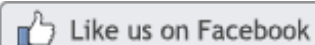


## Greetings!

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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As COVID-19 continues to be managed and vaccination rates in Massachusetts continue to climb, Christ Lutheran Church will return to in-person worship as our primary way of gathering beginning Sunday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.! (*Please note that August 1 will be an exception, as both Pr. Bourret and Tom Berryman had already arranged for substitutes that day, anticipating worship on Zoom.*) 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. 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 for those who attend.

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

## Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Tenor, Tim Borchers will be returning to sing Tom Trenney's arrangement of Brian Mann's *For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table* as the Prelude music. The text by Shirley Erena Murray focuses on social justice:

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and break,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star over head...*

The Hymn of the Day, *God's work, our hands* is selected from the new Lutheran hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings* and sung to the well-known tune *Earth and all stars*.

For the Postlude we'll be singing the hymn "Mine eyes have seen the glory," honoring Independence Day!

## Youth Formation

### Gail Weston-Roberts

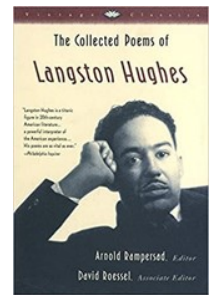
**Attention all confirmands: Pastor Bourret, Phil and Gail Weston-Roberts are working on a "make-up" retreat this summer** for youth who missed out on confirmation last year due to the pandemic. We are planning a three-day retreat on Martha's Vineyard, from Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 15. While we'll (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

**The Calumet Book Club** has been exploring systemic racism, and this month's selection is *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes*. Join leaders Pr. Jon Hopkins and Pr. Nathan Hall and other members of Calumet Nation for life-giving conversation tomorrow, July 1, at 10:00 by clicking [here](#).



## 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](mailto:mwsenson10@comcast.net).

## Call to Action

**Register today** to participate in Calumet's "Walk the Walk 2021" fun-and fund-raiser. Here's how it works: Pay \$25, and log the miles you walk over 62 days, from July 1 through August 31, whether it's six miles or six hundred miles. CLC could still use a Team Captain to keep track of the cumulative miles logged! In the meantime, you may report them to Pr. Bourret. Got questions? Check here: [webpage](#) or reach out to [Knute!](#)



Allegra Music has donated tall book shelving to CLC. Does someone have a truck they're willing to use for pick-up? Please [email the church office!](#)



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 kits 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 Rowley in the church office.

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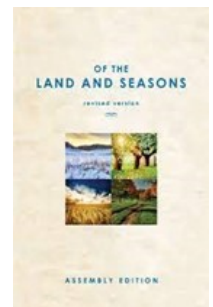
## Looking Ahead

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The pandemic meant that CLC wasn't able, in 2020, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 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!



On Sunday, July 11, we return to in-person worship (with one exception, August 1), celebrating Holy Communion with the beloved *Of the Land and Seasons* liturgy. 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 musical setting.



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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

July 4, 2021

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 2:1-5

**Psalms** 123

**Second Reading**  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

**Gospel**  
Mark 6:1-13

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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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