

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

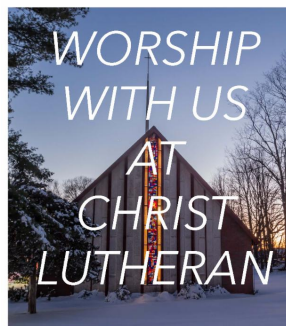
January 26, 2022

CLC Transition

The Transition Team has begun to meet and as a very early step created the following statement to guide our work:

- Transitions present an opportunity to consider how God is calling and challenging us at this time.
- The role of the Transition Team is to guide the congregation through a period of self-reflection and dialogue by organizing a series of events and conversations.
- This period of 6 - 9 months will include an analysis of our shared past, an assessment of our present and an articulation of an informed vision for our future. This will be a time when we will consider the strengths of the congregation we want to enhance and the opportunities for growth we want to prioritize. This work will lay the foundation on which the Call Committee will build to call new pastoral leadership.
- We invite the congregation to participate in this process and ask God to help and guide us.

Transition Team members: Lisa Eck, Cathy Gallagher, George Hall, Amy Lousararian, Russell Pollard, Phil Roberts. Members of the team will report at the Zoom congregational annual meeting on Jan. 30.



January 30 at 10 am
on ZOOM

on YouTube Live

The semi-annual congregational meeting will follow the worship service on ZOOM

view our worship:

- YouTube (Christ Lutheran Church Natick)
- live at 10 am Sunday or view anytime

We will not worship in person on January 30. In person worship will resume on February 6

Join via ZOOM:

- 9:45 am social time
 - 10 am worship
 - social time following worship
 - weekly e-mailed link to members
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Music Notes

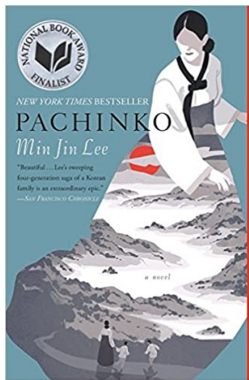
Tom Berryman, Music Director

The hymn *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (ELW 308) serves as the basis for both the Prelude and Postlude on January 30, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Members of the CLC Choir, joined by Anne Weaver, flute, Andrew Avalos, clarinet and Joan Ellersick, viola recorded Hugo Distler's setting of the hymn from *Der Jahrkreis*, (1932-33) for the Prelude. I recorded 18th century composer, Dietrich Buxtehude's organ chorale on the same hymn for the Postlude. Both Distler and Buxtehude served parishes in the north German city of Lübeck.

For lovers of organ music, the Boston Modern Orchestra Project offers *Pulling Out All the Stops* on Friday, February, 18 8 pm at Symphony Hall in Boston featuring the magnificent Symphony Hall organ with Paul Jacobs, organist. FREE ADMISSION! BMOP is a superb orchestra of 80 professional players specializing in music of the 20th and 21st Centuries. The program includes music by Stephen Paulus, Olivier Messiaen, Joseph Jongen and an arrangement by Edward Elgar of a Bach fantasy and fugue.

Silent Movie Night with pianist extraordinaire, Rob Humphreville returns to CLC on **Saturday, February 26** with Charlie Chaplin's amazing *THE KID* (1921). The performance will honor the memory of Rev. Harold Lohr, a great lover of silent movies and one who saw many first runs!

Adult Formation



CLC Book Group, Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:30 pm

Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee, is the story of **Korean immigrants living in Japan between 1910 and today**, a family saga richly told and profoundly moving; a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters — strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis — survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history. (Goodreads)

Looking Ahead

Zoom only worship, Sunday, January 30, 10:00 am. Semi-annual meeting 1 will follow immediately on Zoom. The link for worship and the meeting will be sent to everyone.

Engaging Families February Zoom series

Begins Monday, February 7, 7:30-8:30 pm. Continues Feb. 14, 21, 28.

During this transition as we begin to look at our future together, you are invited to spend the coming weeks reflecting on our ministry to families. 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.

We have cancelled the February weekend and registered for the winter of 2023. **Mark your calendars now for Calumet Get-Away Weekend, Friday, January 20-Sunday, January 22.**

Call to Action

Although the Agbodjinou family, who arrived over nine months ago is busy with schooling, learning English, and working with our faith-based coalition of congregations to achieve full independence, their current status as asylees prevents them from obtaining the drivers' licenses they will ultimately need to get to work, school, medical appointments, and the like.

Like many refugees, immigrants, and other asylees in Massachusetts, they are ineligible to obtain licenses to drive. *Driving Families Forward* is a Massachusetts coalition committed to passing the Work and Family Mobility Act that will enable all qualified state residents to apply for a standard Massachusetts driver's license, regardless of immigration status.

This past week the coalition hosted the first in a series of briefings to highlight the broad support for this legislation: *Faith Virtual Briefing*. The video of this briefing brings faith leaders from across the Commonwealth to speak about the urgency of this legislation. To view the video of this briefing go to Facebook page DFF and click on [Faith Virtual Briefing](#).

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

January 30, 2022

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21



The Rev David Hulse is preaching and presiding.

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