



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Church News

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT SUNDAY

This Sunday is the Flutie 5K race. It is a fundraising event for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. The race begins at 8:30 AM at Leonard Morse Hospital, and the whole field of runners, walkers, and rollers will come past Christ Lutheran. Then, starting at 8:50, they will come back down Union Street in waves to end back at Leonard Morse. The organizers indicate that everyone should be finished by 10 AM.

There will be Police directing traffic, so the road will not be completely closed the whole time. However, you will want to think about **leaving earlier than usual** to arrive on time for worship. This is especially true for those who set up early and the choir.



Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism

Adult Education at CLC

Our last session on Spirituality will be held **via Zoom** next week, and we have moved the day from Tuesday to Monday, at the same time.

Please join us for the conversation about Testimony, **Monday October 30th**, 5:30 - 6:30 PM. **This week will be Zoom only!!**



Reflections on Stewardship

Last Sunday we began our focus on Stewardship. Our theme, "We are Called", invites us to

We Are Called



consider how God is calling each of us to share our gifts of time, talent and money, individually and in community. We remember that these gifts have been given to us, not earned, and that they have been entrusted to us to be stewarded for the good of the world.

As a community, we are moving towards transforming our ministry and seeking new ways to be the people of God in this time and place. Over the next few weeks we invite you to pray for our work together. How will Christ Lutheran Church grow? How will we discern the work that God is calling us to do? Christ Lutheran has a

story to tell and a message to share - a message of hope and love and generosity and belonging. We will find the way to share this story in words and actions together in community by generously sharing the gifts that have been entrusted to us!

This Sunday you will be invited to notice where your fellow congregation members are living out their calling and sharing their gifts. During the service, you will have an opportunity to write a note of thanks for something you have noticed. It could be here at church, out in the community, at their work or school, or at home.

Trust the word of God in Isaiah: "Do not be afraid. I have called you." Consider how you are called to share your gifts at Christ Lutheran Church. I am sure that Christ Lutheran Church is called for such a time as this!

Calumet Retreat Survey



The annual retreat to Calumet in Freedom, has been set for January 19-21. In order for the planning group to shape the event to you, our community, we invite you to take this survey about the retreat.

Even if you have never been to the retreat, we value your input.

Please complete the survey by Friday, November 3, 2023

[Click here for Calumet Survey](#)

Readings for Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

Don't forget to wear **Red**

Click on the link for the text:

First Reading: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 3:19-28](#)



Worship Assistants for Sunday, October 29, 2023

Greeters	David Ripp and Deb Bianco
Assisting Minister	Marianne Swenson
Reader	Edie Lohr
Communion Assistant	Robin Hurst
Tellers	John Whitlock and George Hall
Altar Guild	Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst
Fellowship Hosts	Robin & Richard Hurst and Juliet Seaberg
Broadcast Team	Peter Miller and Comlanvi Agbodjinou

Music Notes

Our Reformation **Sunday, October 29** service will be music filled at Christ Lutheran. The Bell Choir will play music for the Prelude and during Communion and join the Choir, congregation and organ for three of the hymns. The CLC Choir will be leading the Offertory Hymn, *How Firm a Foundation* using Mark Hayes' setting, *Sure Foundation*. Martin Luther's powerful hymn setting of Psalm 46, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* serves as the Psalmody Hymn. The organ Postlude, a brilliant *Fanfare*, is adapted from a sonata by 18th Century Spanish composer Antonio Soler.

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Hymns for Sunday, October 29, 2023

Psalmody Hymn: A Mighty Fortress (ELW 504)

Gospel Acclamation: Rise, Shine You People (ELW 665)

Hymn of the Day: Go to the World (ACS 991)

Offertory Hymn: Sure Foundation

Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

Sending Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)

Last Sunday's Service Recording

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service (10/22).

Evening Prayer at St. John Lutheran Church



evening
prayer

sunday
nov 5

5pm

*with the choirs of
christ, natick and
st. john, sudbury*

st. john lutheran church
16 great road sudbury ma

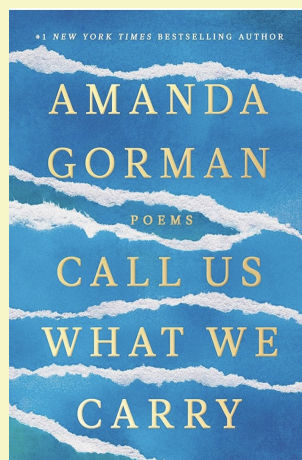
Join us for Evening Prayer for All Saints Day on **Sunday, November 5**. We will worship jointly at **St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA** in Sudbury at 5 pm.

