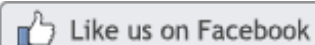


## Greetings!

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 Agbodjinou family continues to make strides as they acclimate to life in the US. Both parents are improving their spoken and written English, meeting with tutors twice a week, and getting to know the community with visits to the farmer's market and library, trips to the grocery store, and walks to the park.

To learn a bit about Togo, their homeland, click [here](#).

If you would like to become more involved, please contact Rolf Larson or Pr. Bourret.



A market in Togo.

## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

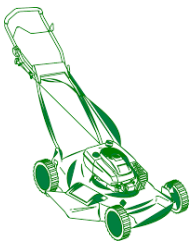
Clarinetist, Andrew Avalos and I play American composer Charles Callahan's "Meditation" for clarinet and organ as the Prelude on June 27, the Fifth Sunday of Pentecost. The Postlude will be Eugene Gigout's "Scherzo" for organ. View a performance of "Scherzo" [here](#).

## Adult Formation

CLC Book Group - Monday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.

At July's meeting members will share brief descriptions of BOMBS, a "Book Off My Bookshelf," free-range reading that will allow folks to choose their own favorite books to talk about. To join in the free-for-all, contact [Marianne Swenson](#).

## Call to Action



The Finance and Property Committee is reviewing bids from landscapers for mowing the church lawn. Our thanks to Dave Ripp and Jeff Kinney, who have been doing the lawn mowing these past few weeks. They'd welcome company! Please let Pr. Bourret know if you're able to take a turn and keep the property presentable. It takes about two hours with a push mower.

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### CLC Family Promise Host Week in Progress: June 20 - 27, 2021

While Family Promise shelter families have been housed in hotels since March 2020, host congregations continue to provide groceries and any needed additional support during our scheduled "host week".

Currently, there are 5 adults and 4 children, aged 5,6, 13 and 16, in shelter. Other families are active with Family Promise through the LIFE (homeless prevention) and SAIL (transitional living) programs. So far this year, more than 50 families have been served between the three initiatives. This number already exceeds those served in all of 2020, which itself was a record-breaking year.

Since families in shelter are currently cooking their own meals, host congregations have been asked to provide non-perishable, mostly single serving groceries to stock an in-house food pantry accessible to any family currently in service with Family Promise.

Last week, CLC delivered a wide variety of single serve juice boxes, crackers, granola bars, cereals, breakfast drinks, dried fruit, and canned vegetables, among other items, that will be used to fill summer-time lunch boxes as kids head off to camp and other activities.

Thanks again to all for the grocery fund donations collected earlier this year, which were used to pay for the food bank items, and for your general support of this important mission!!

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### Looking Ahead



On **Monday, July 19, from 10:00-2:00**, Christ Lutheran Church will once again host a Lutheran World Relief "Ingathering," serving as a drop-off and collection site for boxes of quilts, health kits, layettes, and education kits for global distribution. Our thanks to the CLC quilters who make such artful contributions! If you can lift up to about 15 lbs., and have an hour or two to spare, please contact Pr. Bourret or [Gretchen](#) in the church office.

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## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

June 27, 2021

### First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

### Psalm 30

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

### Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

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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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