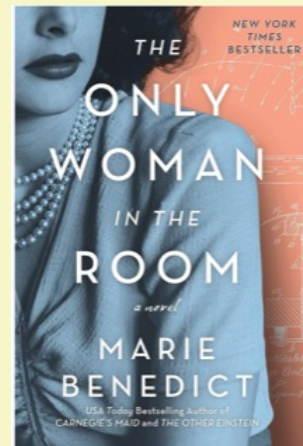
For help in planning (especially for the [Zoom](#) offering), if you know you are going to attend please let Pr. Christophor know: pastor@christnatick.org

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.



Readings for Sunday, September 24, 2023

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm: 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



Worship Assistants for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Greeters	Martha Cronin and Nadia Salerno
Assisting Minister	Russell Pollard
Reader	Pam Bathen
Communion Assistant	Martha Cronin
Tellers	Frank Miller and George Hall
Altar Guild	Ellen Zagajeski and Carol Virshbo
Fellowship Host	Deb Bianco

Music Notes

The CLC Choir sings Ronald Nelson's *Whoever would be great among you* for the Offertory Music on **Sunday, September 24**. The text is excerpted from Matthew 20:

Whoever would be great among you, must become your servant, and whoever would be first among you, must be a servant of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. And to give his life as a ransom for many.

We will be using Liturgy Setting 3 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* during the Fall season. We will also introduce Zimbabwean *Hallelujah* (ELW 173) for the Gospel Acclamation and Brian Wentzel's *All who are thirsty* (ACS 981) for the Offertory Hymn.

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Hymns for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Hymn of the Day: Give Me Jesus (ELW 770)

Offertory Hymn: All Who Are Thirsty (ACS 981)

Communion Hymn: O Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 480)

Sending Hymn: Take My Life That I May Be (ELW 583)

Last Sunday's Service Recording

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service (9/17).

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.

Diaper Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed diapers for our God's Work Our Hands project!

The diapers will be donated to A Place to

Turn.



Gratitude Abounds from your Council President



To everyone who contributed diapers and money for the diaper drive and to the Nails for securing a Thrivent grant.

To all of our musicians for making our Sunday worship so uplifting!

To the Council, who gave up a Saturday to begin the process of discerning our way forward as a congregation.

To everyone who flipped a burger, moved a chair, brought some food, washed a dish, and joined us for community time at our picnic.

I am grateful for this faith-filled community!

Celeste Larson
Council President

Vases



Vases and other containers that have been left at CLC and were taking up valuable space in the kitchen cabinets are displayed on a table in the fellowship hall. Please take any you would like, whether or not they're yours. Anything left will be donated.

Community News

Reunion

One year ago, the state of Florida paid to fly 49 migrants from Texas to Martha's Vineyard. They had not much more than what they were wearing; no place to stay, without food and not really certain where

they had been sent.

Immediately after they landed, Father Chip Seadale of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Edgartown said, "If they don't have anywhere to stay, let's just put them up in the church". Many of them did stay there for a few days, after which most traveled to other parts of Massachusetts and also to New York, Washington and Michigan.

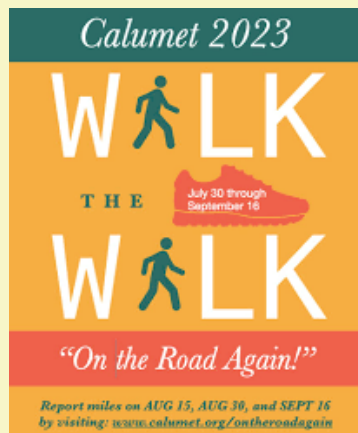


This past weekend a reunion of the immigrants who were welcomed to the island and those who accompanied them during their brief stay on the island was held. It was a wonderful celebration, a reconnection after not having seen each other since they left the island. So much had changed in the lives of the immigrants - mostly Venezuelans. Four have remained on island and have found work; the rest are establishing lives elsewhere.

As a part of the celebration, the traveling exhibit *Stories from the Southern Border*, which now has been traveling for much of the past year, was invited to be a part of the reunion. In addition to the exhibit, Rolf Larson led a discussion on immigration and what is involved in accompanying immigrants within the immigration system in our country. It was an honor to be present with this community of old and new neighbors.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in hosting this exhibit of portraits and stories, please reach out to us.

Boom Chicka Boom Christ Natick!



Our fearless walkers put in a great effort in achieving miles throughout August and the first half of September. We had a total of three mileage reporting periods and the results of the folks that participated have astounded me.

In reporting period one we achieved 1,000 miles, in reporting period two: 1,006 and I am very pleased to say in reporting period 3 we achieved 1,200 miles!

I want to thank everyone who has participated this year, your dedication to Calumet certainly does not go unnoticed.

While the final number of miles collectively has not been posted on Calumet's Walk-the-Walk Facebook page, we are all praying that we have hit the 110,000 miles so that we can call on the Angel donors who have pledged another \$25,000 if we hit it.

Thank you all and hope that you enjoyed Walking-the-Walk this year and are already lacing up for next years event!

Boom Chicka Boom,
James Salerno

Earthquake in Morocco

EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

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

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WORLD RELIEF

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

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Thank You, CLC!

JFS of Metrowest is grateful for the church's donation of \$3,575 for the Framingham Asylum Seekers Assistance Fund. The donation helps JFS continue to provide vital social, health, and community service to alleviate suffering, enhance lives, and support people in need.



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 24, 2023

Monday: 10-3

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 8-1



Lost and Found

Lost & 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.

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 24 @ 11:30 am: Adult Forum: What is spirituality?

Tuesday, September 26 @ 5:30 pm (Zoom): Adult Forum: What is spirituality?

September 23: Welcome Party for Pr. Gilbert and Donald

Sunday, October 1 @ 11:30 am: Adult Forum: Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No

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

Tuesday, October 3 @ 5:30 pm (Zoom): Adult Forum: Discernment & Saying Yes and Saying No

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

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