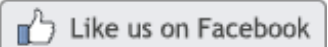


Greetings!

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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The Social Justice Committee, with zealous advocacy from Rolf Larson, especially, has been taking steps toward Christ Lutheran Church's lead role in the sponsorship of an asylee family.

CLC has a long history of walking alongside migrants, from the welcome of Displaced Persons following WWII, to the sponsorship of a Vietnamese refugee family in the 1970s, to the purchase of a minibus, filled with quilts and clothing, shipped to Cristo Rey in El Paso last year.

Sponsorship of an asylee family is a huge undertaking, as asylees, while legally authorized to be in the USA, remain undocumented and unable to work legally for quite some time, as their cases move slowly through Immigration Court.

We hope that the congregation as a whole will support this effort, both with hands-on accompaniment and financial support. Watch for updates as we move closer to making an official decision.



March 1st marked a National Day of Mourning for COVID-19. The [Floral Heart Project](#) will be laying a

heart-shaped garland of roses on Natick Common in Natick Center at 5pm on Monday, March 1st in honor of the lives lost in our community and in sympathy and love for all those suffering. **The floral heart will remain on Natick Common through 5pm on March 8th.** Over 80 similar floral hearts will be laid [across the country](#) on that day, many at 5pm local time. Other Massachusetts locations include Cambridge, Boston, Lynnfield, and Medfield. (If you are not local to Natick, see if there is a floral heart close to you!)

Please consider visiting the floral memorial at some time before March 8.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

The Prelude music this **Sunday, March 7** is a setting of the African-American spiritual, "I want Jesus to walk with me" (ELW 325) by Richard Billingham, a composer, organist for First Methodist Church in Chicago and a teacher at the University of Illinois.

The Postlude is the Fugue ("Little") in G Minor, one of J.S. Bach's most famous works for organ.



[Listen to a historic recording by E. Power Biggs on the splendid mechanical action Flentrop organ in the Busch Reisinger Museum at Harvard University.](#)

Adult Formation

Adult Forum

The adult forum meets one hour before worship, 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Participants use the Zoom link for worship, joining at 9:00. We have been examining implicit bias, white privilege, and systemic racism, and are currently working through a document titled, "Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture," candidly assessing whether and where such characteristics may be operative at CLC, and seeking ways to make corrections, where necessary. We don't always agree, and that is part of how we learn and grow together. Join the conversation!



CLC Book Group, March 15, 7:30 pm

The Sport of Kings, by C.E. Morgan is described as a "gothic tale of Southern decadence". Set in the horse country of Kentucky, it follows the generational stories of two families: one, white, the Forges, proud settlers who had moved out from Virginia to claim territory in the region; the other, a black family, Allmon Shaugnessy, his mother Marie, and her father, the Reverend, living near the polluted river's edge of Cincinnati. The intersected lives of these two families exposes the lust, violence, and ambition that undergird racism. (545 pages)

Call to Action



Instances of domestic violence, along with other social ills like substance abuse, have increased during the COVID-19 epidemic.

The ECLA Advocacy Office urges support for a bi-partisan bill before Congress, the Safe from the Start Act of 2021 (H.R. 571), to improve both prevention of and early interventions in gender-based violence..

Click here for more information about how you can support this legislation: [Support Legislation to Keep Women and Girls Safe - Team ELCA](#)



One more video? Is there one more pair of loving household members who would be willing to create a short video of gentle footwashing? All you need is a pitcher of water, a basin, a towel, two people, two feet, two hands, and a camera! Please contact Pr. Bourret if you can support our Maundy Thursday Zoom meditation this way.

Looking Ahead



Hands are lifted in prayer-and fingers are crossed-that as vaccinations increase, we are growing closer to the pandemic's end, or its diminution to the point that we can think about gathering safely in person. In the meantime, though, the **Worship, Music and Visual Arts Committee plans to distribute one more packet of items for Holy Week observances**, both to enhance our virtual worship and to bind us together in love, even when we are apart.

Lent Madness: *Who will win the Golden Halo?*

If you are yearning for a bit of March Madness, missing the excitement of following college basketball teams as they seek a national championship, pull out the sheet of dancing saints included in your Lenten packet and follow their progress through their own elimination bracket.

Polls open online every morning at 8:00 and provide brief sketches of each contestant. Then vote. Also not-to-be-missed, the weekly conversations between the witty creators. Check it all out at www.LentMadness.org.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March 7, 2021

Readings and Psalm

First Reading
Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm
Psalm 19

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel
John 2:13-22

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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