



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Community News



It was a joy on Sunday to welcome back Pr. Phillip Kylander to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination, as well as the 51st anniversary of the erection of our church building on Union St. Pr. Kylander assisted in the morning liturgy and regaled us later with the story of his call to Christ Lutheran Church. After worship, we planted a Black Pearl Redbud behind the kitchen, and celebrated with an ice cream social. Thanks to all who assisted!

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

My wife, Joan Ellersick and I really enjoy playing music for viola and organ or piano together. Fortunately, Christ Lutheran offers us performance opportunities and this Sunday, September 5 we will be playing the complete set of composer/organist John Weaver's *Three American Folk Hymn Settings* for the Prelude, Offertory Music and Postlude. You may have heard our recordings for ZOOM services, but this Sunday will be our first live playing of these beautiful hymn-based compositions. The 19th Century tunes are certainly familiar: *Wondrous Love* (What wondrous love is this, O my soul"), *Land of Rest* ("Jerusalem, my happy home") and *Foundation* ("How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"). [Enjoy a YouTube performance by Catherine Rodland](#) (organ artist in residence at St. Olaf College) and [Carol Rodland](#) (viola and chamber music professor at the Juilliard School) of *Three American Folk Song Settings*.

Adult Formation

The adult forum will begin **Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am**. We'll start the season with a practical series on reducing our carbon footprints.

Download this free e-book, and let's get started:

Call to Action

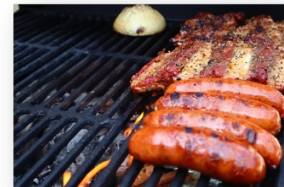
Our partner in resettlement, *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service*, will play an instrumental role in the resettlement of our Afghan allies.

To learn how you can support their work, click here:

<https://www.lirs.org/help-our-afghan-allies/>

We're looking for a few good (or even so-so!):

- Setters
- Cleaners
- Grillers



for our **SeptemberFest cook-out on Sunday, September 12.**

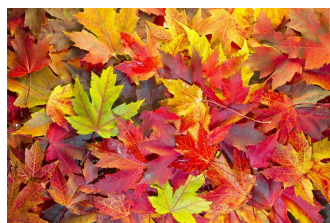
After a celebratory liturgy and adult forum, we'll have a pot-luck cook-out. CLC will provide proteins to grill and soft drinks and we have plenty of ice cream in the freezer; you bring the rest: salads, sides, even a bag of chips. Weather permitting, we'll eat outside.

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.

Looking Ahead

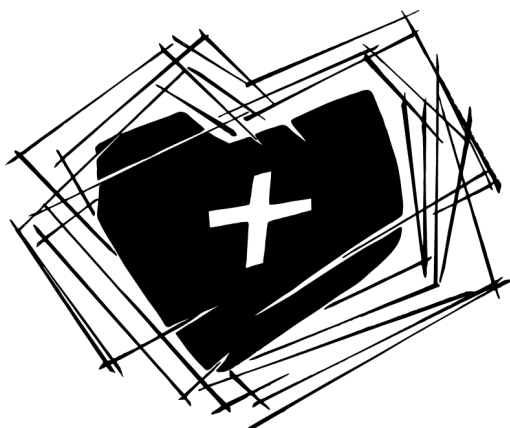


Sunday, September 12~ SeptemberFest

SeptemberFest is our annual celebration of all things early fall. This year it will include a festive worship service (brass!), dedication of our stunning new, handcrafted baptismal font (the bowl made by a Seattle glassmaker and the wooden base by our own Wally Long), installation of the Congregation Council, and a potluck picnic. It's the perfect day to introduce a friend or neighbor to this community of faith.

Women' retreat: While we warily watch the numbers on the Delta variant, have you discovered any small or large, but positive, outcome of the pandemic? A non-

existent commute? A re-discovery of the joy of (home) cooking? A new appreciation for the grocery check-out clerk? Pastor Bourret is planning a women's retreat, themed, "Silver Linings," Monday, September 20-Thursday, September 23, on Martha's Vineyard. Space is limited to 7-8 persons; cost of \$150 will cover food and ferry. (Parking may be additional, depending on scheduling.) If you'd like to participate, and cost is a barrier, speak with Pr. Bourret. We can work it out!



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK September 5, 2021

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm

Psalm 146

Second Reading

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

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