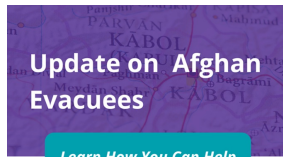


# Christ Lutheran Church Community News



Ascentria is about to resettle  
500 Afghans in MA and NH.



A small but appreciative congregation gathered Sunday for a gorgeous service of Evening Prayer, led by the CLC choir and guests, Tom Berryman on harpsicord, and Joan Ellersick on viola. The Rev. Dr. Karen-Louise Walker of Ascentria Care Alliance preached on the story of Ruth and her family of migrants, and helped connect their story with those of evacuees from Afghan coming to the US, and specifically, to Massachusetts.

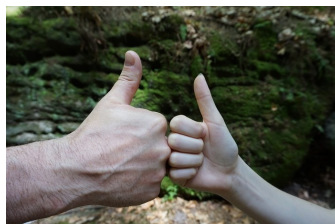
Over supper, we continued the conversation. Dr. Walker left some flyers for folks interested in supporting the resettlement efforts. For more information, go to the Ascentria website: [www.ascentria.org](http://www.ascentria.org).

This Sunday Henrik Stjernfeldt will confirm his faith, and several others will be received as members of Christ Lutheran Church by affirmation of faith. Only Henrik will offer a personal faith statement, however! Be sure to support Henrik and welcome these new siblings in Christ as members of CLC. ***If you are interested in membership and have not been contacted, please let Pr. Bourret know!***

Look around in worship: is there someone you don't know well? It's been a while since we've been able to see much of one another in person. If you are fully vaccinated and feel safe in doing so, invite a new member, or someone you'd like to know better, for coffee or tea, or for supper. Blest be the ties that bind us!



## CLC Transition



**Last week at the Council meeting, Pastor Bourret reviewed a covenant** regarding her upcoming retirement and move. While there are several components to the covenant, the crux of it is that after her departure at the end of November, she will no longer be Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, and will disengage from pastoral relationships and conversations.

While this may come across as somewhat cold, it is anything but! By removing herself from a pastoral role, space opens up for a new shepherd to forge relationships and walk alongside the congregation in discerning and seeking to foster God's work at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Specifically, it means** that Pr. Bourret will not be available for pastoral acts such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals, nor pastoral calls. While friendships may continue, Pr. Bourret will not weigh in on any matters related to the call process or other matters concerning the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

It has been a blessing that all of the predecessor pastors of the congregation have also abided by these rubrics!

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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The November readings speak of “End Times,” as our liturgical year concludes with the **Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 21**. For **Sunday, November 14**, the organ Prelude is Richard Billingham’s setting of the African-American spiritual *My Lord, what a morning*. The Offertory Music is American composer, Leo Nestor’s (1948-2019) *Strengthen for service, Lord*. The organ Postlude is Flor Peeter’s setting of *A mighty fortress is our God*.

#### Hymns for November 10

Hymn of the Day: *Built on a rock* ELW 652

Communion Hymn: *Jerusalem, my happy home* ELW 838

Sending Hymn: *My hope is built on nothing less* ELW 597

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## Youth Formation

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Another session of Wonder and Wisdom will be held this Sunday at 5:00! We’ll share highs and lows, pray, eat, there will be a very simple service of Holy Communion, and we’ll offer thanks in fun and creative ways, and make some cards to send to folks so that they know they’re not forgotten.

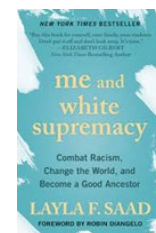
Whom will you bring? A neighbor child? A grandchild? Yourself? Join this intergenerational mashup as God forms us into a community of saints of all ages. The meal will be simple and accommodate most diets. Contact Pr. Bourret so that she knows you’re coming. Would someone bring dessert?

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## Adult Formation

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In the Sunday forum, we have just begun working through *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad. We’re reading through a brief essay each day, and come together on Sundays to discuss the questions or “prompts” offered at the end of each. The book is about \$12.50, and there are one or two copies at CLC. Even if you don’t have the book, you can profitably participate in the conversation, so join us in the Memorial Room Sundays at 9:00!



#### CLC Book Group

“Shakespeare: The World as Stage”

By Bill Bryson

**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30**

William Shakespeare, the most celebrated poet in the English language, left behind nearly a million words of text, but his biography has long been a thicket of wild supposition arranged around scant facts. With a steady hand and his trademark wit, Bill Bryson sorts through this colorful muddle to reveal the man himself. His Shakespeare is like no one else's—the beneficiary of Bryson's genial nature, his engaging skepticism, and a gift for storytelling unrivaled in our time.

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## Call to Action

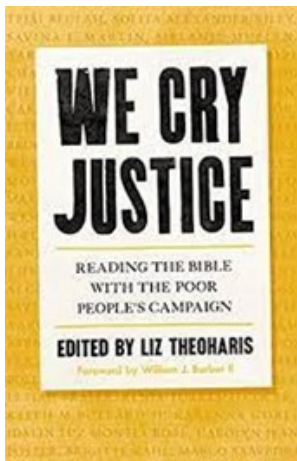
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Thanks to everyone who has returned your pledge cards and time & talent forms. It's possible that the Stewardship Committee will offer a day or two grace period for those who have yet to turn them in (i.e., You might still get a pie next Sunday!)—but please do so soon so that the Finance and Property Committee has ample time to prepare a responsible, mission-focused budget for 2022. Both forms are available on our website: [www.christnatick.org](http://www.christnatick.org), under “Give Now.”

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## Looking Ahead

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An Advent midweek Bible study will be offered Wednesdays at 7:30 via Zoom. Participants will be using *We Cry Justice*, with weekly Bible passages and essays written by various authors. The compilation is edited by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis with a Foreword by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, who co-chair the Poor People's Campaign.

From the Kairos center: *More than thirty contributors spanning different races, genders, geographic locations, professions, and more were brought together to do a deep dive into the true liberation of the gospel, and what it means for poor and low income people. This devotional breathes new life into familiar passages, and centers righteous justice and liberation for poor people as the primary lens through which the Bible is read.*

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK November 14, 2021

First Reading  
***Daniel 12:1-3***

Psalm  
***Psalm 16***

Second Reading  
***Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25***

Gospel  
***Mark 13:1-8***



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