



The Messenger

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2023

Congregation News

Call Committee Update

✚ Pastor Mitch Phillips, the Assistant to the Bishop who is working with us to find our next pastor was sent to review of our congregation's Ministry Profile Site (MSP). He has a number of suggestions for its improvement before it is published for rostered minister candidates to read and learn about us. Our Call Committee will be working to refine our MSP and to submit, what we hope will be, our final draft. This time is an anxious time for us. We are all anxious for our new pastor to be in place. Let's do what we can. That is, let us unite in prayer as we wait, remembering and trusting that God's timing is perfect.

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Christian Ed News

Please pray for our upcoming Sunday school year. Is God calling you to help with Sunday school this year? We are in need of help in all areas of the program to engage and learn along with our children.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting
Minutes July 10, 2023**

Draft version. Minutes not officially approved until the following Congregation Council meeting.

Present: Pastor Laura Kuntz, Ryan Smarsh, Amy Lodge, Chuck Heindrichs, Eric Mohny, Tim Gottshall and Katie Koch

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the June 5, 2023 Congregation Council Meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Financials thru June 30, 2023

	June	YTD	
Income	\$25,260	\$117,305	
Expenses	\$18,715	\$126,864	
Net Income	\$6,545	-\$9559	
Organ Loan	\$20,171	Pledges Reserve of 6/30/2023	\$2,424
External Funds	\$831,179	(As of 5/31/2023)	
Internal Funds	\$42,520		

Property

Tim Gottshall reported the sanctuary exterior doors were sanded and restained in June, and a couple other maintenance tasks were completed. Property will hold its next meeting next week on July 17.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura reported she will be taking a week of vacation in July, and a week combined with continuing education in August. Supply pastors have already been arranged. She is currently not planning any long term goals as the call committee is progressing with their search.

Previous Business

The call committee has submitted the church's ministry profile; no one is aware of any candidates at this time. It was discussed to apply to the Endowment Committee to create a new internal fund of \$2000 for interviewing and hosting pastoral candidates. Any money leftover would be added to the New Pastor Reception Fund.

Chuck Heindrichs reached out to Synod regarding the portable sound system. Synod will be publishing it in their next e-newsletter and Chuck will be the contact person.

New Business

Starting August 1, 2023, the church and preschool will be using a new bookkeeper/accounting firm, located in Avon Lake.

Chuck Heindrichs discussed the cost of the Lutheran West High School Association membership and student fees for the last half of 2022-2023 school year, and the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: To withdraw \$7400 from the Mitchell E&E Fund to support membership and student fees to Lutheran West High School Association.

Motion: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion: Ryan Smarsh

Motion passed.

Chuck Heindrichs met with the new insurance representative. They discussed taking pictures of assets and what needs to be added to the insurance policy.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chuck Heindrichs

Second: Amy Lodge

Motion passed.

