



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Community News



This **Sunday, August 29**, we celebrate two milestone anniversaries! 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, as well as 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, and we'll plant a redbud tree to mark the occasion, then continue the festivities with an ice cream social coffee hour! (The time capsule will have to wait for a future anniversary.)



Postponed from last Sunday: Bringing the Pandemic to Prayer

This **Sunday, August 29th, at 3:30**, the Natick Interfaith Clergy Association invites us to join with our neighbors of all faiths 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 at 3:30 pm on the grounds of Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church, 106 Walnut Street in Natick. 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.



---

## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

---

Don't miss hearing John Rutter's *Antique Suite* (1979) for flute and piano, the featured music for **Sunday, August 29**. Anne Weaver, flute and I will be playing four excerpts from the *Suite*: Prelude and Ostinato for the Prelude, Aria for the Offertory and Waltz for the Postlude. Check out a wonderful [performance of Antique Suite](#) on YouTube.

John Rutter, an English composer, scored *Antique Suite* for solo flute, harpsichord and chamber orchestra, saluting J.S. Bach's similarly scored *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* and recalling the formal designs of the Baroque concerto.

---

## Adult Formation

---

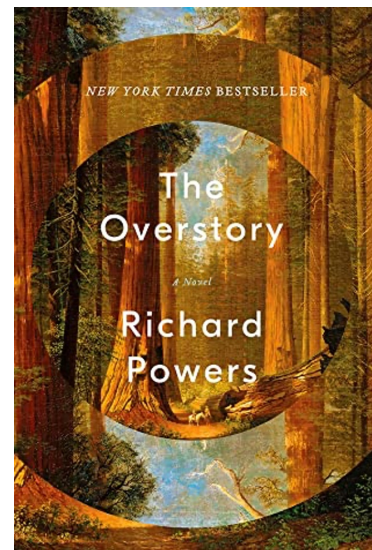
The adult forum will begin September 12. We'll start the season with a practical series on reducing our carbon footprints. Download this free e-book, and let's get started:

<https://www.joingoodside.com/guides/reduce-carbon-emissions>.

---

### 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.



---

## Call to Action



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:

[https://donate.lwr.org/give/147203/?gclid=CjoKCQjwvO2IBhCzARIsALw3ASpioSaFhuIV4uTs4-XGPJglkJmugzMBHmBWGkTo9mX1q\\_auJoagzSAaAk7JEALw\\_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#!/donation/checkout](https://donate.lwr.org/give/147203/?gclid=CjoKCQjwvO2IBhCzARIsALw3ASpioSaFhuIV4uTs4-XGPJglkJmugzMBHmBWGkTo9mX1q_auJoagzSAaAk7JEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#!/donation/checkout)

To view a video highlighting LWR's work responding to the earthquake from Baltimore's CBS affiliate, click here:

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2021/08/16/haiti-earthquake-lutheran-world-relief-earthquake-recovery/>

---

## Looking Ahead

---

**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 many 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.

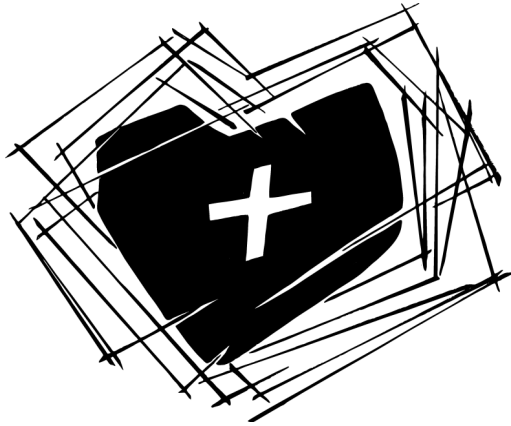
---

**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?

---



## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

August 29, 2021

### **First Reading**

1 Kings 8:22-30

### **Psalm 84**

### **Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:1-9

### **Gospel**

John 10:22-30

Christ Lutheran Church  
113 Union Street  
Natick, MA 01760

(508) 315 - 3170 [office@christnatick.org](mailto:office@christnatick.org) [www.christnatick.org](http://www.christnatick.org)

Follow Us

