**For the week of**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**Welcome to Worship**

╬ **We are happy to have you with us** and wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please contact our church office, 440-933-6263.

╬ **Attention families:** We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you or your children need a break, we have Wiggle Beach off to the left of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you.

╬ **We honor our military among us.** Please lift in prayer all who serve in the military, past and present, along with their loved ones. Currently serving: Marty Koch, Coast Guard.

**Prayers**

╬ **For prayer requests** please fill out a prayer request form found in the gathering area and place it in the offering plate during the service, contact Sharon Davidson at 440-933-3923, skid440@yahoo.com or contact the church office.

**CELC Call Committee Update**

╬ **The discernment process continues.** Our Call Committee continues to meet, to spend much time in prayer and in listening and watching for God, as we together with our primary candidates, try to discern who is to be our next pastor. Thank you for uniting in prayer with us, as we and our candidates continue the work of discernment.

**Congregation News**

╬ **Christ Lutheran church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt** for the kids of good kids childcare and Christ Lutheran preschool on Friday, March 22nd from 6pm-7pm. If you are interested in volunteering to fill eggs please come Wednesday night March 13th at 5pm.If you are interested in volunteering for the event or participating with your family please sign up on the outreach board entering the preschool area. Any questions- contact Kristen Luciano, Kristen.a.Luciano@gmail.com

**╬ CELC Council is looking for three members to join the nominating committee.** The nominating committee will prayerfully consider other church members to nominate and to serve as the next council President and financial chair. Currently Ryan Smarsh has been serving as the Council President and Eric Mohney has been serving as the financial chair. Both Ryan and Eric started serving in their roles November 2020. Due to COVID and the delay in the 2020 election, both agreed to stay on council to bring us back to the current election cycle. If interested in serving on the nominating committee, please see any member of church council. Elections will be held May 5 at the Spring Congregational Meeting.

╬ **The CELC Council is looking for two representatives** from our church to attend the annual Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly. This year, Synod Assembly will be held Saturday June 1 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Please see any member of church council if interested.

╬ **We welcome all members to participate in the reading of the Passion Story** according to Saint Mark, Mark 14:1-15:47 NRSV on Plam Sunday, March 24. Everyone present will have the opportunity to be one of a group of eyewitnesses, including the Chief Priests, the Disciples, Accusers, Bystanders, the crowd or the soldiers. Individual reading parts are available for those who would like to read the part of the Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Judas, the High Priests, the Servant Girl, Pilate or the Centurion. If you would like to offer your gifts as an individual reader, please choose a part and sign-up and get your script after worship at the hospitality table in the Gathering Space. Sue Frantz will be happy to assist you.

╬ **Although the Book Study/Discussion Groups have ended,** our work has only begun. A list was made of 26 ways our congregation could be more intentional about serving God as the church in our community and in the world. The Fall Group initiated one suggestion, our church’s 8:26 p.m. prayer time. The unity in prayer is proving to be powerful. Another suggestion to be more supportive of our preschool, its teacher, parents and children are being explored, and acted on.

Over-riding the book studies and all, is the example of the first church as described in Acts 1 and 2. The disciples gathered, heard the Word, worshipped, prayed, sang, shared meals and fellowship, sent people out to care for those in need, and they waited for God. This is what Jesus told the first church to do – to wait. During our 75th Anniversary Celebration Worship Bishop Barbins admonished us to do the same. We are to gather, hear the Word, worship, pray, sing, share meals, fellowship, send people out to care for others, and to wait for God. It is an active waiting and watching; listening for and hearing what God’s will is for us and how we are to respond. “God is God. We are not God.” We are not the star of our story. God is the star. And no matter what, we are assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

We have only begun. Please watch for opportunities beyond worship and prayer to gather and be God’s church. …Perhaps sharing our gifts of hospitality and God’s love during the Eclipse is an opportunity us to be the church in this world.

