

Christ Lutheran Church

Operation fun in the Snow



There are 12 children from Haiti living in emergency shelter who are about to experience their first winter in New England! Our job is to be sure they can play in the snow and be warm and dry! We are working with Ascentria to provide coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens, and a small toy to these children for

Christmas.

Please take an ornament or two from the tree on the kiosk in the narthex, purchase the gifts, and **bring the gifts to church by December 17**. If you would like to contribute money rather than shop, you can donate on line, or by putting a check (made out to Christ Lutheran Church) or cash in a pew envelope and labeling it Ascentria gifts. Questions can be directed to [Celeste Larson](#).

ENews

Thursday,
November 30,
2023



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Advent Wreath Making

Make an Advent wreath on Sunday Dec. 3 at 9:00 or during coffee hour. Supplies will be available.



Advent Devotional Materials

Rev. Richard Hurst and members of the Thursday Morning Bible Study Group are providing free booklets and Advent calendars, including small ones in the form of cards. These are available in the narthex. Take as many as you need for yourself and your family and friends!

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Readings and Hymns for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Click on the link for the text:

First Reading: [Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

Gospel: [Mark 13:24-37](#)

Canticle of Praise: Wake, Awake,
For Night Is Flying (ELW 436)

Hymn of the Day: Come Now, O
Prince of Peace (ELW 247)

Offertory Hymn: O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel (ELS 257)

Communion Hymn: Come to Be Our
Hope (ACS 904)

Sending Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice,
Believers (ELW 244)

Worship Assistants for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Greeters	Deb Bianco and David Ripp
Assisting Minister	Cathy Gallagher
Reader	Gail Weston-Roberts
Communion Assistant	Lisa Chan
Tellers	Audrey Colson and Ross Petot
Altar Guild	Edie Lohr and Dorothy Nail
Fellowship Hosts	Carol Virshbo
Broadcast Team	/
Cantor	Bob Weaver

Music Notes

On **Sunday, December 3**, Comlanvi and Zourfahou Agbodjinou will be introducing and teaching *Egbona anyigba wola gbona*, a song from Togo in the Ewe language that we'll be singing for our Advent Wreath lighting hymn on each Sunday. *The Creator of the earth is coming. The judge is coming. The world doesn't belong to you.*



The CLC Bells have a big weekend and will be including two pieces

from their Christmas repertoire for our service on Sunday: *Patapan* for the Offertory Music and *Carol of the Bells* for the Postlude.

The CLC Choir will be singing Hank Beebe's *Go Out With Joy* on a text from Isaiah 35: 12-13 for the Psalm.

*For you shall go out with joy, be led forth with peace,
the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and
all the trees shall clap their hands.
Pine trees shall shoot up in place of the camel thorn,
myrtles instead of briars;
all this shall win the Lord a great name, a sign for all time.*

Tom Berryman
Director musices

Last Sunday's Service Recording

Visit our [YouTube page](#) in case you missed last Sunday's service (11/26).

November is Native American Heritage Month



The ELCA continues to offer opportunities for us to explore our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. There is still one more chance to join a zoom presentation tonight. Find the link [here](#).

Thursday November 30 at 8:00pm: Indigenous Thought and Theology

There are also many interesting and informative programs on the [PBS website](#).

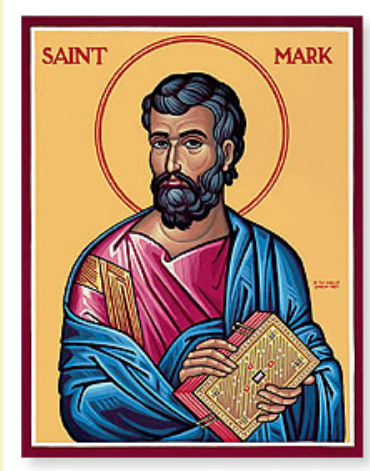
The Social Justice Team encourages you to learn about our complicity as white Christians in the harms inflicted on Native Peoples and to consider how we might participate in repair and reconciliation.

Adult Education at CLC

Our return to Adult Education opportunities at CLC continues in December with a three week focus on the gospel of 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.

