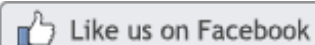


Greetings!

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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Under what we hope will be clear skies, the **Land and Seasons band** will lead us in an **in-person service of Evening Prayer** this **Sunday, May 9th at 5:00 p.m.**, our first opportunity to gather for worship in fourteen months! There will be plenty of time for a nap after a Mother's Day brunch, or to celebrate over dinner later. Best of all, we'll hear the songs and Scriptures and prayers reminding us that God reigns over evening and morning, through the winters and spring times of our life.

Chairs will be set up at a safe distance, and worshipers should wear masks. No reservations are required.



Update on the Asylum Seeking Family

There has been great progress over the last couple of weeks with Comlanvi and Zourfahou and their little boys: English Language Learning (ELL) is underway; they've taken first steps on the legal front; we've secured a two-bedroom apartment at Lakeview Gardens here in Natick; we're working on enrolling the family for medical care; and a Steering Committee with representation from several of the member congregations of the coalition has met and will share leadership responsibilities going forward. Donations are still coming in, and we're within \$10,000 of our \$50,000 target for the first year.

So many of you have given generously of yourselves, in expertise, time, networking, monetary and in-kind contributions. Thank you!

This Sunday we welcome back to Christ Lutheran, Maria Hedberg who joins Anne Weaver in playing excerpts from Georg Phillip Telemann's "canonic" sonatas for the Prelude and Postlude music. Telemann (1681-1767) ingeniously designed this set of sonatas for two solo flutes or two solo violins so that one instrument follows the other exactly one measure later, playing the same melodic line. Handel is reported to have claimed that Telemann could compose a musical work with eight simultaneous melodic lines "as easily as anyone else could write a letter." Maria is Hilding Hedberg's niece. Their recordings were made in person at Christ Lutheran Church this past week.

Have you missed singing? Are you vaccinated? Consider singing with the CLC Choir, live and in person for **Evening Prayer this coming Sunday, May 9**. Warm up rehearsal for singers is at 4:15 pm. Let me know if you are interested and I'll send a ZOOM invitation for our rehearsal of the music this Thursday evening.

Adult Formation

Adult Forum

You've all heard a little bit, at least, about our accompaniment of Comlanvi and Zourfahou and their boys. At the Sunday adult forum, you'll have the chance to hear a little more, from how the ground for this ministry made fertile to where we are now. Join us Sunday at 9:00 for this single-session forum!

CLC Book Group, May 24, 7:00 p.m. (note new starting time)



Local author Jennifer DeLeon will join us via Zoom to discuss her Young Adult novel, *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From*. Goodreads' description: "First-generation American LatinX Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school. But when family secrets spill out and racism at school ramps up, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand." Set in the fictionalized community of "Westburg", the novel describes the experiences of Liliana who is half-Guatemalan, half-Salvadoran as she participates in METCO, the actual Boston program that buses students from the city to the affluent suburbs of the Metrowest.

The novel is a timely read in this current era of racial consciousness as we learn the complex effects of racism in our culture.

Call to Action

Last weekend we picked up the keys for Comlanvi and Zourfahou's new apartment, and this week, we're expecting the management to repaint it. That means that we'll be ready to do some light cleaning on Friday, and begin moving the family in on Saturday, May 8th.

Here is what we hope to do, beginning at 11:00 on Friday, May 6th:

- Clean four windows, each approximately 42"x42" (all close to the ground and easy to reach)
- General cleaning and dusting of baseboard heating units and closets
- General dusting throughout
- Size, cut and place shelf paper in kitchen and linen closet.

Tape measurers, a ruler, scissor and step ladder for shelf paper work will be provided. Please bring your own cleaning supplies for other cleaning goals.

The apartment address is **18 Lakeview Gardens, #801**; it is a ground floor unit.



If you'd like to pitch in with cleaning, please respond via the "Signup Genius" email that was sent earlier!

If you can help with the move on Saturday, please let Rolf Larson or Pr. Bourret know.

CLC Leaders: Our semi-annual meeting will be held **Sunday, June 6**, following worship. Please submit reports to Gretchen in the church office in a timely fashion so that she has time to prepare the bulletin of reports. Thank you!

Looking Ahead



SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, June 6, we will gather virtually for our **semi-annual meeting**, and hear reports about how leaders, committees, and other groups have carried out various ministries in this highly unusual year, and look to the year ahead, with plans undoubtedly informed by this experience. Watch for reports, and mark your calendars.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
May 9, 2021

First Reading
Acts 10:44-48

Hymn for Psalm
ELW 836

Second Reading
I John 5:1-6

Gospel
John 15:9-17

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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