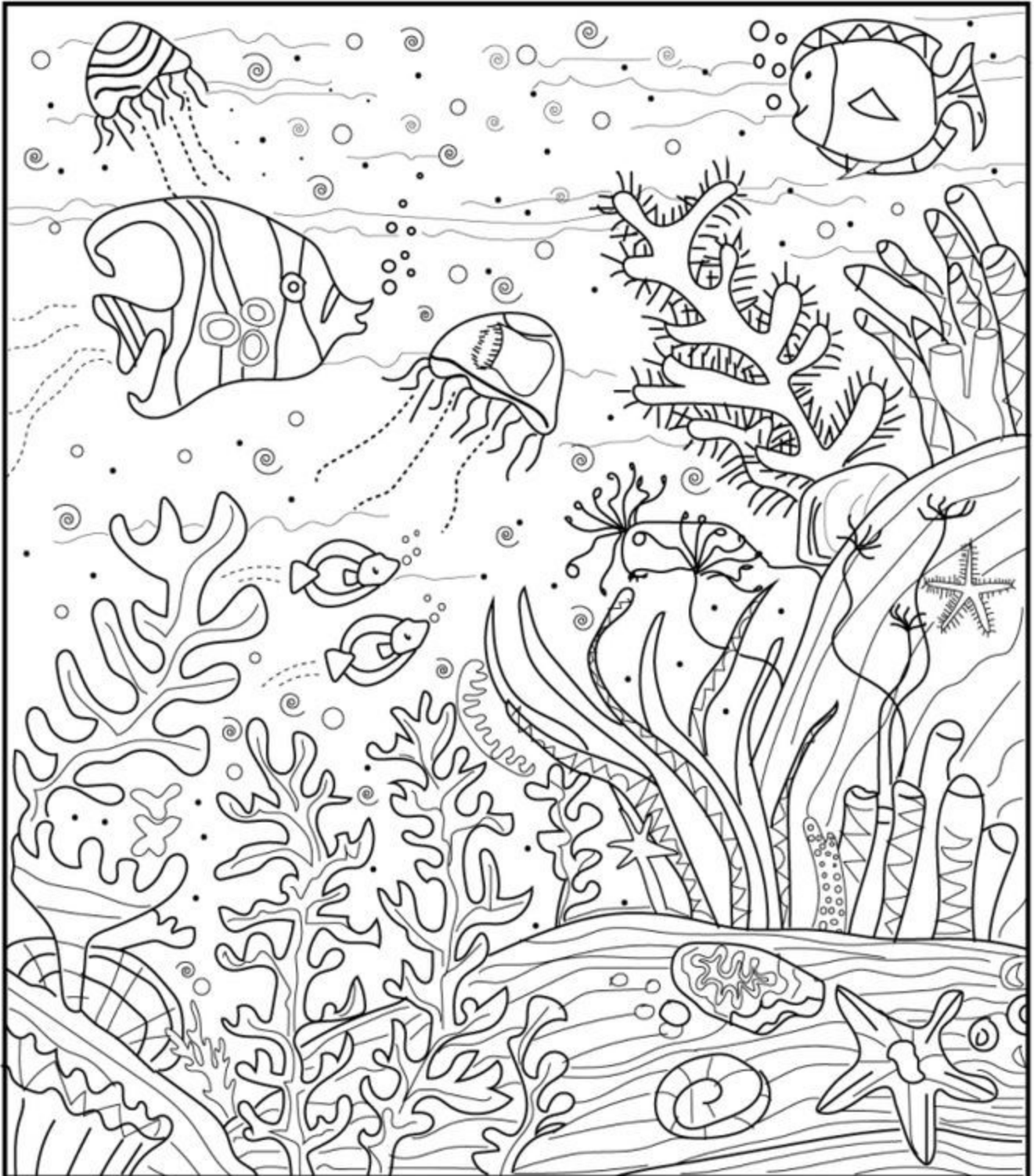
Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Koch
Secretary


August 2023 Birthdays

Annelise K	1		
Ruth R	7		
Brandon K	9	James R	20
Janice W	9	Leslie P	21
Joachim H	11	John S	26
Brenda C	15	Joe M	28
Loretta H	17	Rob P	28
Debbie B	20		
Beth L	20		



Find the hidden objects





A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
thank you for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am
or what I am doing.

Warm my soul
with the awareness of your presence
and light my path
with your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

Author Unknown

August 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:0 a.m. Holy Worship	31	1	2	3	4 Pastor's day off <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 10:0 a.m. Holy Worship Rev. Conner	7	8	9	10	11 Pastor's day off	12
13 10:0 a.m. Holy Worship Rev. Breyley	14	15 7:00 p.m. CELC Preschool parent meeting <i>Newsletter dead- line</i>	16	17	18 Pastor's day off <i>Office Closed</i>	19
20 10:0 a.m. Holy Worship	21 <i>Office closed</i>	22	23	24	25 Pastor's day off	26
27 10:0 a.m. Holy Worship	28	29 6:00 p.m. CELC Preschool meet the teacher night	30	31	1 Pastor's day off	2

Assisting Opportunities



IN WORSHIP

August 6

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Grass: [Keith Dils and Eric Yonkof](#)

August 13

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Anita Hlava
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Eric Mohney
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Grass: Bob Olds and Eric Mohney

August 20

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Frank Lee
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Grass: Tim Gottshall and Chip Crout

August 27

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Chuck Heindrichs
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Grass: Rob Nordman and Dan Ingraham

September 3

Usher: Chip Crout

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
Grass: Frank Lee and Brian Knip

September 10

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Julie Skaggs
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
Grass: Marty Koch

September 17

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
Grass: Chuck Heindrichs and Andy Young

September 24

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector:

Cantor:

Live Stream:

Counter: Eric Klenz
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
Grass: Keith Dils and Eric Yonkof

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Worship
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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✚ Christ Lutheran Preschool Needs Your Help! Help us get the word out that we have openings for fall for children ages 30 months to 5 years. Two, 3 and 4 day options are available depending on the age of the child. We also offer a full day pre-k option. Scholarships are available for our 2 Day Pre-k class for families with a financial need. Please ask your friends and family to call Teri at the preschool at 440-933-6714 for more information or to schedule a tour. We are a Christian based Five Star (the highest) Step Up to Quality rated preschool in our community.

We are also hiring a Lead Pre-K teacher, an aide and a cleaning person. All positions are part time. Please call the preschool at 440-933-6714 or more information.