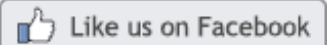


## Greetings!

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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Nearly fifteen months to the day since we last celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran Church, the outdoor jazz service on Sunday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. will be a Eucharist! We'll assemble on the lawn outside the "new" wing, where Ross Petot, piano, John Clark, clarinet and saxophone, and Peter Tillotson, Bass, will once again lead the evening's music. Those participating will receive Communion in one kind, that is, the bread (Communion wafer) alone.

In the event of poor weather, the service will move inside. There being no more restrictions on gathering for worship, registration is not required. Anyone who is not vaccinated is encouraged to mask and socially distance for their own wellbeing, and anyone who chooses is likewise welcome to mask and distance. *If you would like to receive Communion but cannot participate on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact Pr. Bourret* Our next in-person service of Holy Communion will be July 11.

This Sunday morning we will be experimenting with "hybrid" worship, with parts of the service broadcast from the nave, and most parts remaining remote. Please bear with us as we encounter any glitches! We expect that hybrid will be the way forward, even as we begin to shift to largely in-person worship.

Plan to remain after worship for our spring semi-annual congregational meeting when we receive reports, elect Council members, Endowment Committee members, and voting members to the New England Synod Assembly. Watch for the reports in your inbox. Our thanks to all who offer themselves in leadership.

## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Live music features prominently in the Sunday, June 6 10 am service via ZOOM, with our Bell Choir playing both Prelude and Postlude in the church. The bells have been rehearsing in-person all year, taking guidance from the CLC COVID group. They performed live for our outdoor Treelighting event in

December and made numbers of recordings for our online services and Reflections.

Have you missed singing on Sundays? Join our CLC voices for three 7 pm Sunday communion services this summer: June 13, July 11 and August 15. Ross Petot and his colleagues Peter Tillotson and John Clark will lead the music on June 13 with the CLC Choir. The singers will warm up at 6 pm for the service, featuring some great "tunes."

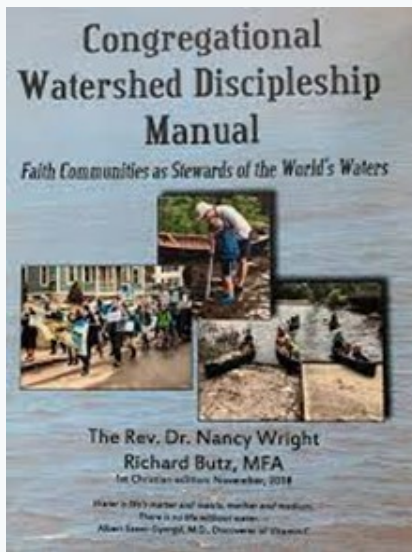
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## Adult Formation

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### Adult Forum

The adult forum is on hiatus until September. Please submit your ideas for topics to be taken up when we resume to Pr. Bourret.

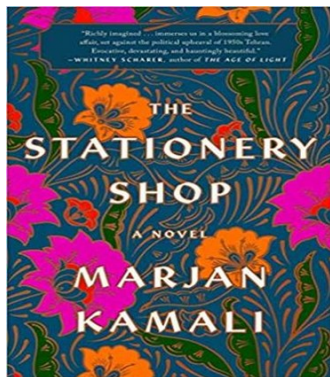


### From the New England Synod: Water for Life Seminar - Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Vermont Interfaith Power and Light invites you to a virtual gathering of reflection and discussion about the importance of water in Creation, our lives, and our communities, commemorating World Environment Day and World Oceans Day.

Our program features the short film, One Word - Sawalmem, a beautiful story about indigenous perspectives on water and a conversation with panelists whose work and service focus on protecting and revering water, while addressing the climate crisis, including a presentation on Ascension Lutheran Church's Watershed Stewardship Manual (with Preface by Bishop James Hazelwood) for use by all congregations.

Click [here](#) to register.



### CLC Book Group, June 21, 7:30

A novel set in 1953 Tehran, against the backdrop of the Iranian Coup, about a young couple in love who are separated on the eve of their marriage, and who are reunited sixty years later, after having moved on to live independent lives in America, to discover the truth about what happened on that fateful day in the town square"-- [Provided by publisher.]

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## Call to Action

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Virginia Theological Seminary (the premiere divinity school of the Episcopal Church in the USA) has become one of the first such institutions to begin offering reparations to descendants of enslaved and underpaid Black people who built and worked at the seminary for decades. Is it time for the US to take such measures?

The House of Representatives is expected to vote on HR40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans Act. Many of us at CLC have been engaged in pursuing anti-racism education, and the matter of reparations has entered into that conversation. The ELCA Office for Advocacy supports this measure as a means of coming to terms with the legacy of slavery and racism in the U.S. Click here to learn more: <https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1395>

**Congregation TEAMS**

**Walk the Walk 2021**  
 \* July 1 - August 31  
 \* 1500 registrants  
 \* 200,000 miles  
 \* \$106,250 for Calumet

\* Facebook Group for Walkers  
 \* Weekly Devotions  
 \* Bike the Walk  
 \* Swim the Walk  
 \* Paddle the Walk

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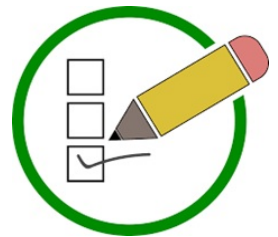
**Do you love Camp Calumet?**

Have you adopted a habit of walking during the pandemic? Are you looking for a reason to walk? Calumet is launching an alternative to its annual "Reach the Beach" runners' fundraiser, "Walk the Walk," for us mortals who take things a bit more slowly.

Here's the skinny: congregational teams commit to walking, whether a lot or very little, so it doesn't matter whether you're up for 10 miles a day or two miles a week; it's \$25 per person to register, and one team leader from each congregation keeps track of the total team miles; folks are welcome to add on a one-day appeal to support the cause, and it all helps send kids to camp. For more information, click here: <https://www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk>

**Looking Ahead**

The Worship, Music, and Visual Arts Committee will soon be polling the congregation as to readiness to return to in-person worship and other gatherings. While there are other factors, such as a deep clean of the building and the committee's need to "pivot" to make changes to what has been our pattern for worship for over a year now, we need to hear your perspective. Please watch for a survey in the next few days. Your input is important so please make every effort to complete it.



**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

June 1, 2021

**First Reading**  
Genesis 3:8-15

**Psalm 130**

**Second Reading**  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Gospel**  
Mark 3:20-35

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## 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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**Do you have information for our weekly e-news?**  
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