December 3 - Who is "Mark"?
December 10 - How do we listen to Mark?
December 17 - Living a life of Holy urgency



The sessions will be after worship on Sunday, beginning at 11:30 AM. We are going to try and offer this session in hybrid format so everyone can be together for learning.

Folks joining online can click [here](#) to join the sessions.

Let there be LIGHT

ADVENT 2023



CELEBRATE THE START OF ADVENT WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

SAT DEC 2 BELL CHOIR @ FRAN'S FLOWERS | 3 PM
1 WORCESTER ST, FRAMINGHAM

SUN DEC 3 ADVENT WORSHIP @ CHRIST LUTHERAN | 10 AM
113 UNION ST, NATICK

SING ALONG @ MARY ANN MORSE | 2 PM
45 UNION ST, NATICK

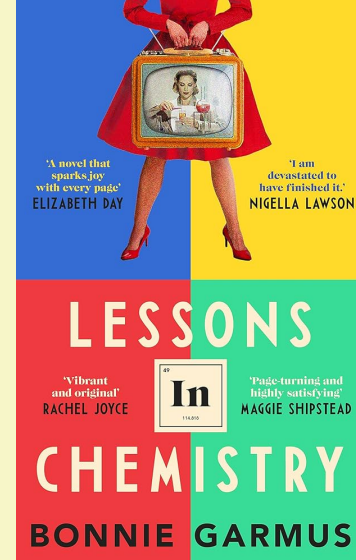
TREE LIGHTING @ CHRIST LUTHERAN | 3:30 PM

Book Group

The CLC Book Group will meet on **Monday, December 11** at 7:30 pm via zoom to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. If you don't already receive Book Group emails, contact [Marianne Swenson](#) for the zoom link.

"Feminism is the catalyst that makes [Lessons in Chemistry] fizz like hydrochloric acid on limestone. Elizabeth Zott does not have 'moxie'; she has courage. She is not a 'girl boss' or a 'lady chemist'; she's a groundbreaker and an expert in abiogenesis...To file Elizabeth Zott among the pink razors of the book world is to miss the sharpness of Garmus's message. Lessons in Chemistry will make you wonder about all the real-life women born ahead of their time—women who were sidelined, ignored and worse because they weren't as resourceful, determined and lucky as Elizabeth Zott. She's a reminder of how far we've come, but also how far we still have to go."

—New York Times Book Review



Family Promise

The Family Promise Keeping the Promise event and auction raised \$142,000! Thank you to all who participated.

Listening to the Snow / Concert in Holliston



Exsultet! invites you to celebrate the festive sounds of music during the upcoming holiday season! Exsultet! will perform a holiday concert entitled "Listening to Snow" on **Saturday, December 9**, at 7:00pm at FCC, and on **Sunday, December 10**, at 2:00pm at Allin Congregational Church, 683 High Street, Dedham, MA. This performance is a celebration of sacred song, familiar jingles and winter cheer. We invite you to take a break from the hustle and bustle of this busy time of year to fill your soul with gladness and find quiet moments for contemplation. Old favorites like O Come All Ye Faithful will resound with upbeat classics like Joy to

the World. Let the music of the season fill your heart and soothe your soul!

General admission tickets are \$20; students and seniors (65+) are \$15; and children 12 and under are free. Performances are not suitable for children under age 5. Tickets are available now through www.exsultet.us

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Hope for the Holidays

Thank you to everyone who made a holiday card with a note of hope and solidarity to be delivered to an asylee being held in detention over the holidays. Christ Lutheran sent 65 cards to be delivered by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.



Festival of Faithful Voices Fisk Memorial UMC

Saturday, December 2 @
10:00 am

Office Hours - Week of December 2, 2023

Monday: 10-12
Tuesday: 10-12
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 10-12
Friday: 10-12



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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.

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.



If one of these items belongs to you, please contact [Celeste Larson](#) by Sunday, December 3.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 2 @ 3:00 pm: Bell Choir @ Fran's Flowers

Sunday, December 3 @ 10:00 am: Advent Begins!

Sunday, December 3 @ 2:00 pm: Sing Along @ Mary Ann Morse

Sunday, December 3 @ 3:30 pm: Tree Lighting at CLC

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