

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

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**Members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church, together with Associate to the Bishop Mark Winzler, and family members and friends of Pr. Bourret** came together in fine and gracious style to bid her and Jeff and their family godspeed as Pr. Bourret retires and she and Jeff prepare to move to Connecticut. The liturgy was joyful and spirited, the meal and program splendid, the slide show delightful, and the gift of a beautiful quilt stitched and quilted by CLC members, with fabrics contributed by more than thirty families, will be a lasting and cherished memento. In addition, gifts of nearly \$5000 were gathered for CLC's asylee ministry and Ascentria Care Alliance.

Heartfelt thanks to Tom and Kim and all of the choir members and musicians, to Edie and all who planned, set, served, and cleaned up after the meal, to everyone who warmed our hearts, and brought tears and laughter in the program, and to all who designed, sewed, and contributed to the quilt. It could not have been a better send-off.



**Please note: if you have used CLC's Zoom account** to convene meetings, the account is now associated with the church office email address: [office@christnatick.org](mailto:office@christnatick.org). **The password has changed.** If you need to use it to convene a CLC meeting, and need that information, please [contact the church office](#).



**Good news! The new boiler has been installed,** just in time for Advent! It is a thing of beauty—truly. Hats off to Dorothy Nail who could have set up a cot in the boiler room for all of the time and energy she expended on the project,

had there been the space that there is now!



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## CLC Transition

Thanks so much to so many who contributed to making Sunday's Farewell Service and Reception in honor of Pastor Rebecca Bourret such a truly heartfelt and joyous occasion:

To Joyce Simon and the WMVA committee for coordinating the 10:00 AM service, and for planning and presiding over the *Litany of Farewell and Godspeed*,

To recent confirmands Anna Carlson, Kirsten Kirleis, and Henrik Stjernfeldt for serving as acolytes and crucifer.

To Tom Berryman, the choir and musicians and to Kim Petot and the bell choir, for the beautiful musical offerings,

To the Reception Planning Committee – Edie Lohr, Carol Virshbo, Marianne Swensen and Cathy Gallagher - for showing CLC's talent for hospitality at its best,

To Cathy Gallagher, again, for almost single-handedly making the gorgeous gift quilt and to Beth Castro for helping convince her to do it,

To Rolf Larson for putting together the slide show in the Memorial Room, To Sandy Smith for set-up support and flowers, to Norman Bolles for transporting the borrowed tables back and forth to St. Paul's, to Gretchen Rowley for administrative support from beginning to end,

To John Whitlock for leading us in both Grace at the table and the congregational serenade, to the choir, once again, and to Bob and Anne Weaver for their original and spot-on lyrics to the songs **He Mows the Lawn** and **Rebecca's Our Pastor** ... "her cooking's delicious (and Jeff does the dishes)" ... which just seem to say it all.

To Russell Pollard for serving so graciously as emcee, and for providing the wine along with Marianne Swenson, to Lisa Eck for offering her impromptu but thoughtful remarks, and to Pastor John Stendahl for leading us in a prayer of dismissal,

To all the ad-hoc volunteers not mentioned here who assisted in set up, breakdown and clean up in the kitchen,

To the congregation itself for donating the fabric and funds for the quilt, for making contributions of over \$4,000 – and counting – to benefit Ascentria Care Alliance and The Asylee Family Fund, and for showing up with your love and gratitude on full display despite pandemic concerns, a cold day and a broken furnace.

And a final thank you to Pastor Rebecca Bourret for nearly 14 years of service and friendship, a social justice orientation, thought-provoking sermons and continually striving to help us to live "as if" Christ were King. Farewell and Godspeed, indeed.

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## Advent Devotions

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**Beginning Monday, November 29**, Rev. Richard Hurst offers readings, reflections and prayers each weekday as we approach Christmas. Advent Devotions conclude with a musical offering based on an Advent hymn. So, light your Advent wreath and include Advent Devotions part of your Advent observance this year.

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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J.S. Bach often "stole" from himself, creating a new version of the music he previously composed. This is the case with the well-known organ arrangement he made of the chorale "Wachet Auf," part of a series of arrangements Bach created from earlier cantata choruses and arias. In the organ arrangement, the tune "Wake, awake for night is flying" is heard in the tenor range, played by the left hand, with the right hand playing the familiar violin part and the pedals playing the walking bass. You'll

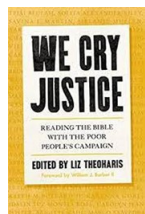
hear the organ arrangement this Sunday, Advent I for the Prelude. *Watch the original Cantata 140 movement on the verse "Zion hört" sung by The Choir School of Hartford* at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT.

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## Adult Formation

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The Adult Forum will continue working through *Me and White Supremacy* for the foreseeable future. A couple of copies are still available in the Memorial Room, or may be purchased at many retailers for about \$13. This week, days three and four will be discussed.



Next Wednesday an Advent Bible study begins, and will continue each week by Zoom at 7:30. Participants will be using *We Cry Justice*, with weekly Bible passages and essays written by various authors. edited by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, and with a Foreword by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II.

The book is available through several retailers for about \$15-18.

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For all ages: This Sunday materials for making Advent wreaths will be available in the parish hall beginning at 9:00. Prepare to observe this holy season of hope and expectation at home. Make a wreath, and choose an Advent calendar from those provided by the Thursday morning Bible study folks. Thank you!



## 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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Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in El Paso welcomes contributions of the Thrivent “Live Generously t-shirts” that are offered whenever members receive Action Team Grants. A number of them (in three boxes of different sizes) are on the counter in the Youth Room. Would someone be willing to send them off to El Paso? The address is: 1010 Yandell Dr, El Paso, TX 79902. Thanks in advance!

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**Thanks to all who have turned in pledges and Time & Talent forms .** If you have yet to do so, please try to do so as soon as possible, so that the Finance and Property Committee has good data for budget planning.

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### **CLC'S Family Promise "Host Week" in progress, November 21 – 28, 2021**

With Family Promise shelter families slated to remain in hotels well into 2022, congregations now supply groceries and any additional support needed during our scheduled "host" weeks. Currently, there are three families with children in the shelter program; many others are involved with Family Promise through the LIFE (homeless prevention) and SAIL (transitional living) programs. Host congregations deliver non-perishable goods to stock an in-house food pantry housed at the FPM offices/Day Center. These groceries are available to any family currently in service with Family Promise, regardless of program.

This week CLC delivered a wide variety of rice packets, bread mixes, canned meats and vegetables, and specially requested seasonings for holiday cooking, among other items. **Thanks to all** for your continued support of this important mission!

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## **Looking Ahead**

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### **Keeping the Promise is December 4th! - Registration is open**

Family Promise Metrowest is excited to announce that we will begin construction in December to renovate our current Day Center into permanent overnight housing for our families in shelter. By [purchasing raffle tickets](#) you are helping us raise the funds needed to complete this project! Tickets must be purchased by 5:00 pm on December 3, 2021 and the winner will be drawn during our Keeping the Promise virtual holiday concert on **Saturday, December 4 at 7:30pm**. Raffle ticket numbers will be emailed prior to the December 4 purchase deadline.

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**On Saturday, December 18, CLC will host an outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing**, followed by holiday refreshments. Mark your calendars now for this fun and festive event, and be sure to invite friends, colleagues, family and neighbors to join in the musical fun. Once again, the CLC Bell Choir will lead the song.



### **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

November 28, 2021

First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Psalm

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

Gospel  
**Luke 19:28-40**

**The Rev John Stendahl will  
preside at Sunday Morning's  
service, November 28th.**



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