Book Group

The CLC Book Group will meet at 7:30 pm on **Monday, November 6** via zoom to discuss *Call Us What We Carry* by Amanda Gorman. The book includes the poem *The Hill We Climb* that she read so movingly at the 2021 presidential inauguration.

From a Poetry Foundation review:

Call Us What We Carry is built for multiple voyages and its collaged construction rewards rereading. I'm excited by the chorus of voices Gorman has chosen to combine here, a range of influences spanning great distances from Rhianna to Rilke, with a reference to the Roman playwright Terence via Maya Angelou. Above all else, what resonates with me is Gorman's insistence that "[t]his book, like a ship, is meant to be lived in."



Community News

NEIGHBORS IN CRISIS

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief will deliver urgently needed support and care to innocent civilians in Israel and Gaza.

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WORLD RELIEF

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

AP Photo/Maya Altierazzo

Keeping the Promise

Family Promise Metrowest's 2023 Keeping the Promise Gala



Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30pm
Framingham Country Club

Join us for an unforgettable night of giving! Our online auction is your chance to score some truly incredible items. From luxury getaways, fabulous restaurants and court side sports tickets to one-of-a-kind experiences, we've got something for everyone. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference and win big!

[Click Here to Bid](#)

Check out the online auction! If you don't plan to attend the gala but would like to bid on one of the special "live" items, have no fear! **Carol Virshbo** will arrange a proxy bidder for you. Just let her know the item number and the maximum amount you want to bid.

Pr Gilbert, Mary Avalos, Ruth Colson and CLC former Pastor Kathleen Reed attended a celebration of the beginnings of Family Promise. A little history:

Twenty years ago this fall, Laraine Marthinson, Judy Mongiardo and Candace Sutcliffe mobilized our diverse faith community to address family homelessness in Boston's Metrowest region. Along with 30 individuals from 12 Metrowest congregations, our founders held their first



organizational meeting at Natick's Christ Lutheran Church in October 2003. A dynamic coalition grew out of their efforts, and by 2008, Family Promise Metrowest was born, relying upon the support of congregations from Wellesley to Ashland and from Wayland to Holliston.

[Read more here.](#)

[See photos of the event.](#)

Anti-Racism Author Talk

The Synod's Anti-Racism Advisory Board, together in partnership with Calumet Lutheran Ministries is so excited to bring this opportunity forward for the people of the New England Synod and of Calumet Nation. Many thanks to author and economist Jeff Fuhrer for being with us in November on Zoom. [Join the antiracism prayer meeting](#) that we host by Zoom on the **1st Monday and 3rd Thursday** of the month at 7:15 pm. [Click on the picture below for more information.](#)

The graphic features a teal background with a white-bordered box containing the text: "Author Talk" This November — on Zoom. There is no cost for the book for the first 100 people who sign up for the event by OCT 20. To the right is the book cover for "THE MYTH THAT MADE US" by JEFF FUHRER, with the subtitle "HOW FALSE BELIEFS ABOUT RACISM AND MERITOCRACY BROKE OUR ECONOMY (AND HOW TO FIX IT)". Below the box, the text reads: "The synod's **Anti-Racist Advisory Board & Calumet** invites **People of Faith** to read & then gather for conversation. **MON, NOV 20, 6:30-7:45 PM** **TUES, NOV 21, 9:30-10:45 AM** HOW FALSE BELIEFS ABOUT

The New England Synod Reads: *The Myth that Made Us*

I am very excited about the opportunity that the Synod's Anti-Racism Team and Camp Calumet have provided to discuss this book! I heard the author, who is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sudbury, speak at Synod Assembly in June.

Mr. Fuhrer explains his research about how systemic racism coupled with our economic system has created and excused gross inequities. Even more importantly, he outlines steps we could take to fix our system and provide reparation for people of color who have been impacted by these unjust systems. I have a copy of the book that I am willing to lend. **Even if you don't read the book, you will benefit from hearing the discussion** and I encourage you to register for one of the sessions. Please join us. It will be time well spent!

Celeste Larson

Office News

Office Hours - Week of October 29, 2023

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



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, October 29: Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 5 @ 10:00 am: All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5 @ 5:00 pm: Evening Prayer

Saturday, November 18 @ 7:00 pm: Silent Movie Night

Sunday, November 19 @ 10:00 am: Handbell Harmonies play during worship

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