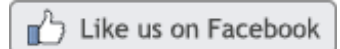


Greetings!

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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Christ Lutheran Church will meet via Zoom on Sunday, June 6, following worship, for our second semi-annual meeting of 2021. In addition to receiving reports from staff and committees from the past year, we will elect Council members, Endowment Committee members, and voting members to attend the New England Synod Assembly on June 12.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have served so admirably, especially during this difficult year, and to those who offer their leadership in the year or years ahead.

As we watch the COVID statistics moving in favorable directions -- cases, hospitalizations, deaths and positivity rates declining, vaccination rates increasing -- **CLC's Worship, Music and Visual Arts Committee is making plans for turning to hybrid worship**, with at least some in-person elements, while continuing to offer virtual participation. On June 6, we'll experiment with one model, with Pastor, musicians, one reader, prayer leader, and a cantor leading from CLC, while everyone else participates via Zoom. Please be understanding if there are glitches and be prepared to offer feedback.

Please watch for a survey asking for your input on CLC in-person worship.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

For **May 30, Trinity Sunday**, we welcome back tenor, Tim Borchers to sing "Mothering God" a recently (2020) composed vocal solo by American composer Tom Trenney. The three verse text by Jean Janzen refers to the three persons of the Trinity: "Mothering God," "Mothering Christ" and "Mothering Spirit." "Mothering God" was recorded live by Tim and me at CLC and will be offered in place of the Psalm this Sunday. Tim has sung at Christ Lutheran several times and has joined our CLC voices in making recordings. Listen [here](#) for a recording of "Mothering God".

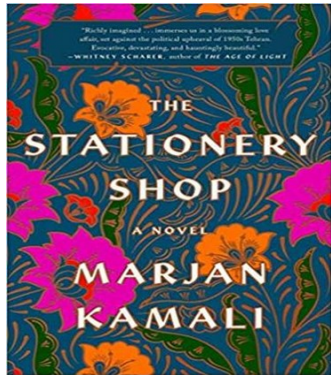
Adult Formation

Adult Forum

This Sunday, one hour before worship, the adult forum will conclude the mini-series on "white savior complex," bringing this season to a close as well. Join the conversation as we learn from one another as well as from voices outside our congregation how to avoid the pitfalls of white savior complex that can build divisions rather than the beloved community God seeks.



CLC Book Group, June 21, 7:30



For its June gathering members of the book group will read *The Stationery Shop*, a novel by Boston-area writer Marjan Kamali.

The story begins in Tehran in 1953, a period of political upheaval when young Roya is introduced by the shop owner to the handsome Bahman and falls in love with him.

Goodreads describes the story:

A few short months later, on the eve of their marriage, Roya agrees to meet Bahman at the town square when violence erupts—a result of the coup d'etat that forever changes their country's future. In the chaos, Bahman never shows. For weeks, Roya tries desperately to contact him, but her efforts are fruitless. With a sorrowful heart, she moves on—to college in California, to another man, to a life in New England—until, more than sixty years later, an accident of fate leads her back to Bahman and offers her a chance to ask him the questions that have haunted her for more than half a century: Why did you leave? Where did you go? How is it that you were able to forget me?

"A poignant, heartfelt new novel...that explores loss, reconciliation, and the quirks of fate."

Call to Action

While we pray that the fragile ceasefire in Gaza holds, an abiding peace in Israel-Palestine demands that justice be done. This recent escalation of violence and killing was sparked by the planned expulsion of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem and impediments to Muslims' entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem during the holy month of Ramadan.

The ELCA Advocacy Office urges ELCA members to call upon President Biden to prevail upon Israel to halt the expulsions, which violate Article 49 of the Geneva Convention, and respect the Status Quo agreement regarding shared religious sites. (The Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land is one of the New England Synod's global companion synods.) For further information, click [here](#).



Thanks to the lawnmower genie who cut the grass this past week! (We may know who you are.) As we continue the search for a landscaper, we welcome volunteers to keep 113 Union Street looking respectable. Speak with Pr. Bourret if you can take a turn.

Looking Ahead



On Sunday, June 13, we plan an outdoor, evening jazz service with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. (this in addition to our Sunday morning Zoom worship). We're hoping for fine weather, and that many of you will be able to attend. Communion will be in one kind, that is, only the bread will be offered, as is acceptable according to Lutheran teaching. If you cannot come, but would like to receive Communion, please contact Pr. Bourret about a home visit following the service.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May 30, 2021

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Gospel

John 3:1-17

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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