



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Community News



Last week, Associate to Bishop James Hazelwood, Pastor Sara Anderson, met with our Congregation Council to provide an overview of the transition after Pastor Bourret’s retirement and the process of calling a new pastor for Christ Lutheran Church.

Bp. Hazelwood and his staff have devised a somewhat new approach, both owing to the clergy shortage and also finding that the process has improved the “fit” of new pastors and congregations. CLC will appoint a “Transition Team” of six to eight members to plan and execute a number of events designed to produce a clear picture of where CLC is, the church’s gifts and strengths and challenges, as well as its particular character or energy. A pastor serving in a nearby congregation, trained for this work, will coach the team through this process.

Another pastor—or perhaps multiple pastors—will provide worship leadership, pastoral care, and attend meetings of the Congregation Council during the interim. Additional duties, such as attending committee meetings and administrative oversight might be assigned as well, as negotiated.

Once the congregational profile is written, a Call Committee of six members, representing the diversity of CLC, will be appointed by the Council (per our Constitution), to interview the candidate recommended by the Office of the Bishop. The Council will work with a recommended candidate to work out compensation and other logistical matters, and, finally, the entire congregation will have the opportunity to meet the candidate at a “meet and greet” before a vote to call.

This is a good time to remind everyone that, following her retirement at the end of November, Pastor Bourret will not be available for pastoral acts (weddings, funerals, baptisms), nor will matters related to CLC be topics of conversation. These are precious times for pastoral relationships with a new shepherd to be forged. Friendships, however, may be maintained.

Thrivent members: don't be shy! We could use one or two Action Team Grants to underwrite the Service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, November 7. Please speak with Pr. Bourret if you are a member. The application process is EASY, and takes a bit of pressure off of the congregational budget.

Looking Ahead

Temple Talks leading up to Pledge Sunday, November 7, begin soon: Members of CLC will share their experiences of God's abundance—it's not like pie—and you'll get a brief explanation of how the congregation spends the money shared through your offerings. (That is like pie.) Finally, everyone who returns a pledge in any amount—it could be \$5 a week or \$500 a week—will receive a pie (apple or pumpkin, your choice). That **is** pie.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK October 10, 2021

First Reading
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm
Psalm 90:12-17

Second Reading
Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel
Mark 10:17-31

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