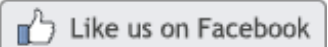


Greetings!

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 past Saturday was moving day for most of the furnishings for Comlanvi and Zourfahou's apartment. A crew comprised of folks from Christ Lutheran Church [CLC], Peace Lutheran Church in Wayland, and students from The Rivers School and Dover-Sherborn High School efficiently moved the larger pieces from the Peta home, a second residence, and CLC.

Thanks to Dorothy Nail, who did a fantastic job overseeing the donations; John and Lana Peta for the contribution of "the London collection" of furnishings from John's former apartment, Sandy Smith for the generous contribution of Marriott points for the family's stay at The Residence Inn, and all who helped out with the move.

With wi-fi now set up (essential for the family's ability to communicate internationally), we're expecting to complete the move this week.



On Sunday afternoon thirty-some worshipers and musicians gathered in person for an outdoor service of Evening Prayer. The music was uplifting, and the weather cooperative, but the best part of all may have been offering up our prayers to God in one physical space!

Thanks to Tom Berryman, Anne Weaver, and Scott, Anders and Anna Carlson, and the CLC Choir for leading our song.

If all continues to go well, we'll next worship in person on **Sunday, June 13, for a jazz service of Holy Communion.** Details to follow.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Music for May 16, the Seventh (and final) Sunday of Easter features organ music by the eminent British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams and quintessential American composer Scott Joplin. The Vaughan Williams setting of the Welsh hymntune "Rhosymedre" ("Lovely") serves as the Prelude. Listen to [Vaughan Williams string orchestra transcription of Rhosymedre](#).

Concert organist, E. Power Biggs transcribed Scott Joplins "The Cascades" rag in the 1970's for a lively set of recordings he made using a pedal harpsichord built for him by John Challis. I'll play the Biggs transcription on the Christ Lutheran Johnson Organ for the Postlude on Sunday.

Adult Formation

Adult Forum



We all strive to do good in the world and to serve our neighbors. But there's a danger when our own positive vibes are the aim of our service. This Sunday at the adult forum we'll begin to explore what is meant by "White Savior Complex." Join us at **9:00 on Sunday morning, May 16.** Simply sign in with the Zoom worship link an hour early.

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

The call to love and serve our neighbor is the partner of loving and serving God. Sometimes that means lending a helping hand to meet an immediate need: food donations to the Natick Service Council or responding to a GoFundMe plea. The next step is to empower people to stand on their own-"a hand up rather than a handout"-as we do with Family Promise or the accompaniment of the family from Togo.

The next step is usually the hardest: working at the policy level to correct injustices that create or maintain inequities. **The ELCA Advocacy Office** offers thoughtful guidance to us as we navigate such issues.

If you're ready to go a little deeper than accompaniment, please consider taking action on immigration reform and a path to citizenship for immigrants. Here's the [link](#).



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

Mark your Calendar for Sunday, June 6

We'll be experimenting with live elements broadcast from the church building -- readings, prayers, music, and the sermon -- one small step toward live and streamed worship as the pandemic subsides. After worship, we'll gather virtually for our semi-annual meeting to review this past, crazy year.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK May 16, 2021

First Reading
Acts 1:1-11

Psalm
Psalm 1

Second Reading
Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel
Luke 24:44-53

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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