

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

January 19, 2022

CLC Transition

The Transition Team has held its first meeting with Pr. Elizabeth Nees to begin the process of developing a congregational profile. Team members include Russell Pollard, Lisa Eck, Cathy Gallagher, Amy Lousararian, Phil Roberts, and George Hall.

Music Notes Tom Berryman, Music Director

The Postlude for **Sunday, January 23**, the third Sunday of Epiphany, is an organ arrangement of British composer Edgar Elgar's "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* (1899). "Nimrod" is the *mighty hunter before the Lord* referred to in the Old Testament books of Genesis and Chronicles. Elgar honors his music publisher, Augustus Jaeger, in this variation, playing on the German word *Jäger* or *hunter*.



Here is a particularly inspiring organ performance of "Nimrod".

Hymns for **Sunday, January 23 2022:**

Canticle of Praise: *O, for a thousand tongues to sing!* ELW 886

Hymn for the Psalm: *Bright and glorious is the morn* ELW 307

Hymn of the Day: *Christ, whose glory fills the sky* ELW 553

Offertory Hymn: *For the beauty of the earth* ELW 879

Sending Hymn: *The Spirit sends us forth to serve* ELW 551

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

Youth and Family Ministries

As we begin to look at our future together, you are invited to spend the coming weeks reflecting on our ministry to families. In the past we have offered summer Vacation Bible School; Logos, a weekly after-school program; Journeys Through Lent featuring music, crafts, and bible stories during spring break; weekly Sunday School classes; confirmation retreats; an annual winter weekend for families at Camp Calumet; raised funds for six youth to attend the national ELCA Youth Assembly in Houston; and in recent years hosted Wonder and Wisdom dinner parties to promote intergenerational relationships among friends and neighbors.

In the wider community we co-founded Family Promise/Natick to shelter families who have lost housing, in El Paso we continue to support refugee families on the border, and in 2021 we welcomed into our midst an asylee family fleeing their homeland. What other ways might we discover to reach out to families?

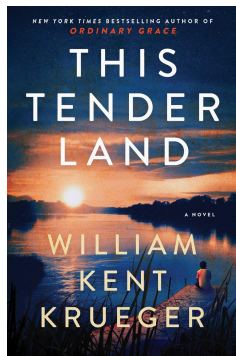
Beginning on Monday, February 7, at 7:30 pm via Zoom and continuing February 14, 21, and 28, participants will have an opportunity to share insights and reflect on questions posed by Dan Anderson who will guide our discussion. With toddlers in our midst how do we plan to support their families while inviting others to join us? Whether you are a grandparent, parent, or caring adult, come to the table with your thoughts.

If you plan to participate in this exploration [register on Sign Up Genius](#) to be sent a Zoom link for the meetings.

Adult Formation

Adult Forum

Adult Forum will not meet until the current peak of Covid cases subsides. If you attend Sunday Zoom worship you have the opportunity to chat before the service begins (if you log in early) and you can stay after the service to join others in breakout rooms.



CLC Book Group, January 24, 7:30 p.m.
This Tender Land, William Kent Krueger

If you enjoy episodic adventure stories with unexpected twists and turns, William Kent Krueger's latest novel, *This Tender Land*, is an inviting read. Available at your local library.

Contact Marianne Swenson at mswenson10@comcast.net for the Zoom link if you would like to join the discussion.

Looking Ahead

On Sunday, **January 30th**, 10 am worship will be conducted entirely on Zoom: **NO in-person services are being held**. Please plan to **remain after worship for semi-annual meeting I**, when we will be asked to approve a 2022 budget and attend to other financial matters. Members can expect to receive an agenda and other advance materials for the meeting, via email, by the end of the week.

Call to Action

Put those snowshoes, skis, and ice skates away. Stow your knitting and pack up your jigsaw puzzles. **Cancel plans for our annual weekend get-away at Camp Calumet in the White Mountains.** We are postponing our favorite winter activity until next year, hoping that by 2023 Covid and its minions will have diminished to the status of a seasonal flu. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Hymn for the Psalm

Bright and glorious is the morn

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21



The Rev David Hulse is preaching and presiding.

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