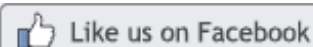


Greetings!

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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Hannele Saramo-Raja and Russell Pollard, along with Pr. Bourret, were voting members at last Saturday's first-ever (and last?) all-remote New England Synod Assembly. While the agenda were compressed into a much shorter format-six hours is still plenty long to sit in front of a computer screen!--core elements were retained. We heard an inspirational sermon from Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport of the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod, a fine and timely keynote address from The Rev. Guy Erwin, President of United Lutheran Seminary,

and approved a budget and other measures.

The theme was "We've Never Done It This Way Before," and indeed we had not! Next year, the assembly will be June 9-11, in person, God willing, in Worcester.

CLC celebrated Holy Communion for the first time in fifteen months on Sunday, and what a celebration it was! Ross Petot and fellow jazz musicians John Clark and Peter Tillotson led us in a jazz liturgy by the garden, Dorothy Nail hung colorful quilts on the wall of the office wing, Mother Nature cooperated, and spirits and energy were high!

The Finance and Property Committee is reviewing bids for cleaning the building, and the Worship, Music, and Visual Arts Committee and Tech Committee are working on how best to bring an in-person worship to folks at home, bringing us two steps closer to worshipping together regularly.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

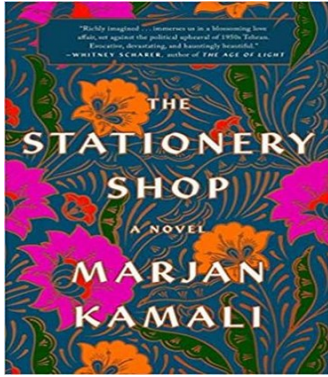
Anders, Anna and Scott Carlson will serve as music leaders for our service on Sunday, June 20, the Fourth Sunday of Pentecost. For the Prelude, *God Bless the Child*, by songwriters Robert Lange and Shania Twain and popularized by Blood Sweat and Tears, beautifully expresses the rich/poor gap. For the Postlude, Jay Ungar's *Ashokan Farewell* was famously used as the theme music for Ken Burn's Civil War series.

Youth Formation

Pastor Bourret, Phil and Gail Weston-Roberts are working on a "make-up" retreat this summer for youth who missed out on confirmation last year due to the pandemic. Watch and listen for more information.



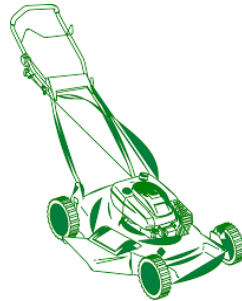
Adult Formation



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.]

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.

Several women from CLC, along with others from The Lutheran Church of Framingham, have been steadily at work all year long, piecing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. (It is their works that grace each issue of e-news, under the "Looking Ahead" segment.) Now it's time to get those quilts, along with health and education kits, sent out to where they can be tangible tokens of God's mercy for people recovering from disasters, women marketing their wares, and refugees living in camps. **CLC will host an "Ingathering" on Monday, July 19, from 10-2.** Can you offer an hour or two to help load the truck with both the locally crafted quilts, and the boxes delivered from other area churches? If so, please speak with Pr. Bourret or Gretchen in the church office.

Looking Ahead



The pandemic meant that CLC wasn't able, in 2020, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building on Union Street. As it happens however, The Rev. Phillip Kylander, who was Pastor of the congregation at that time, marks sixty years of ordination this year. We hope to combine the two observances together, later this summer. Watch for details!



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
June 20, 2021

First Reading
Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel
Mark 4:35-41

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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