# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

**On Sunday Anna Carlson and Kirsten Kirleis affirmed their faith**, each offering a powerful, personal faith statement. It might be fun for some of the rest of us to rise to that same challenge! Two Sundays from now, on **November 14**, Henrik Stjernfeldt will also confirm his faith. Plan to be in worship to support him and hear his witness of faith.

#### Congregational Meeting to Approve the Expense of Boiler Replacement Immediately Following Church, November 7

The original church building, from the sanctuary to the parish hall, is heated by a circulating steam system heated by a boiler in the utility room. The new classroom wing completed in 2006 is heated by a separate HVAC system located on the roof of that wing. The furnace for the original building was replaced some 42 years ago, at a cost of about \$8,000, and since then has been kept in operation by maintenance repairs and replacements of parts. When it was inspected early this fall for our annual insurance review, the boiler was found to have significant deterioration, with holes rotted through, and cannot be effectively repaired. It has not been turned on this fall as its continued operation is a fire hazard. We have sought multiple bids for its replacement. Based on the bids we have received, the total cost for the furnace and the labor to replace it is estimated to be at least \$39,000. The replacement furnace will be of higher efficiency, and we expect to save about \$1,200 per year on our utility bills at current rates.

The finance and property committee recommended to the council that the furnace be replaced, the cost to be paid from the major maintenance fund, which currently has a balance of more than \$55,000. The council has agreed. Under our constitution, an expense of this size requires the approval of the congregation. At the meeting after church on Sunday, November 7, the voting members of the congregation will be asked for this approval. Members of the finance and property committee will be available to answer questions about the replacement of the boiler.

### **CLC Transition**

### A Full House Expected at Farewell Reception

Thanks to all for your prompt responses to the invitation for Pastor Bourret's Farewell Luncheon/Reception being held on **Sunday, November 21**. We have reached full capacity and are unable to accept any more "YES" responses at this time. Anyone who would like to be added to a waiting list can contact Marianne Swenson at *mswenson10@comcast.net*. Conversely, those who accepted but find they are unable to attend, please let Marianne know so that seats may be made available to others. Just a reminder that RSVPs are needed for the luncheon only; the worship service preceding it at 10:00 am is, as always, open to all.

# Music Notes Tom Berryman, Music Director

Music for **All Saints Sunday**, **November 7** includes an arrangement of the spiritual *My good Lord's done been here* by Moses Hogan and sung during the Offertory by mezzo soprano Gail Weston-Roberts.

The Postlude is John Weaver's *Sine Nomine* for organ that combines *For all the saints* with *When the saints go marching in Watch here for a performance by concert organist Felix Hell on the organ at Trinity Church NYC*.

The hymns planned for All Saints Sunday: Canticle of Praise: *This is the feast of victory* Hymn of the Day: *Sing with all the saints in glory*ELW 426 Offertory Hymn: *Baptized in water* ELW 456 Communion Hymn: *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*ELW 424 Sending Hymn: *For all the saints*ELW 422



JOHN WEAVER: Sine Nomine / Felix H

# **Youth Formation**



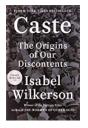
Wonder and Wisdom, the intergenerational mash-up of faith formation, simple worship, simple supper, and fun returns on **Sunday**, **November 14**. We'll look forward to Thanksgiving, and begin making Christmas cards for immigrants in detention.

A simple supper will be provided: will someone offer dessert?

# **Adult Formation**

In the adult forum, participants will begin working through *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad, a book designed for a self-guided reflection and conversation in a small group. It is intended to take about a month, reading a short essay or prompt each day, and writing one's own responses.

The book is available on Amazon. Pastor Bourret has also purchased several copies. *Speak to her if you would like one* 



### **CLC Book Group**

Gather on **Monday**, **November 8 at 7:30 pm** to discuss *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. If you are new to the group contact *Marianne Swenson*. for the Zoom link.

## **Call to Action**

**This Saturday, November 6** an outdoor clean-up is scheduled from 8:30 until about noon. As always, come when you can and leave when you must. Please bring work gloves and hand tools, if you have them. Thanks to Richard Hurst, who's prepared to work like a lumberjack cutting up the fallen tree in the back yard. If you know how to operate a chainsaw and can help, that would be great!





**This Sunday Evening, November 7 at 5pm, we offer a Service of Evening Prayer**, followed by a simple supper. Help is requested for serving the meal at the conclusion of the liturgy (moving food from the oven and refrigerator to serving tables), as well as cleaning up.

**This Sunday, November 7, is Pledge Sunday**. Pledge cards and Time and Talent brochures were made available after worship on Sunday; additional forms will be available this week. They are also available on the CLC website: *www.christnatick.org*, Remember: everyone who submits a pledge card, for a 2022 commitment of any amount will receive their choice of an apple or pumpkin pie. Look to the back of the pledge card to put in your order, and place your pledge card and time & talent form in the offering plate on Sunday.

# **Looking Ahead**

### Turn your clocks back Saturday evening, November 6th!

**There will be an opportunity on Sunday, November 14 to be received into membership** at Christ Lutheran Church. Please contact Pr. Bourret if you are interested. A newcomers' gathering is in the works.





### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK November 7, 2021

First Reading *1 Kings 17:8-16* 

Psalm **Psalm 146** 

Second Reading *Hebrews 9:24-28* 

Gospel *Mark 12:38-44*  Christ Lutheran Church 113 Union Street Natick, MA 01760

(508) 315 - 3170 office@christnatick.org www.christnatick.org

Follow Us

