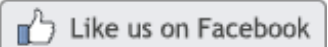


Greetings!

Welcome to Christ Lutheran e-news, a weekly electronic newsletter which highlights programs and activities of our congregation. Feel free to [share with family and friends](#).



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Christ Lutheran, once again your generosity amazes and humbles me! We collected more than 500 items for Daniel's Table and A Place to Turn. Although we did not apply in time to qualify for the Thrivent incentive, Edie Lohr has secured a \$250 Thrivent grant to provide a donation to another organization that provides food for people in need. We will continue to accept donations through this Friday. Thank you for your support!

~Celeste Larson

A reminder that this week is Family Promise Week 2020!

Sunday, October 18, was the kick-off for Family Promise Week, a nationwide, week-long event that seeks to raise awareness for the fight against family homelessness. As one of over 200 affiliates around the country, Family Promise Metrowest works together to address family homelessness and find solutions for our families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch for our social media posts this week, which will share more information about our national network and provide further education on the challenges we are facing across the country. Our national network represents 43 states and engages over 200,000 volunteers, providing support to over 125,000 people a year. Together, we are making a significant difference by mobilizing our communities to address family homelessness.



Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director



For Reformation Sunday, October 25 we will be introducing a new hymn "From all the earth" by composer Robert Weaver and lyricist William Pasch, a paraphrase of Psalm 100 in a setting for choir, congregation and trumpet. Singers from our congregation will record the hymn remotely and be combined with the organ and flute (playing the trumpet part). Bob reports that "From all the earth" is among the most popular catalog offerings by the St. James Music Press. What a special joy to be singing a brand new piece by someone we know.

Congratulations Bob and Bill!

Youth

STARFISH INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS
**AN EVENING IN THE GAMBIA,
WEST AFRICA!**

Starfish International is an established girls' education and enrichment program in The Gambia, focused on service to humanity.

We want to shine a light on the joy and success of our program and its participants and share that joy with friends and supporters around the world.

We also hope to showcase some of the cultural richness and beauty of our country by hosting an evening of live performances and interactive learning opportunities on Zoom.

Starfish International is funded through mutually beneficial exchanges of learning and support. We run a robust volunteer program receiving schools and individuals around the world who come to work with and learn with us. The funds from those exchanges keep our Mentorship program going. With COVID-19 we are looking for some support so we can bolster up the mentors as they continue their work.

Saturday Oct. 24th, 2020.
6:00-8:00PM EST
3:00-5:00PM PST
10:00-12:00 PM GMT

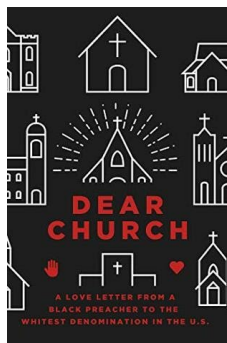
A VIRTUAL EVENT YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS!

Help celebrate Fiona Ripp's birthday
Attend the Starfish Virtual Fundraiser this
Saturday, Oct. 24, 6:00 EST

Fiona Ripp and her twin brother Isaac are celebrating their 18th birthdays! Instead of gifts, Fiona invites you to support her personal project "Starfish," an empowerment initiative for young girls which Fiona and other Natick girls visited in Gambia a few years ago.

The event will include a range of dance, song, and poetry performed by the girls at Starfish International, as well as a fifteen-minute clip hosted by the Natick group. The performance was designed to share with the world how talented these girls are and to double as a fundraiser with its own [GoFundMe](#) page. Starfish students will shine some light on the world in these trying times and facilitate multicultural unity and oneness.

Adult Formation

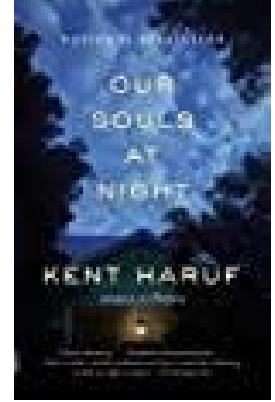


Online Adult Forum

Discussion of *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* continues on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. We'll be considering part 2, with Dave Ripp facilitating. Contact Pastor Bourret for a Zoom invitation.

CLC Book Group

The next CLC Book Group meeting is **Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:30 pm**. Our selection, *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf, is described as an "elegant, bittersweet, yet hopeful novel" of two longtime neighbors who have known each other for decades. Addie Moore's husband died years ago, as did Louis Walter's wife. They are both lonely with no one to talk to. Might they change that?



This tale of loneliness, isolation, and finding connection seems well suited to our current pandemic circumstances. How and where do we find solace?

If you are interested in joining us, contact Marianne Swenson
Mswenson10@comcast.net.

Call to Action

Stewardship

Pledge cards and Time and Talent forms were distributed by email last Saturday. Both are also available on our website on the [Giving Now page](#). As a spiritual matter, pledging a portion of your income or wealth to the church's ministry is an act of faith. Practically, it helps the Finance and Property Committee in planning for next year's budget when we have a good idea of expected income.



As a community of faith, we bear one another's burdens. If your income has been adversely affected by the pandemic, or if for any reason you must reduce your giving, know that your siblings in Christ will step up their support. If your income has been unaffected or even grown, you are asked to consider growing your giving, toward or beyond a tithe.

Time and Talent forms reflect our hope that we will sometime in 2021 return to the building for worship and other activities. Please consider trying one new thing, perhaps something outside your comfort zone...Altar Guild member...Assisting Minister...Teller...Choir member?

If you prefer to use paper forms, contact Jeff Kinney or the church office and they will be mailed to you.

Special Request

Chaplain Tiffany Spigarolo from Metrowest Medical Center has requested comfort shawls for patients at both campuses of the hospital. They should be 30" x 40", and can be knit, crocheted, quilted, sewn from fleece...whatever might make your crafty hands happy. Questions? Please ask Pastor Bourret.



Looking Ahead

This Sunday, October 25, as we observe Reformation, we not only remember the reformation movement of the 16th century, we also watch for the Church's ongoing re-formation. The sermon this Sunday will be a bit different; after a shorter homily, we'll move into virtual breakout rooms for small group discussions, with questions to prompt conversation provided. It's one way we're taking advantage of worshiping on Zoom.

Wear something RED (at least from the waist up!) to celebrate Reformation.

Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, when we remember the saints at rest, especially our loved ones who have died in the last year. *Please send Pastor Bourret names and photos of the people you would like remembered.*

[New website](#)

Even though we are unable to physically congregate, the new website is a great way to stay connected. Each day, a [Daily Reflection](#) is posted, for example. These are individually crafted meditation exercises to keep us heart-centered and spiritually focused. Check out the [calendar](#) for a list of ways to stay connected and engaged.

If the Covid lockdown means you are mailing your weekly contribution to the church, you can instead click on "Give Now" and donate online via Vanco, the service that currently processes the automatic withdrawals of some of our members. It is a secure site that takes out the worry out of fulfilling your pledge.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

21th Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020

First Reading

[Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18](#)

Holiness revealed in acts of justice

Psalm

Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)

The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Gospel

[Matthew 22:34-46](#)

Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor



Sing For Joy

Enhance your understanding of the weekly scripture readings by listening to [Sing For Joy](#) from St. Olaf College. The Sing For Joy radio program, produced by St. Olaf College, has a simple mission: to explore the weekly themes of Christian worship by providing the best in sacred choral music and thoughtful commentary. The musical performances eloquently "do the talking," while the concise remarks from host Pastor Bruce Benson illuminate the meaning of the texts.

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