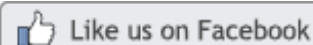


Greetings!

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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Thanks to Joyce Simon, Gail Weston-Roberts, and Phil Roberts for their collaboration on last week's Election Day Prayer Vigil. Thanks, too, to everyone who prayed throughout the day. As we strive to come together, may prayers continue for a peaceful transition, for a healing of America, and for a commitment across this land to working together to combat the social, physical, economic, and spiritual ills that diminish us.

Did you miss the sukkah-like space that Phil and Gail constructed around the fire bowl? (They practiced what Krister Stendahl called "holy envy," borrowing and adapting a custom from our Jewish siblings!) It will no doubt be reconstructed for a future gathering.

Announcements

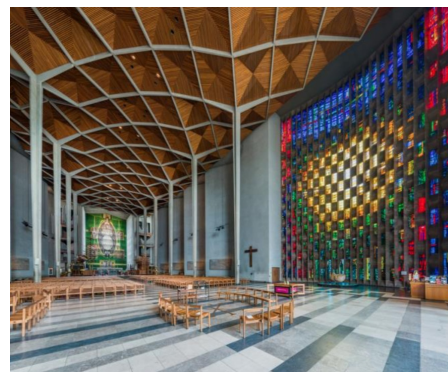
Have you returned your completed pledge card and time and talent form? Remember: the amount you commit to share with CLC for our shared ministries is less important than a pledge itself. Now more than ever, we share in one another's joys and struggles. Our thanks to all who have already returned your commitments!

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

If you tune into "Sing For Joy" (see below for the regular reference to this outstanding weekly offering) from St. Olaf College this week, you will hear spoken and musical reflections on the readings appointed for this past Sunday, November 8. We are at the end of the Pentecost season and in the church year, with plenty about the "last things."

At the top of this week's play list, is the "Dies Irae" ("Day of Wrath") from Benjamin Britten's WAR REQUIEM (1961), drawing on the Roman Catholic requiem mass texts with interpollations of poetry by Wilfrid Owen. Britten offers a spirit of reconciliation in this work written for the consecration of the Coventry Cathedral, whose 14th century predecessor was destroyed in a bombing raid during World War II. For the 1963 recording, conducted by Britten, soloists from Britain, Russia and Germany



were featured on a release that sold over 200,000 copies within the first few months.

This is a brilliant work, well worth hearing.

Adult Formation

Sculpting Faith: A Conversation with Christian Sculptor, Tim Schmalz

November 12, 2020 7 PM - 8 PM EST Via Zoom



The sculptor Timothy Schmalz at the Vatican greeting Pope Francis for World Migrants and Refugees Day 2019 and the unveiling of Schmalz's latest work, "Angels Unawares." He is best known for depicting Homeless Jesus sleeping on a park bench. (Wikimedia, 2019)

Join Christian sculptor Tim Schmalz and A Faith That Does Justice Founder Father Peter Gyves, SJ, MD for a conversation about how Christian art can reflect today's global world and serve as a form of prayer in action. They will discuss the Schmalz sculptures, which reflect social injustices related to homelessness, racial justice, and oppression. You will discover how you can apply to your own lives what Schmalz has learned about faith in action through sculpting.

The Schmalz sculpture, *Angels Unawares*, was inspired by the biblical admonition "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels (Heb 13:2)." The sculpture was unveiled in St. Peter's Square on World Day of Migrants and Refugees in 2019. [Hear from the artist about that experience.](#) [Register for free here.](#)



Tomorrow evening, November 11th at 6:00pm, we'll have our third and final discussion of Lenny Duncan's *Dear Church: A Love Letter to America's Whitest Denomination*. We'll be discussing Part III, "*The Church Can Lead the New Way*," which encompasses chapters 9-11.

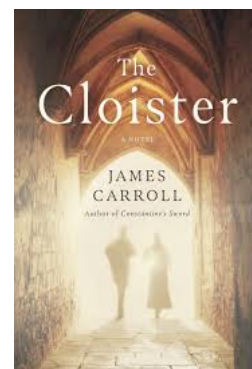
Newcomers to the conversation are welcome.

Contact Pastor Bourret for an invitation.

CLC Book Group

Next up for the CLC Book Group is James Carroll's *The Cloister*, his twelfth novel. From *The Christian Science Monitor*: "With *The Cloister*, James Carroll manages a balancing act that would have thwarted lesser novelists. He juggles three stories, from different eras, that each probe deeply into matters of faith, dogma, complicity, and forgiveness."

Join us on Monday, December 7, at 7:30 pm for a discussion. Contact Marianne Swenson, mswenson10@comcast.net to be added to the meeting.



Call to Action

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is once again promoting "Hope for the Holidays," an annual project that includes cards and messages of hope for migrants in detention, gifts for migrant children in detention, and advocacy for separated families. Click [here](#) for more information about how you can participate.



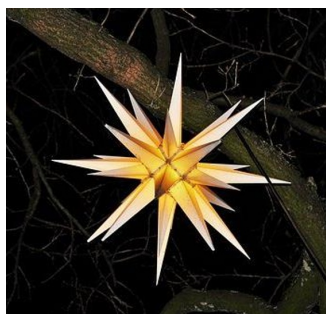
Family Promise - Looking for gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, backpacks or linens during our **Savers FUNDrive on Wednesday, Nov. 11**

Drop items off at the FPM day center (6 Mulligan St., Natick) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your donations will go to Savers, which makes a contribution to Family Promise. We suggest arriving early on the 11th to make sure your donation can fit on the truck; we cannot accommodate early drop offs.



Our "host" week is November 22-29. In lieu of hosting families at CLC, we are invited to purchase gift cards to places like Target or Walmart that families can use to purchase groceries, clothing, or other necessities. By offering gift cards to our families, they are empowered to make important budgeting decisions that will help them succeed long-term. Donated gift cards can be mailed to Family Promise, 6 Mulligan St., Natick, MA 01760, or dropped off in the mailbox at the front of the FPM building. Please include your name and email address with your donation. \$25 cards are suggested.

Looking Ahead



Looking for a reason to get out of the house? Sometime before the beginning of Advent - the season begins on November 29 - the Worship, Music, and Visual Arts Committee would like every CLC household to receive a packet with items to bring us together in our observance of Advent and Christmas. We're pulling together a team of folks to make deliveries. Contact Phil Roberts or Pastor Bourret if you're willing to deliver in your area (no more than about 8 households, depending on CLC household density).

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

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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