

Christ Lutheran Church Community News

March 9, 2022

CLC Transition

The CAT Is Coming!

Be on the lookout for a letter from the Transition Team detailing the Transition Process including the important first step, a **self-survey** which goes by the acronym “CAT” for “*Congregational Assessment Tool*.”

If CLC has your current email address, within a few days following receipt of the letter you will receive an email with a unique web link to the survey. If you prefer to use a paper copy, please notify the church office.

It is important for each individual CLC member of a household to take the survey. Our Individual responses will be anonymous, but **our collective responses will provide an important assessment of the range of perceptions and perspectives within the congregation**. If you have questions, contact any member of the Transition Team using the contact information at the end of the letter.

--Transition team: George Hall, Lisa Eck, Phil Roberts, Amy Lousararian, Russell Pollard, Cathy Gallagher

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Beginning **Sunday, March 13** and continuing during the season of Lent, we will be using the musical portions of Liturgy Setting 12 from *All Creation Sings*: Kyrie, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus and Lamb of God. Setting 12 was composed by Anne Krentz Organ, Music Director for St. Luke Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, IL, where she leads a multi-faceted music program. We have often used her arrangements and compositions for bell choir and organ at Christ Lutheran.

Mezzo-soprano Gail Weston-Roberts sings a setting by Tom Trenney of the African-American Spiritual “Give Me Jesus” (see ELW 770) this Sunday, March 13 during the Distribution. Trenney is music director for First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, NE.

Hymns for Sunday, March 13 Lent 2

Gathering Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise* ELW 831 vv1 and 2

Hymn of the Day: *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 613 vv1 and 3

Offertory Hymn: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW 186

Adult Formation

CLC Book Group, Monday, April 25, 7:30 pm

The next selection is the book *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness*, by journalist Jennifer Berry Hawes. This is the story of how, beyond the headlines about the shooting at Mother Emanuel, a community of people begins to heal.

Make **Lenten Devotions** a daily practice Mondays through Fridays during the pilgrimage of Lent. Russell Pollard leads the first two weeks of meditations. Find them in your email inbox under the heading “Need some inspiration today?” Also available on the Christ Lutheran Church home page at the website, www.christnatick.org.

Looking Ahead

The purple Lenten paraments hanging on the altar table and pulpit remind us of Cambodian and Laotian refugees living in border camps in Thailand in 1986. A member of a congressional delegation visiting those camps purchased raw silk in Bangkok to be stitched into these memorial cloths.

Soon to be added to the nave are the photographs and stories of migrants that members of CLC met along the El Paso border in 2019. Take the time to read their stories and reflect on the ways we can help.

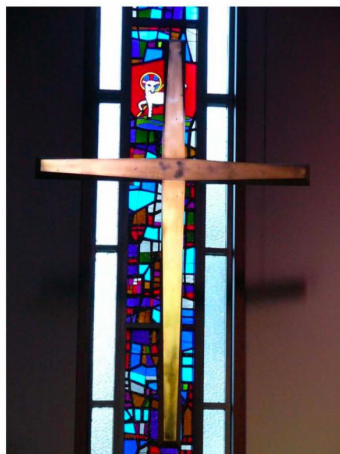
Now in 2022 we offer up prayers each Sunday for the loss and devastation experienced by Ukrainians fleeing into Eastern Europe. As we journey through Lent we are surrounded by the signs and symbols of those we are called by Christ to serve.

We welcome the staff of Family Promise who will be gathering in our parish hall on Wednesdays from 9-12 where they will camp out while their Mulligan Street headquarters undergoes renovations. If you are in the building on Wednesdays, be sure to say hello.

On **Saturday evening, March 12**, two CLC members (Kim Petot and Mary Wolf plus former member Jeff Pearson) will be singing with Chorus Pro Musica at Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street, Boston.

Register [here](#).

Lenten Devotions



Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, Russell Pollard, Rev. John Stendahl and Rev. Richard Hurst will offer readings, reflections and prayers each weekday. Each Lenten Devotion concludes with a musical offering recorded by a CLC member or friend. The Devotions will be available through our website christnatick.org and through a link sent each day by e-mail. Consider making the CLC Lenten Devotions part of your forty day pilgrimage through Lent.

Call to Action

Help Wanted:

Seeking a "shutter bug" for CLC. If you like to take candid photos with your camera or phone, let Gretchen Rowley, our administrative assistant, know. The church needs one or two people taking photos at events so we can share on Facebook, Instagram, and website what a lively, welcoming community CLC is!

Celeste Larson is **seeking volunteers to assist in the nursery** on Sunday mornings.

All who sign up will be required to undergo a CORI check in compliance with the Safe Church policy.

Help Others:

Lutheran Disaster Response is partnering with interfaith organizations and churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia to respond to the crisis in Ukraine.

Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Spring forward this Saturday! Set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March 13, 2022

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

For the Psalm

Psalm 27

Second Reading
Philippians 3:17--4:1

Gospel
Luke 13:31-35

*The Rev David Hulse, Interim
Pastor*



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