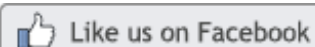


Greetings!

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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This **Sunday, February 7th** immediately after worship, Christ Lutheran Church will meet via Zoom for our first semi-annual meeting of the year. Affirming that the Christian life is "everything that we do after confessing that 'Jesus is Lord,'" we will adopt a budget (spending plan) that will, we hope, give monetary expression to that affirmation of faith.

Additionally, we will hear about an exciting and challenging new undertaking. All active members are urged to attend, and all participants in this community of faith are welcome. Please make attendance-taking easier by making sure that your name or names as they appear on Zoom so that we may accurately identify you. Thank you!

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Be sure to arrive early this coming **Sunday, February 7** to hear Andrew Avalos play the *Andante un poco adagio* of Johannes Brahms' Sonata in F Minor for Clarinet and Piano, Op120 No.1. For a recording of this movement, go to The Postlude is "Land of Rest" from [John Weaver's Three American Folk Hymn Settings for Organ and Viola](#) (2020). For a performance of the Three American Folk Hymn Settings [click here](#) - "Land of Rest" begins at the 3:20 mark.

American composer, organist and concert artist, John Weaver, passed away on February 1, 2021. He was Bob Weaver's brother, and we remember Bob, Anne and all of the Weaver family in our prayers at this time.

Youth Formation

Lisa Eck recently suggested a CLC ["Moth Radio Hour"](#) story-telling event. We know that you have stories to tell! Get ready to share them!

It may seem like a long way off, but Lent is just two weeks away, and Holy Week will arrive before we

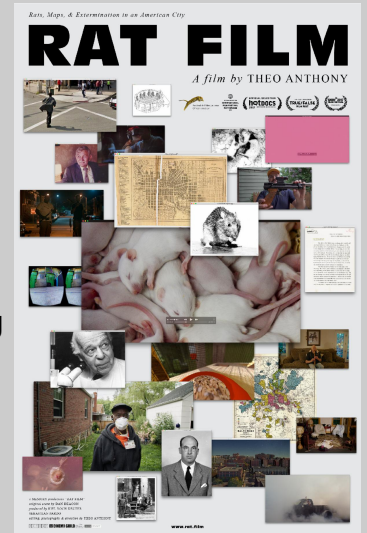
know it. CLC youth have traditionally played a big part in our Easter Vigil. Watch for an invitation to contribute.

Adult Formation

Adult Forum

As part of our ongoing discussion about implicit bias and systemic racism, we will see the first part of *The Rat Film*, the Theo Anthony documentary (which is only partly about those formidable rodents). From pbs.org: "In his critically-acclaimed directorial debut, Theo Anthony uses the rat to burrow into the dark, complicated history of Baltimore. A unique blend of history, science and sci-fi, poetry and portraiture, *Rat Film* explores how racial segregation, discriminatory lending practices known as "redlining," and environmental racism built the Baltimore that exists today." Join us at **9:00am, Sunday February 7th** by signing in an hour early to the worship link on Zoom, and be a part of the conversation on racism, implicit bias, and how we can dismantle them.

Watch the [trailer](#).



Additional Book Group opportunity from Calumet

For all of you voracious readers, and those interested in some reading selected for Black History Month, **Camp Calumet's Book Group will be reading *This Little Light of Mine* by Kay Mills.** The group will meet via Zoom on the morning of **Thursday, February 25 beginning at 10 a.m.** Want to participate? Get the Zoom link by contacting Knute via the email at knute@calumet.org. All are welcome to participate in healthy and life-giving discussion with others.

CLC Book Group Selection for February 15

Readers will have a 6-week head start on next month's selection, *The Sport of Kings*, a novel which weighs in at 560 pages. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize written by C. E. Morgan, *The Sport of Kings* is an American tale centered on a horse and two families: one white, a Southern dynasty whose forefathers were among the founders of Kentucky; the other African-American, the descendants of their slaves. A sweeping narrative of wealth and poverty, racism and rage, *The Sport of Kings* is an unflinching portrait of lives cast in the shadow of slavery and a moral epic for our time.

Available through the Minuteman Library system.

Call to Action



Can you help make deliveries between February 14th and 16th?

Thank you to those who have stepped up to deliver Lenten Packets for "domestic devotion," as well as enhancing participation in corporate worship. We could use two or three more volunteers to keep delivery routes reasonable. Contact Pr. Bourret or Phil Roberts if you are able to make deliveries between February 14 and 16.

Thanks to Joyce Simon, who stepped up right away to seek a Thrivent Action Team grant to augment Kay Bolles's gift of 40 copies of *All Creation Sings*, a new worship supplement (and another thing to look forward to when we're together again on Union Street).

Are you a Thrivent member? Applying for a grant is easy-peasy. We could use one to purchase supplies for Holy Week packets. Contact Pr. Bourret if you're willing to apply.



Looking Ahead



Ash Wednesday, February 17 begins the penitential season of Lent. Ash Wednesday from home will be one of the last "firsts" of the pandemic. There will be one service that day (evening). Do plan to gather with your siblings in Christ to embark on these forty days of both penitence and hope.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

February 7, 2021

Readings and Psalm

First Reading
Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm
Psalm 147

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel
Mark 1:29-39

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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