

Welcome to Boston Campus Connections at First Lutheran Church!

We are delighted to welcome you as you start the academic year here in Boston. Arriving in a new city and starting a new phase in your study and career can be a challenge! For 176 years First Lutheran Church of Boston has been supporting students coming to Boston. Many of our church members and leaders started coming here as students. We hope you'll also feel at home at First Lutheran through Sunday worship, Bible study lunches, and many other great ways to make connections that matter!

We hope you'll join us this fall for:

- A special welcome **dinner on Sunday, September 20th** from 5-7pm at the College Club of Boston (44 Commonwealth Ave. - $\frac{1}{2}$ block from church), which will give you the opportunity to meet students from across Boston, including those who've been here a while already
- College student/young adult **Bible study** and lunch following the Sunday 11am service starting **September 27th** (every week through December 6th) led by Pr. D and Nik Locker
- A trip to New Hampshire to hike **Mt. Major** and ride the **Gunstock zipline on Saturday, October 17th** (leaving FLC at 6am sharp - pack a lunch!)
- Thanksgiving dinner with other students and church members for those who can't make it back home but might not want to find out how dorm turkey tastes...
- And of course, please join in the many opportunities for participating in worship and service to our community - choir, lectoring, ushering, altar service, helping serve dinners for the blind ministry, participating in community service events, to name just a few - let us know what special talents you're able to share!

We encourage you to take a look at our website <http://flc-boston.org/> to get an idea of what we're all about. We hope we can be your spiritual home during your time here, and if there is any other way the congregation or we may be of assistance to you, please let us know.

In addition, Pastor Dutzmann is available to offer pastoral support, is closely involved in the running of Boston Campus Connections, and can visit your own campus.

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Students and former students at First Lutheran Church have conspired to produce a short list of fun stuff to do around town. Boston is known as a city of neighborhoods, and there is always something to do that is close at hand. Here are a few popular activities in our own neighborhoods, in downtown Boston, and in the Boston area. Enjoy!

Free Activities

- **Classical music** throughout the year by Boston Landmarks Orchestra
- **Museum of Fine Arts** after 4pm on Wednesdays
- **Shakespeare on the Common** in July and August - bring a picnic!
- **Movies** at the Hatch Shell on Fridays in the summer

- **Concerts** at the Hatch Shell on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the summer
- The best way to see the July 4th Hatch Shell concert is the **July 3rd rehearsal**
- The quietest place to **study** is the Boston Public Library Reading Room, in Copley Square
- Check with your college or university for free or special entry to **museums**
- Check **boston.com** for their list of free stuff around town

Fun things to do in town

- Relax with a book and blanket in the **Public Garden**, on the **Esplanade** in the Back Bay, or in the park at **Post Office Square** at the corner of Milk and Congress Streets
- When it's hot, cool off and chill out with your feet in the **Copley Square fountain**
- Take a long walk or a bike ride (or snowshoel) at the **Arboretum** by the Forest Hills stop at the end of the Orange Line. It's right by the T stop and there is a schedule of free public tours.
- Take a relaxing walk around **Jamaica Pond** in Jamaica Plain
- **Alternative Movie Theatres**
 - Coolidge Corner Theatre, in Brookline
 - Brattle Theatre, in Harvard square
 - Kendall Square Cinema, near Kendall Square (map this one before you go)
- **Live Theatres**
 - Sander's Theater in Harvard
 - Loeb Drama Center in Harvard
 - Lyric Stage Opera at Copley

Fun things to do out of town:

With a car

- Hike in **New Hampshire**, especially the Presidential range - get the White Mountain Club Guidebook for maps, hiking times, where to park, and many useful details
- Tour **Cape Ann** including Halibut Point, Rockport, Ipswich, Gloucester, and Newburyport
- Shop the outlet storés and have seafood in **Kittery or Freeport, Maine**
- Explore the **National Wildlife Refuge** on Plum Island (near Newburyport, MA)
- Sightsee in **Newport, Rhode Island**
- Hike in the **Blue Hills Reservation** just outside of town
- Take a weekend trip to **Montreal** (about 4 ½ hours away)

Without a car

- Watch the sun set over Boston and see the lighthouses from the MBTA **water shuttle** from Long Wharf to Quincy Naval Yard. Stay on the shuttle at Quincy to save money.
- Visit the **Harbor Islands State Park** with a picnic lunch. It's a short ferry ride from Long Wharf by the Aquarium. Take a flashlight to explore the fort on **George's Island**.
- Lounge on the beautiful **Singing Beach** at Manchester-by-the-Sea on the North Shore. It's about an hour train ride and a 10 minute walk from the train station, and there are public restrooms and showers, as well as a couple of restaurants near the station.
- See the shore and browse the shops in **Rockport**, at the end of the commuter rail on Cape Ann.

Useful Links

www.flc-boston.org

www.ccel.org

www.cityofboston.gov/visitors/

www.mbta.com

First Lutheran Church of Boston

Christian Classics Ethereal Library

Visitor info - see their 'Things to Do' link

T schedules, maps, and free apps