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Financial update | At its last meeting, the Congregation Council reviewed preliminary reports of our finances at year's end. It appears likely that we will end the year with a deficit of a few thousand dollars. This was anticipated last January when we adopted our budget.

Thank you to everyone who has given so faithfully throughout the year! If everyone can fulfill their pledges by the end of the year, it would help lower the amount of the deficit. If you are able to make an extra donation before year's end, we would welcome that gift!

Offering Envelopes | Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2025 in the Narthex.

People who donate through Simply Giving (electronically) will not be given envelopes unless you request a packet of the special envelopes. (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Memorial, Endowment, and Christmas).



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If you don't find your envelopes and you want them, please contact Carol Virshbo at cvirshbo@comcast.net.

Christ Lutheran Church Selects New Music Director | The Music Director Search Committee and the Congregational Council are delighted to announce that Lima Jamir has accepted our offer to be the next Music Director for Christ Lutheran Church! We are grateful to God for the work of the Holy Spirit in this journey and thankful for the greater community in your flexibility and patience with a longer-than-expected search process.



Lima Jamir is from the Northeastern part of India and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts degree with a concentration in Piano Performance from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans. Before moving to the United States, she served at Patkai Christian College, India, as a piano instructor. After moving to New Orleans to pursue her music career, she worked as an accompanist for the school choir at Holmer Plessy Community School, and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary men's chorus. She also served as a church pianist at First Baptist Belle Chasse, and an organist at Christ Lutheran Church, New Orleans. Lima will continue to serve as a piano instructor at South Shore Piano School, Quincy.

Even before moving to the United States, her goal in pursuing music was to serve God by giving back to the community. Through her active involvement in the field of music, she would like to continue advocating the importance of singing old hymns in the church because of their strong theology and church history.

Lima's start date is to be announced but is planned for the beginning of January.



Spreading the Holiday Magic

Thanks so much to all for your donations to benefit a local family served by Family Promise MetroWest.

Merry Christmas!

Fellowship Hour Hosts | Are you looking for a

way to get involved in the church without a large commitment? We are looking for and welcome new fellowship hour hosts to provide a simple snack/treat at our fellowship hour following church. You can serve one Sunday or up to 5 Sundays a year.....it is your choice. You will be paired with a partner so you will always have help. Training provided.



Please email Carol Virshbo at cvirshbo@comcast.net, 508-655-4680, or talk to her in person. No prior baking, cooking or catering experience required. A trip to Dunkin Donuts, or the grocery store is the only experience needed.



Retreat planners needed: Calumet is booked for a CLC retreat from **January 31 to February 2**. We need a group of volunteers who love this tradition to plan for this weekend.

Jobs include advertising and encouraging people to come, coordinating registrations, and planning a 2 hour learning program. Let **Celeste Larson** know if you're willing to help!

Natick Select Board Unanimously Approves Welcoming Immigration Policy

| The Natick Immigrant Welcoming Policy Coalition has worked for more than four years to create a policy that protects immigrants in our community.

Last night, after three meetings where the Select Board members listened to all voices and deliberated on how to proceed, the Natick Select Board unanimously voted yes. On many levels, this is such a positive outcome.



Thank you everyone who voiced your support. It really did make a difference. And, thank you to all five members of our Select Board for taking a stand in the midst of fierce opposition.

Tonight: Final Advent Midweek Service @ 7 pm

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service
Reminder: No Christmas Day Service this year

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January 31 - February 2: Calumet Retreat! Save the dates

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