

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

December 15, 2021



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## CLC Transition

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As most are aware, Pastor David Hulse will begin preaching and presiding at worship services, beginning January 2, 2022, and is expected to remain in that role for most of the year. He will also be on-call for pastoral emergencies and attend to limited visitation needs during his time with us.

Between now and January 2, CLC's in-house visitation team, headed by Diane Stevens, is well prepared to handle any and all pastoral emergencies that may arise. Please call Diane directly on her cell phone at 508-641-0021. She, along with her team and clergy among our own membership, will coordinate an immediate response.

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The **2022 offering envelopes** will be delayed this year and will not be available until sometime in January. Once they arrive, they will be in the Narthex for pick up. Thank you for your patience. In the meantime, you can mail your offering to the church or place your offering in the plate in a plain envelope.

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## Christmas Events

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If you would like to order a poinsettia plant for the church during the Christmas season, be sure to complete a flower envelope with your



name, the of the person/s you wish to honor or remember, and your donation; place the envelope in the collection plate or send it to the church office.

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Invite your friends, neighbors and family to an **outdoor tree lighting and sing-along** on the church lawn with the Bell Choir this **Saturday, December 18 at 5:00pm**. There will be hot chocolate (and marshmallows!) and cookies to share.

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**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 4:00 pm, family service**, Pr John Stendahl, presiding. Come early to don a costume and gather for an impromptu Christmas pageant. No speaking required. Who did you always want to be? Mary? Joseph? A shepherd? An angel? A lamb? We have lots of costumes to choose from, lovingly made for Christmas creche scenes and Epiphany pageants of the past.

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**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am**, Pr. Richard Hurst, presiding. A quiet, reflective, traditional service with Holy Communion.

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**First Sunday of Christmas, Sunday, December 26, 10:00 am**, Pr. Clifford Gerber presiding. Gather together to "sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God" and hear the stories of Samuel and Jesus in the temple. These two adolescents take on the corruption of their day and change the course of history. Invite young people to come and hear these stories.

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## Music Notes

### Tom Berryman, Music Director

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**JAZZ  
ADVENT**  
Sunday December 19 10 AM

the fourth sunday of advent  
liturgy and hymns in a jazz style  
christnatick.org

It is our great joy to welcome jazz artists Ross Petot, John Clark and Peter Tillotson to lead the music for our Advent IV service this Sunday at 10 am. The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude will feature improvisations on hymns we'll be singing. Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo" is an added bonus for the Communion Music. Add your voice to our worship this Sunday.

**Live Music this Weekend**  
(stream on line or in person!)  
-Emmanuel Music (Joan Ellersick) presents *Bach in Leipzig* Sunday, December 19 at 3 pm. Go to <https://www.emmanuelmusic.org> for information.

**Hymns for Sunday, December**

## 19 Advent 4

Opening Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW 257

Hymn for the Psalm: *The Angel Gabriel* ELW 265

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

Hymn of the Day: *Canticle of the Turning* ELW 723

Offertory Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ELW 272

Communion Hymn: *No Wind at the Window* ACS 906

Sending Hymn: *Joy to the World* ELW 267

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## Adult Formation

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### Adult Forum, Sundays, 9 am

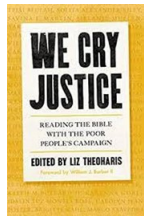
Take time out from your busy days to drink a cup of coffee and share faith stories with one another in the Memorial Room, **Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 am.**

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### CLC Book Group, January 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm

The January selection is William Kent Krueger's novel, *This Tender Land*. You have plenty of time to locate a copy and read it. The group will not meet again until January 24, 2022 at 7:30 pm. If you'd like to join us in our Zoom discussions, contact Marianne Swenson, [mswenson10@comcast.com](mailto:mswenson10@comcast.com).

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### Mid-week Bible studies - December 15 and 22, 7:30 pm.

Themes of liberation and justice spread throughout the Bible. On the remaining two Wednesdays in Advent, join us to examine texts identified by members of the Poor People's Campaign that challenge us to work for justice in our communities. Bring your Bible. We gather on Zoom; invitation sent Tuesday of this week via the CLC Everyone listserv.

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## Call to Action

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On the night of December 10 and early morning of December 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search and rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery. Checks should be made out to Lutheran Disaster.

*Your gifts to "US Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.*

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## Looking Ahead

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## CAMP CALUMET CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT IN 2022!

We hope to gather once again at Camp Calumet in West Ossipee, New Hampshire, on **February 4, 5, 6 for our annual congregation get-away** at the synod campground in the White Mountains. Our deposit for the cancelled weekend in 2021 has been carried over to 2022.

There are several housing options: Staff House - \$156/adult, \$78/youth; Heated cabins: \$128/adult, \$64/youth; Conference Center: \$210/person. The rate includes two nights lodging and all meals, Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. Children 6 and under eat and stay free.

The weekend provides an opportunity for folks to get to know one another better, enjoy some fun with camp staff, savor tasty meals, get outdoors, and participate in a multi-generational activity on Saturday morning. Scholarships are available for people to attend.

Visit Camp Calumet's website for COVID updates:  
<https://www.calumet.org/about/messagefromkarl>

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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First Reading  
***Micah 5:2-5a***

For the Psalm  
**The Angel Gabriel ELW 265**

Second Reading  
***Hebrews 10:5-10***

Gospel  
***Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]***



**The Rev Donald Larsen will be  
preaching and presiding on December 19, 2021.**

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