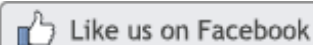


Greetings!


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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Natick's 16th Annual
**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Celebration**
Monday, 1/18/21
Virtual - Live + Prerecorded Programming
Everyone is Welcome!

Among those who stormed the US Capitol Building not quite a week ago were members of white supremacist groups, as clear an indication as any of how much work we have yet to do to realize The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of a beloved community where racial disparities are no more, where lives are not squandered in reckless warfare, and capitalism does not trample over the welfare of so many.

Next **Monday, January 18th** we pause to remember Dr. King and give thanks for his leadership, and to stir ourselves to continue the struggle for racial and economic equity. Join fellow Natick-ians for a virtual celebration. Details available [here](#).

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

A poem by John Greenleaf Whittier (1873) serves as the text for contemporary composer Paul Halley's composition "Sound over all waters" written in 1982 to commemorate the appearance of Coretta Scott King in a service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Gail Weston-Roberts will be singing this work as the Postlude on **Sunday, January 17th** as we remember the life and work of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrate the inauguration of a new President of the United States on January 20th.

1 Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the claspings of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.

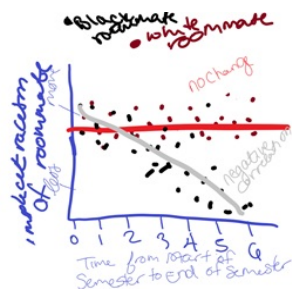
2 Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north, and south, let the strong quarrel cease;
O sing ye the song that the angels began,
Sing glory to God, and of goodwill unto man!

3 With glad jubilations, bring hope to the nations,
The dark night is ending, and dawn has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun;
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

Here is a performance by the Paul Winter Consort of "[Sound over all waters.](#)"

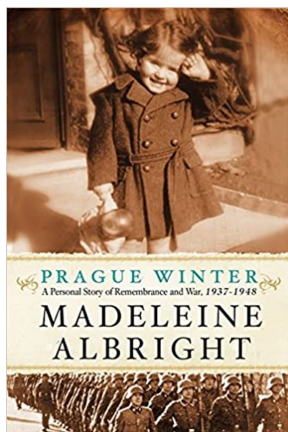
Adult Formation

The Adult Forum is back!



The adult forum has resumed. We meet by Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00. We've begun a unit on implicit bias, viewing brief video clips, followed by discussion. You're welcome to join the conversation!

Please note: *we will no longer send a second invitation to a separate Zoom meeting; instead, simply join the worship "meeting" at 9:00 if you'd like to participate.*



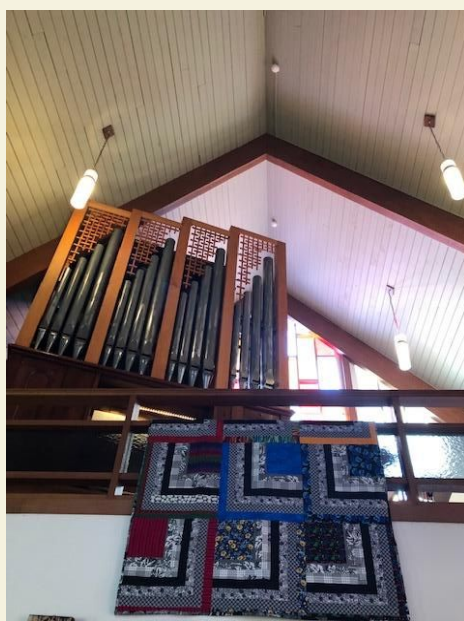
"Before Madeleine Albright turned twelve, her life was shaken by the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, the country where she was born, the Battle of Britain, the near total destruction of European Jewry, the Allied victory in World War II, the rise of communism, and the onset of the Cold War. Drawing on her memory, her parents' written reflections, interviews with contemporaries, and newly available documents, Albright recounts a tale that is by turns harrowing and inspiring. *Prague Winter* is an exploration of the past with timeless dilemmas in mind and, simultaneously, a journey with universal lessons that is intensely personal." Goodreads.

CLC BOOK GROUP, Monday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

Call to Action

While there is much about the pandemic to lament, worshiping via Zoom opens participation to folks who might normally be unable to attend. Whom might you invite? It's easy to forward your invitation! If you expect a new friend or family member to "come" to worship, it's helpful to let one of the hosts (Phil Roberts or Alan Avalos) know in advance who they are.

Looking Ahead



Christ Lutheran Church will meet via Zoom for our first 2021 semi-annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 7**, following worship. The primary purpose will be to approve a budget for 2021. We'll also hear a bit about some exciting new endeavors for the year ahead. All voting members (those confirmed who have received Communion in the current or previous year and who have made a contribution of record) are urged to participate.

All who participate in the life of the congregation are welcome to attend.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

January 17, 2021

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	Psalm Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Gospel John 1:43-51
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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.

Do you have information for our weekly e-news?
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