



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Community News



**We celebrate SeptemberFest this Sunday, September 12**, with joy-filled worship at 10:00, with a brass quartet, the blessing of our beautiful new baptismal font, installation of the Congregation Council, and a pot-luck cookout following worship!

CLC will provide proteins, soft drinks, and ice cream; you bring the rest: sides, salads, even a bag of chips!

**Given the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases related to the Delta variant**, CLC continues to monitor and follow CDC, MA DPH and local Board of Health recommendations and requirements for masking and gathering. Effective July 30th, the Massachusetts



Department of Public Health issued a public health advisory stating that all unvaccinated residents should continue to wear masks in indoor settings and when they cannot socially distance. The advisory also recommends that vaccinated residents who are at increased risk from COVID-19, or who live with someone at increased risk, should wear a face covering indoors (other than in their home). Christ Lutheran Church's COVID advisory committee encourages all who are eligible to be vaccinated. Out of concern for children not yet eligible as well as others for whom it is medically inadvisable, and given the high transmissibility of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we urge all to mask during indoor worship, and whenever inside the building, except when eating or drinking, regardless of vaccine status.

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# Music Notes

## Tom Berryman, Music Director

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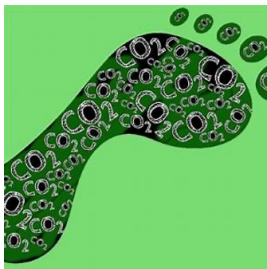
We are excited to premier a new hymn this Sunday, September 12, written especially for Christ Lutheran Church by Robert Weaver and William Pasch. “By Grace, As One, We Gather Now” will serve as the Hymn of the Day and be led by the CLC Choir and brass quartet. A description of the genesis of the hymn, written by Bob Weaver, follows.

As Covid-19 restrictions were being lifted, Tom Berryman asked CLC choir member Bob Weaver and his composing partner, Bill Pasch, to write a hymn inspired by Psalm 150 to celebrate the return of live music-making at Christ Lutheran and to honor our players and singers. Bill, Professor Emeritus of English at Clayton State University in Georgia, a poet, organist, and Lutheran clergy spouse, wrote the text. Bob composed the music. After a flurry of emails and polishing, Bob, Bill, and Tom are delighted to present the new hymn ***By Grace, As One, We Gather Now***. Bob has named the tune UNION STREET. The text, while appropriate for any occasion, rejoices in our coming together as one body in Christ and joining our voices and instruments in praise.

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## Adult Formation

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**The Sunday Adult Forum resumes this week at 9:00!** We'll start the season with a practical series on reducing our carbon footprints. Please download this free e-book, and we'll get stated: <https://www.joingoodside.com/guides/reduce-carbon-emissions>.

This week, we'll look at **Chapter 1: What Is A Carbon Footprint, and How Do I Measure It?**

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## Call to Action

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**This weekend offers multiple opportunities to make a difference** in our church community as well as in our Natick community. Christ Lutheran Church will have a booth at Natick Days on the Natick Common on Saturday from 9:00-3:00. Contact Phil Roberts or Pr. Bourret if you can take a shift putting on a friendly CLC face and shooting Polaroid snapshots.

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**On Sunday, all are asked to bring non-perishable food items** for the Natick Service Council food pantry, our contribution to the ELCA's churchwide “God's Work. Our Hands” campaign. Peanut butter, tuna, cake mixes and frosting, cereals, shelf-stable milk, jams and jellies, canned beans, and hearty soups are all good possibilities. Just drop them into the grocery cart outside the kitchen.



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**We could use a few more hands to help with Sunday's cook-**



**out:** looking for a couple of grillers, folks to set up tables, and clean up after the event. Contact Pr. Bourret or any Council member.

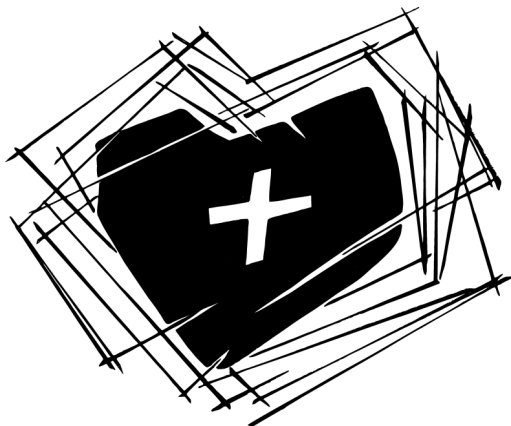
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## Looking Ahead

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There are still a few spots open for the **Women's retreat September 20-24 on Martha's Vineyard**. Cost is \$150, and we'll be looking for the silver linings we've discovered during the pandemic. Contact Pr. Bourret if you'd like to participate.



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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK September 12, 2021

**First Reading**  
*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

**Psalm**  
*Psalm 116:1-9*

**Second Reading**  
*James 3:1-12*

**Gospel**  
*Mark 8:27-38*

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