



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Community News



Four youth took part in a retreat last weekend to explore Christian faith in the Lutheran tradition, and to prepare for Affirmation of Baptism. Accompanied by Phil and Gail Weston-Roberts, who have been their confirmation teachers for several years, and by Pr. Bourret, the youth explored questions that they brought for discussion, some of Jesus' parables, some key gospel stories, prayer, and the shape of the rite of confirmation itself.

Oh, and they cooked their own pizzas in a wood-fired oven, picked up litter along a street, and faced off at the ping-pong table. (They know how to have a good time even when the weather isn't especially cooperative.)

Anna Carlson, Kirsten Kirleis, and Henrik Stjernfeldt will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Preston Burt is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, but has elected to participate in CLC's confirmation class. Jackie Stjernfeldt was confirmed this past summer in Sweden.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

For the Offertory Music this Sunday, October 3, the CLC Choir will be singing a setting of *For the beauty of the earth* by contemporary English composer, John Rutter. *Enjoy a recent performance by the Westminster Abbey Choir.*

Preston Burt will be playing the Sending Hymn, *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* and J.S. Bach's *Prelude in G Minor* for the Postlude. Preston has been studying the organ this summer and we look forward to hearing him for our service on Sunday.

The hymns planned for this Sunday, Pentecost 19:

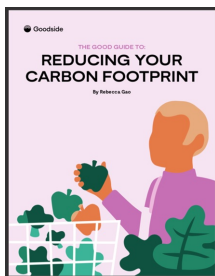
Hymn of the Day: *Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me* ELW 712

Offertory Hymn: *Create in me a clean heart* ELW 186

Communion Hymn: *Blest be the tie that binds* ELW 656

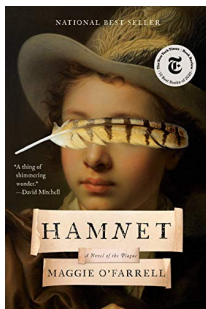
Sending Hymn: *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* ELW 836

Adult Formation



The adult forum series on sustainability wraps up this Sunday with a session on how we can shop in more eco-friendly ways. We'll also look around the church to examine which of our practices as a congregation we might alter in order to be more responsible caretakers of this corner of God's creation.

Download the guide [here](#).



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*.

To join the Zoom discussion on October 4 contact [Marianne Swenson](#).

Call to Action

Thanks to your generosity, a hefty delivery of non-perishables just went to the Natick Service Council food pantry. The pantry receives support from CLC throughout the year (because hunger, sadly, is not seasonal). Are you willing to periodically check the grocery cart by the kitchen, double-check for past-date items—this is a good time to remind everyone that past sell-by or best-by dates can't be accepted—and deliver them to the NSC on Cottage Street? Contact Pr. Bourret or Celeste Larson, Social Justice



CLC recycles! One small matter: our recycling needs to be taken to the transfer station or put out with someone’s curbside recycling. (Our trash hauler doesn’t offer this service.) Contact Pr. Bourret or Gretchen in the church office if you’re willing to periodically pick up our recyclables. They accumulate in three places: paper waste in the office, glass, metal, plastic and paper outside the kitchen, and bulletins in the narthex.



Hey, Thrivent people: The Diaper Project at a Place to Turn is holding its annual diaper drive. (If it’s been a while since you’ve changed the nappies of little ones, they can take a big bite out of a budget!) A \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant would go a long way to help purchase diapers for our neighbors’ tots! If you need some guidance on applying, Pr. Bourret is happy to help!

Looking Ahead



The fall stewardship campaign will soon be underway, and we’ll ask the question, “Will it pie?” How is God’s economy—God’s abundance—unlike pie? (Hint: if I have more, you don’t have less.) How does CLC spend the money entrusted to us? (See the pie chart.)

How much do you like pie? (If you return a pledge for 2022 in any amount by Pledge Sunday, November 7, you will receive a pie: apple or pumpkin, your choice.)

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK October 3, 2021

First Reading
Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm
Psalm 8

Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12



Gospel
Mark 10:2-16

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