



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

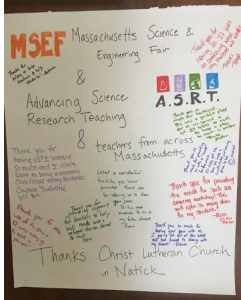
## Community News



**Bringing the Pandemic to Prayer:** This Sunday, the Natick Interfaith Clergy Association invites us to join with our neighbors of all faith to give thanks for essential workers, scientists, teachers, and medical personnel; to grieve the deaths of loved ones, members of our communities, and children of God around the world; to lament the inequities exposed and worsened, and the pain of lost opportunities and lost employment; and, finally, to turn to hope for renewed health, strengthened bonds, and a more just society.

The service will be **Sunday afternoon, 22 August, at 3:30 pm** on the grounds of **Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church, 106 Walnut Street** in Natick (rain date: Sunday 29 August). You are invited to **bring your own lawn chair** and encouraged to **wear a mask**. You are also asked to **bring a fist-sized stone** which will be used in a communal ritual of remembrance for all those who have died or been hurt by COVID - 19 and for all those still struggling with the disease or still grieving the loss of someone beloved. CLC's Bell Choir will offer the opening and closing music.

Whether the reopening our building is long-term or turns out to be temporary, we were able to offer space last week to a group of STEM teachers for training in offering enrichment for their students. Every group that makes use of space at CLC is a



reminder that our resources are God's resources, entrusted to us to further the reign of God in the world.

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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Some appreciations today:

First, a “thank you” to our talented Land and Seasons Band: we are truly fortunate to have such a skilled group of musicians leading our Appalachian liturgies. They’ve rehearsed and participated in three in-person services this summer.

Our team of cantors has taken on a more prominent role in our worship services this summer, leading not only the Psalm, but providing a focal point for all of the liturgical and hymn singing from the front of the nave. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this prominent way for both our in-person worship and our live streamed service broadcasts.

Finally, a “thank you” to our Tech Group, working hard to make both the audio and visual elements of high quality and coherent for folks tuning in to our services on Sunday mornings. Particular thanks to Phil Roberts, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Comlanvi Abodjinou, Anders Carlson, Joyce Simon and Jim Nail. Their work began in earnest with our return to in-person services in mid-July. The planning, training and broadcasting for the YouTube Live streaming has been directed by Matt Ettore, who has proven to be a most able, patient and dependable advisor. Summertime allows us to work on the necessary practice, experimentation and problem solving for live worship broadcasts. We are now seeking ten volunteers to rotate through the three service broadcast positions scheduled each Sunday. Please speak with me or Phil Roberts (Chair of WMVA) if you are interested in training and participating.

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## Adult Formation

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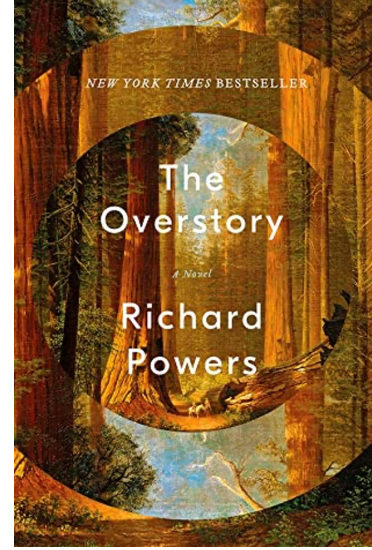
Pastor Bourret is still seeking your suggestions for topics of interest for the fall adult forum!

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### CLC Book Group, Monday, August 30, 7:30 p.m.

With the release of the United Nations report last week on global warming there could not be a more timely read than *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. A sobering, sweeping novel that tells the stories of nine main characters and their encounters with trees--lots of trees--*The Overstory* engages the reader in the complex, emerging understanding of the interconnectedness of trees and our human connectedness with them. Building on the revelations of Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*, this

gripping novel draws on Powers' rich imagination to tell a story that involves us all.



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## Call to Action

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**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

The island nation of Haiti has suffered a severe earthquake, killing over 1300 people, injuring many more, toppling buildings, and exacerbating already difficult living conditions. You will remember that the

nation, the poorest in the western hemisphere, saw its president, Jovenel Moise, assassinated just over a month ago.

Lutheran World Relief, our partner in disaster response to which we recently shipped a truckload of quilts, health kits and education kits, is on the ground, working to bring clean water, food, and other essentials to those affected. To contribute, click [here](#).

To view a video highlighting LWR's work responding to the earthquake from Baltimore's CBS affiliate, click [here](#).

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**On Saturday, September 11, CLC will host a booth at Natick Days**, the annual event on the Natick Common highlighting local non-profit organizations. For main groups, it's a fund-raising event; for us, it's been a chance to introduce ourselves to the wider community. This year, we're offering folks the chance to picture themselves-literally-in an iconic painting. We'll be taking and giving away Polaroid shots of locals' faces in cutouts of famous paintings. (Think The Scream and American Gothic.)

**If you can take a shift** staffing our booth for a couple of hours, speak with Phil Roberts or Pr. Bourret.



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## Looking Ahead

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**Be sure to have Sunday, August 29 on your calendar.** That's the day we'll have a festive liturgy to mark the 50th (actually 51<sup>st</sup>-thanks, COVID!) anniversary of the construction of our church building. We'll also celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of Pastor Phillip Kylander, who was Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church at the time.



Pastor Kylander will join us for worship; we hope to crack open the time capsule embedded in the cornerstone, and perhaps replace it with one of our own, and we'll continue the festivities with an ice cream social coffee hour!

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**The weekend of September 11/12 will be a full one!** In addition to Natick Days on Saturday, we'll celebrate SeptemberFest on Sunday, resuming a full schedule with adult forum, and kicking off the fall with an after-worship potluck cookout.

CLC will provide the "mains" and soft drinks. You'll bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. We can still use a few folks to assist with set-up, clean-up, and grilling. Contact Pr. Bourret if you can lend a hand.

In addition, the 12<sup>th</sup> is the ELCA's target date for "God's Work. Our Hands," the annual campaign to highlight Lutherans' service to the world. This year, we're collecting food items for a local food pantry. If you're a Thrivent member, this would be a great opportunity to apply for an Action Team Grant to subsidize our food offerings. A grant would allow us to purchase an additional \$250 in staples. Why not make use of this resource?

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK  
August 22, 2021

**First Reading**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

**Psalm 34**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20

**Gospel**

John 6:56-69

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