**CELC Preschool News**

╬**The PRESCHOOL ART SHOW is coming!** Make sure that your calendar has Friday, March 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm highlighted! Each of our 106 students will have at least 5 projects displayed.  In addition to the art, we will have a raffle. You can help by donating a wrapped prize basket or donating a gift card to an area restaurant, store, or business. The gift cards will be used to make gift card raffle baskets. Please drop your donations off in the church office before March 8. Contact Teri Pienoski, the preschool administrator, at 440-933-6714 with any questions. More info about the ART SHOW and how you can purchase raffle tickets will be sent out at a later date.

**CELC Highschool Youth**

**╬ Hey CELC Youth,** I am working on our next youth event. Looking at Sunday February 25 **or** Sunday March 10, meeting after church, around 12:30/1pm. I am going to need to RSVP for this, I need your RSVP. I need you to let me know which day works best for you and then also which activity we should do. Here are your choices:

**Sandbox VR at Croker Park**

Squid Games, up to 6 Players

**Or The Escape Game at Crocker Park**

Special Ops: Mysterious Market, up to 8 players

I need all the votes turned in today, Sunday, February 18, by 10 p.m. You can text me at 330-635-4783 or email me at mrshnordman@gmail.com



**2024 Lent Schedule**

**Palm Sunday- 10 A.M. March 24th**

**Maundy Thursday- 5:30 P.M. March 28th** Children, youth, and their families are invited to bake bread before the service. Gather at 5:30 and meet in the kitchen.

**Maundy Thursday- 7 P.M. March 28th**

**Good Friday Cross walk- 5 P.M.** at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church 32929 Lake Rd.

**Good Friday- 7 P.M. March 29th**

**Easter Morning- 10 A.M. March 31st** Bring cut flowers from your yard or purchase some cut flowers to be used to decorate the flowering cross! Bring them to the cross in front of the Altar by 9:45 on Easter morning to be included for the service.

**Healing Service- 10 A.M. March 10th** prayers of healing will be available during our regular service.

**Sunday Mornings Feb 18th- March 24th 9 AM** Special Lent activities for all ages!  Each week will include: Breakfast treats and drinks. A bible verse to meditate on, memorize and questions to discuss. An activity, craft or art to work on.

**Congregation Calendar**

**Sunday, February 18**

9:00 a.m. Special Lent Activity

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship/Bells Play

10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School

**Wednesday, February 21**

6:15 p.m. Bells

8:26 p.m. Unite in Prayer

**Friday, February 23**

Pastor’s day off

**Sunday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. Special Lent Activity

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship/Bells Play

10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School

**Christ Lutheran Preschool**

Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

**Good Kids Childcare Calendar**

Monday-Friday7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Worship Assistants and Volunteers**

February 18

Greeters:

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Tim Neumann

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker: Kristi Neumann

February 25

Greeters:

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Sue Frantz

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Brenda Crout

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker: Laura Knight

March 3

Greeters:

Usher: Chip Crout

Lector: Eric Klenz

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

March 10

Greeters:

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Betsy Floyd

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Chuck Heindrichs

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

March 17

Greeters:

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Johanna Markko

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker: Laura Knight

March 24 Palm Sunday

Greeters:

Usher: Ryan Smarsh and Eric Mohney

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Greeters:

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector:

Cantor:  Rob Pedersen

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Bread Maker:

March 29 Good Friday

Greeters:

Usher:

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Cullers

March 31 Easter Sunday

Greeters:

Usher: Chip Crout and Brian Knip

Lector: Ron Jantz

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Julie Skaggs

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

April 7

Greeters:

Usher: Eric Mohney

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding:

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

April 14

Greeters:

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Betsy Floyd

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Erik Klenz

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding:

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

April 21

Greeters:

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector:

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream:

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding:

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

April 28

Greeters:

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor:

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Brenda Crout

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding:

SS Teachers:

Bread Maker:

