

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

November 30, 2021

CLC Transition

Now that we've completed Step One in our transition Process –*Saying Goodbye* - we move into a unique time of *Discernment* whereby we will undertake ministry site assessment and exploration with a transition coach from the New England synod to assist us. This is a rigorous process that is meant to help us understand who we are now, who we are called to be in the future, and what (and who, pastorally) do we need to get there.

The transition coach will oversee an internal team of between 5-8 appointees (TBD) over a period of up to 6 months to develop a Ministry Site Profile. This document underpins the work of a Call Committee, which will be formed only **after** the assessments of the transition team, and the period of discernment, is finished.

From the Healthy Transitions document (excerpted below) posted on the Synod website, words of guidance and support as we move into this special and important phase of our ministry at CLC:

The Six things a Church must do well...No matter What.

- Vital Worship
- Lifelong Learning
- Spiritual formation that fits complex lifestyles
- An open leadership system
- Quality relationships
- Flexibility

I would add – a mission orientation. I pray that you will keep mission and outreach in the forefront of your mind as you discern a new call to a new pastor. Let's be working together to seek God's counsel for the right match,

-- Bishop James E. Hazelwood

Area pastors providing pulpit supply in December

Advent has begun and with it we begin to wait and watch for the unfolding of our congregation's life together in 2022. We welcome back to our pulpit and altar table clergy who return to lead us in worship:

December 5, 12, 19, 10:00 am –the Rev. Donald Larsen

December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm – one service led by the Rev. John Stendahl

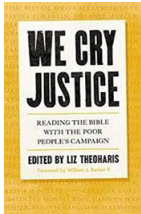
December 25, Christmas Day, 10:00 am – the Rev. Richard Hurst

December 26, First Sunday of Christmas – the Rev. Clifford Gerber

Advent Resources



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.



Advent Bible study, Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30 pm via Zoom, based on a guided study of Bible passages from the contributors to *We Cry Justice*, a year-long Bible study prepared by members of Poor People's Campaign. Watch for an Everyone email with invitation and study guide.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

One of the most familiar of our Advent hymns, and the Communion Hymn on this Sunday, December 5, *Comfort, comfort now my people (Freu' dich sehr)* was a frequent subject for 17th and 18th German composers. Georg Böhm (1661-1733), a contemporary of J.S. Bach, wrote a set of keyboard variations on *Freu' dich sehr* that will serve as the Prelude music this Sunday. The Postlude is *Prelude Toccata in G Minor* by Gabriel Pierre (1863-1937).

Hymns for Sunday, December 5 Advent 2

Opening Hymn: *Hark, the glad sound!* ELW 239

Gospel Acclamation and Wreath Lighting: *Come to be our hope, O Jesus* ACS 904

Hymn of the Day: *There's a voice in the wilderness* ELW 255

Offertory Hymn: *When a star is shining* ACS 915 vv 1,3

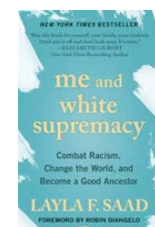
Communion Hymn: *Comfort, comfort now my people* ELW 256

Sending Hymn: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* ELW 246

Sing For Joy from St. Olaf College offers a weekly spoken and musical meditation on the texts for each Sunday of the church year. Check it out [here](#).

Adult Formation

Advent wreath-making bumped the **Adult Forum** last Sunday, so we will discuss days three and four of *Me and White Supremacy* this **Sunday, December 5, 9 am** in the Memorial Room. A couple of copies of the book are available in the Memorial Room if you would like to participate in this lay-led discussion.



CLC Book Group, Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 pm

As a follow-up to their recent reading of *Hamnet*, a novel about Shakespeare's family, CLC group members are reading this month Bill Bryson's distillation of the bard's "skimpy biography": *Shakespeare: The World as a Stage*.

Call to Action

Thanks for turning in pledge cards and time and talent forms. If you have not yet done so, please complete them promptly so that the Finance and Property Committee can build next year's budget with confidence.



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. **The password has changed.** If you need to use it to convene a CLC meeting, and need that information, please [contact the church office](#).

Looking Ahead



Don't miss Keeping the Promise, December 4th!

[Purchase raffle tickets](#) to help Family Promise raise funds to renovate the Day Center into permanent overnight housing for families seeking shelter. **Tickets must be purchased by 5:00 pm, this Friday, December 3.** The winner will be announced during the virtual holiday concert beginning at 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 4. You will receive your raffle ticket numbers prior to the December 4 purchase deadline.

On Saturday, December 18, 5:00 pm, 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 songs.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

December 5, 2021

First Reading
Baruch 5:1-9

For the Psalm
Luke 1:68-79

Second Reading
Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel
Luke 3:1-6

**The Rev Donald Larsen will be
preaching and presiding on
December 5, 2021.**



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