



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Community News



We couldn't have asked for better weather for Natick Days last Saturday, nor for better volunteers! Our thanks to Phil Roberts, Dave Ripp, Celeste Larson, Gretchen and Parker Rowley, and Carol Virshbo. Thanks, too, to Hannah Kinney for the loan of her instant-print camera!

Lots of our neighbors stopped by to have a photo snapped as either Mona Lisa or Vincent Van Gogh. It was a delight to meet so many of our fellow Natick-ians.

Worship on YouTube: Our Sunday worship is now being livestreamed on YouTube. Any Sunday that you are out of town, or sick, or the weather is threatening, join your CLC siblings in worship by going to the CLC website, where you'll find the link for the service, as well as the Sunday bulletin. Make it even easier by [subscribing to our CLC YouTube channel](#).

Our thanks to our tech crew: Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Tom Berryman, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, and consultant Matt Ettore for their Sunday morning work!

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

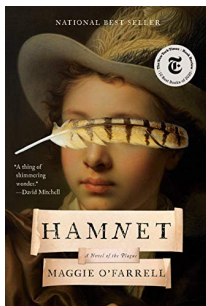
“Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth.” Psalm 96

We have recently acquired *All Creation Sings* and have begun incorporating some of the new texts and tunes offered in this 2021 supplement to our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. For the Offertory Hymn on September 19 and 26, we'll be using “Glory to God, whose goodness shines” (ACS 1087), a new gospel-style hymn written in 2008 by Paul M. Vasile, Minister of Music at Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City. The text is based on the “Gloria Patri:” “Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

Adult Formation



The Adult Forum has returned at 9:00 Sunday mornings. We're spending a few weeks with [Goodside-eBook](#), a free online resource to help us think about our environmental stewardship: what our daily life costs the earth (our “carbon footprints”), and practical steps that we can take to reduce our impact. Download the e-book, and join us in the Memorial Room. This week we'll look at chapters 2-3.



CLC Book Group October 4, 2021, 7:30 pm

Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague is Maggie O'Farrell's imaginative account of the family of William Shakespeare that “breathes full-blooded life into the story of a loss usually consigned to literary footnotes, and provides an unforgettable vindication of Agnes, Shakespeare's wife, a woman intriguingly absent from history.” (Goodreads)

Four years after the death of his beloved eleven year-old son, Hamnet, Shakespeare wrote his play *Hamlet*. O'Farrell's novel speculates on how this loss might have transmuted itself into the writing of one of Shakespeare's greatest plays. The *New York Times* listed the book as one of its *10 Best Books of 2020*.

Call to Action



The Social Justice Committee and Council have chosen a non-perishable food drive for the Natick Service Council for this year's “God's Work. Our Hands” project. Please bring your items to church and place them in the grocery cart, or make a monetary contribution and we'll do the shopping. Thank you!

Ascentria Care Alliance is about to resettle Afghan

families throughout Western and Central Massachusetts, as well as the Concord, New Hampshire area. Your help is needed to ensure that they have the resources they need to access legal aid, housing, and living essentials.



There has been a groundswell of community support throughout New England to resettle Afghan refugees, humanitarian parolees, and those individuals granted Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) protection following the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. We are heartened by this support as we all see this tragedy playing out in real-time.

We must take whatever action is needed to safely evacuate and resettle Afghans as quickly as possible. Afghans can be resettled within a 100 mile radius from either Ascentria in W. Springfield or in Concord, NH with northeastern MA congregations able to work with Concord. See their [website](#) for ways you can help.

Looking Ahead

Pastor Sara Anderson will be meeting with the Congregation Council this month to talk about the next steps in calling a pastor after Pastor Bourret's retirement. All are welcome to take a look at the resource provided by the Office of the Bishop, "Healthy Transitions":

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FCwpESMg6_OEimliLdT6vG3QnbGI6liH/view



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

September 19, 2021

First Reading
Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm
Psalm 54

Second Reading
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Gospel
Mark 9:30-37

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