

# Christ Lutheran Church Community News

February 2, 2022

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## CLC Transition

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### Transition Team Report to Semi-Annual Meeting 1, January 30, 2022

The Transition Team has begun meeting regularly to oversee the opening stage of the search and call process. Projected to take from 6-9 months, this period involves gathering information about the congregation's history and culture and identifying the congregation's priorities for CLC's mission and ministry, which the Team describes as "finding our why."

The first step in data-gathering will begin in two weeks (around February 13) with a confidential online survey using the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) created by *Holy Cow Consulting*. When the results of the survey are analyzed and returned to the Team, assistant to the bishop, the Rev. Sarah Anderson will meet with the Team to review the information.

[See <https://holycowconsulting.com/congregations/congregation-assessment-tool-cat/> for more information about the survey.]

Members will soon receive a letter outlining the process as well as providing instruction about how to complete the survey. Members who do not have online capability will receive paper versions of the survey in the mail.

The shared results of the initial survey along with three other inter-active congregational events will provide the information necessary for the last step in the Transition Team's work, to write the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which the bishop and his staff will use to find a good "fit" with a potential candidate for a Call Committee's consideration. The profile in turn provides an overview of the congregation so candidates can assess their "fit."

A Call Committee will be organized after the Transition Team has completed its work. This is when the second stage of the search process begins. Transition Team members will not serve on the Call Committee. At this stage New England Synod staff will identify a potential candidate for the Call Committee to interview. The synod office has advised that it is likely to take longer than in past years to identify a candidate, due to the current shortage of pastors across the country.

The Transition Team invites everyone's participation and prayers as we move through this initial stage of the search and call process.

--Russell Pollard and Lisa Eck, reporting for the Transition Team

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# Music Notes

## Tom Berryman, Music Director

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### A Salute to CLC Techies!

One of our thriving ministries at Christ Lutheran is a weekly broadcast of Sunday worship services on our YouTube Live channel and, recently simultaneously on ZOOM. A very dedicated, capable team ensures quality audio and video: Comlanvi Abodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Juliet Seaburg, Phil Roberts, Joyce Simon and myself. Each week members of the team determine camera shots, prepare images and slides, balance mic inputs, test the system, manage the broadcast and review the production for problems needing attention.

This has been a substantial learning experience for all of us involved and we are grateful both for the patience of the viewers and for the guidance of a superb coach, Matt Ettore of Willow Pond Productions.

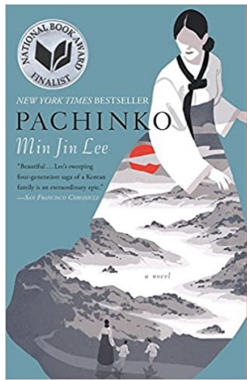
We need and welcome more volunteers to our tech operations, expecting only a willingness to work with us, learn new skills and to be patient. E-mail me: [tomberryman@rcn.com](mailto:tomberryman@rcn.com)

We also welcome comments and suggestions about the broadcasts.

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## Adult Formation

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### 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)

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## Looking Ahead

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### Engaging Parents

**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.

### Session 1: Worship

This week's discussion will focus on the experience of Worship. Whether you are attending our next worship service in person or virtually, to prepare for our discussion please channel your "inner child" and experience our service through the eyes of a 2-year-old; a 6-year-old; a 10-year-old; a 14-year-old; or as young adults

expecting their first baby. Reflect on these questions:

*What made you feel included in worship?*

*What did you see or experience that would excite you to come back?*

*What was missing that you would like to have seen?*

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

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## Call to Action

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### Driving Families Forward

Help to make it possible for the Agbodjinou family and others like them to obtain driver's licenses as they move toward self-sufficiency. Driving tests and auto insurance requirements help to ensure the safety of all drivers on the road. 15 other states already issue licenses to drivers regardless of immigration status. Help Massachusetts establish a similar practice.

House bill H. 3456/Senate bill S.2289, the [Work and Family Mobility Act](#), has until **Friday, March 4, 2022**, to be reported favorably out of the Joint Transportation Committee. You can call your state legislators or the Joint Transportation Committee to ask for their support of this bill.

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Rolf Larson has brought beauty to our Zoom worship bulletins and to our website with his own photos as well as with reprints of religious images created by global artists. Now we have an opportunity to see examples of his landscape photography. Mask up and venture out to Wellesley this month!

## Rolf Larson Photography

*Boston, New England & Beyond*



### Solo Exhibit at Wellesley Free Library

**Location:** Wellesley Free Library, First Floor Lobby  
(Main Library at 530 Washington Street)  
**When:** February 1 - 28, 2022  
**Library Hours:** Monday -Thursday 9 to 9  
Friday 9 to 6  
Saturday 9 to 5  
Sunday 1 to 5

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**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

February 6, 2022

First Reading

***Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]***

Hymn for the Psalm

***Heaven Opened for Isaiah***

Second Reading

***1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

Gospel

***Luke 5:1-11***



***The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor***

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