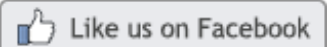


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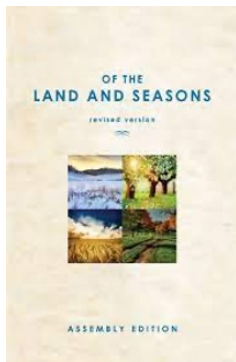
Welcome to Christ Lutheran e-news, a weekly electronic newsletter which highlights programs and activities of our congregation. Feel free to [share with family and friends](#).



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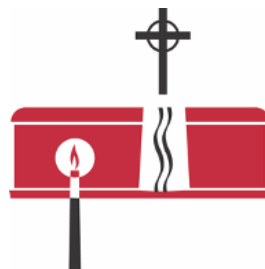


This Sunday, July 11, we return to (mostly) in-person worship, celebrating Holy Communion with the beloved *Of the Land and Seasons* liturgy. (*We'll worship via Zoom on Sunday, August 1*, when both pastor and music director are away.) Be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors who have been missing gathering face-to-face for worship, and who might enjoy this blue grass-y setting.

Communion will be celebrated with pita bread and gluten-free wafers, and individual glasses of both wine and grape juice.

Per the recommendations of our COVID-19 task force, anyone who is not yet fully vaccinated is urged to both wear a mask and physically distance. Others who wish to mask and distance may, of course, do so, but masks will not be required. Both masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

We plan also to livestream the service via YouTube Live so that those who are unable to be present in person, or who are not yet comfortable gathering in person, may participate remotely. Go to our website, www.christnatick.org, for the link.



Funeral services for The Rev. Dr. Harold R. Lohr, who died Sunday, will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on **Saturday, July 24 at noon**. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Calling hours will be held on Friday July 23rd from 4pm to 7pm at Slattery Funeral Home, 40 Pleasant Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

Our congratulations and thanks to those who have been elected as officers of the congregation: Mary Avalos, President; David Ripp, Vice-President; Edie Lohr, Treasurer; Ellen Zagajeski, Secretary; and Frank Miller, Financial Secretary. We are grateful for their leadership!

Dear Friends,

Please take a moment - if you have not already done so - to give us your feedback, suggestions, and perspective via a quick survey we've created to gauge the congregation's feeling(s) on a return to worship.

[CLC Return to Worship Survey](#)

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Our *Land and Seasons* band will lead the music for worship on **Sunday, July 11 at 10 am** as we return to in-person services for the first time since March 15, 2020. These same players led that service, as well! Along with the *Land and Seasons* liturgy, we'll be singing these hymns: *Morning has broken*, *Just a closer walk with thee*, *Welcome Table*, *This Little Light* and *Some glad morning*.

Our CLC Technology Team has been busy preparing to broadcast all of our services on YouTube Live for folks who are not able to attend in person.

Youth Formation

Gail Weston-Roberts

Attention all confirmands: 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. We are planning a retreat on Martha's Vineyard, and are looking to reschedule in August. While we'll (obviously) be concentrating on covering material that was missed, we'll also be sure to include some time to explore the island.

The cost is \$65 per confirmand, for ferry tickets and food; if cost is prohibitive, we won't let it be a barrier to participation; please speak with Pr. Bourret.



Adult Formation

CLC Book Group

Grab a book from your own shelf and prepare to share its merits with other members of the book group on **Monday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.** Or get a head start on *Overstory* by Richard Powers, a lengthy, complex novel that may take you the summer to read. Group members will discuss this book on Monday, August 30. To join our sessions contact Marianne Swenson, mwsenson10@comcast.net.

Call to Action



It's not too late to register for Calumet's "Walk the Walk 2021" fundraiser. Thanks to Nadia Salerno for serving as Team Captain for Christ Natick. Here's how it works: Register at www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk. Pay \$25, either online or by check, and log the miles you walk over 62 days, from July 1 through August 31, whether it's six miles or six hundred miles. Report your miles to Nadia, and celebrate our partnership with Calumet. Got questions? More information [here](#) or reach out to [Knute!](#)

Thanks to Jeff Kinney and Dave Ripp, who have kept the church yard looking respectable while the Finance and Property Committee reviews bids. Do you have a mower and a couple of hours to spare? They'd welcome your addition to the team. Bonus: it's about a four-mile walk, which can count toward your miles "walking the walk" for Calumet. (See below.) If you can take a turn, please contact Pr. Bourret.



Have a spare (not too old) cell phone? A reliable car to donate or sell fairly cheaply? Our friends at Metrowest Immigrant Solidarity Network (MISN) are networking to find both, two phones for new arrivals who will need them for all manner of communication, and a car for someone who needs transportation to work. If you think you can help, please contact Marge Roberson: margeroberson@gmail.com



Boxes are arriving for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on Monday, July 19. If you have an hour or two to spare, between 10-2, we could use your help loading the truck. Contact [Gretchen](#) in the church office if you can lend a hand.

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

July 11, 2021

First Reading
Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85

Second Reading
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel
Mark 6:14-29

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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