

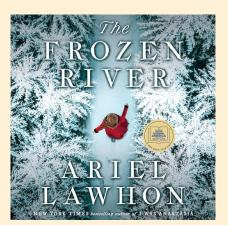
# **ENews**

THURSDAY JAN 30, 2025



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## **Book Group**



The CLC Book Group will meet at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 3, via zoom to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

The Frozen River is a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

# A Place to Turn Diaper Drive in February

A Place to Turn is a local food pantry located on Hartford Street in Natick. Their director, Rebecca Gallo, recently provided an update at a Caring Coalition meeting. The pantry serves clients from 12 communities, including Natick, Framingham and Marlboro. Ms. Gallo reported that 80 – 90 families have been



coming to A Place to Turn every day, an increase of 70% over last year. At this point, they are close to a breaking point and need more community support to be able to continue their work.

For the next two Sundays, February 2 and 9, we will collect diapers and baby wipes. Diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 are especially needed. Cash donations are welcome, but will not be processed through Christ Lutheran Church – speak with Dorothy Nail or Celeste Larson for more details. Checks can be written to A Place to Turn. You can also order diapers online and ship to: Diaper Project, 99 Hartford St., Natick, MA 01760. Let Dorothy or Celeste know if you do this so we can add your contribution to our grand total!

Other ways you can help:

- Make a cash donation via their website: aplacetoturn-natick.org
- Shop online via their Amazon wish list, which ships directly to a Place to Turn
- Donate some most needed items: coffee, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned pineapple. Donation drop off hours are M & W 8:30-1:30, T & Th 1:00-4:00

Is there a member of our community who is willing to coordinate continuing support for A Place to Turn? Speak to Celeste Larson if you are willing to help.



### Read more here.

# What is the Caring Coalition??

Last fall, a group of people from several area churches began connecting around various outreach projects each of us was working on in our separate locations. In our conversations, we realized that churches are often working on very similar projects. Also sometimes churches have impactful ideas that require more support than would be available at any one church.

## Interfaith Harmony Week

Join us for Natick's inaugural World Interfaith Harmony Week. The events begin Wednesday, February 26th, with a "Know Your Neighbor" gathering at Christ Lutheran. Click for a full list of the week's events.

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# WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

**FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4, 2025** 



### Social Justice Book Cart

You may have noticed a book cart in the Narthex. This is a collection of books that highlight some of the issues of social justice that our congregation has learned about and supported over the past two years. Topics include poverty in America, homelessness, Native Americans, anti-racism, LGBTQIA+, and immigration. There are both fiction and non-fiction titles. Feel free to borrow a book and return it when you are finished so that others may read it. If you have a book you'd like to add to the cart, speak with Celeste Larson.



## **Semi-Annual Meeting**

The first half of Christ Lutheran Church's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 immediately following worship.

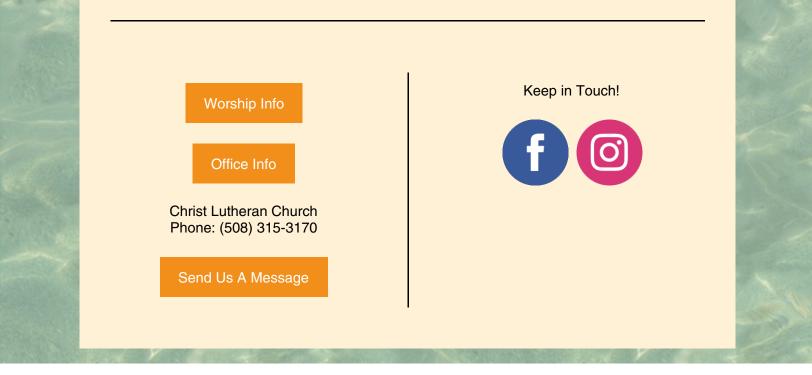
At this meeting our main task is to consider and approve a budget for 2024-25. We will meet again in June to receive reports on our ministries. We value your input! Watch for supporting documents soon.

### St. Olaf Choir

The St. Olaf Choir will be performing in Wellesley on Wednesday, February 5. Tickets available here. Click for more information.

### Wildfire Relief

If you are looking for a place where you can donate to help the people of California, Lutheran Disaster Response is a great choice. Go to ELCA.org to donate.



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