

The Messenger

CELC

MARCH 2023

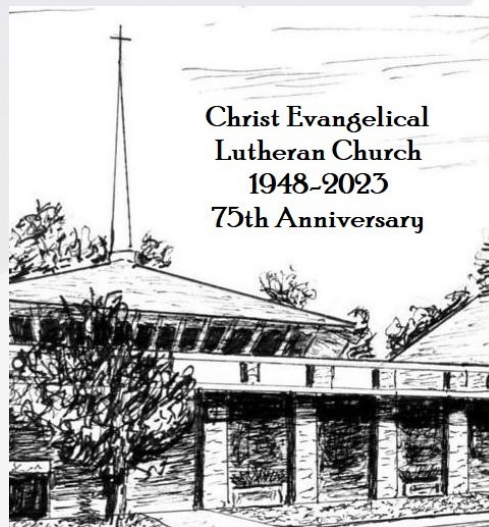


March Birthdays

Lisa B	1
Sarah S	3
Vera B	5
Sandy Roth	6
Frank L	12
Barbara D	13
Norma M	13
Andy Y	14
Jeremy C	21
Charles M	22
Pat M	22
Keith D	24
Howard P	24
Olivia K	28
John P. Jr.	29
Marilyn Tinney	30
Hannah F	31

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Celebrating CELC's 75th Anniversary in 2023. We will have a celebration on Sunday, April 30.

Please See Ryan Smarsh for more information.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023**

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

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

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the December 5, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Motion: Tim Gottshall

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financials for December 31, 2022 (Total)

	December	YTD	
Income	\$20,753	\$280,079	
Expenses	\$22,529	\$295,281	
Net Income	-\$1,776	-\$15,202	
Organ Loan	\$22,392 (\$475/month)	Pledges as of 12/31/2022	\$1,894
External Funds	\$790,047		
Internal Funds	\$50,593		

Chuck Heindrichs reported that \$10,000 will be divided evenly to each of the four benevolences (\$2,500 each), and the NEO Synod will receive \$5,000 for the Mission Partner.

Property

Tim Gottshall reported that the Property Committee met in December and developed a plan for 2023. They will meet again in January to finalize their plan and divide up jobs, both inside and outside.

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Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura reported that five of the seven Confirmation students have picked their mentors, and classes are going well. A date for Confirmation Sunday has not yet been picked.

Previous Business

Council completed the Annual Report to the NEOS.

New Business

Council discussed entering Phase 2 of the Interim Period. Ryan Smarsh will be in contact with Pastor Smith to get more information about how to proceed with the call process (Transition Team and Call Committee).

The recognition of the Church's 75th Anniversary will be Sunday, February 5, 2023, and the celebration will be Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Due to Covid and delayed elections, Council terms and elections no longer align with the Constitution. Council set dates for future elections of each council position. Amy will draft a letter to inform the congregation of each member's standing, when their term limit is up, and when elections will be held for each position.

Due to the lack of a formal Altar Committee, it has been decided that instead of ordering flowers for Easter services, members of the congregation can bring their own flowers in to make a flower cross.

Announcements through March have been assigned. Announcements, along with wording in the bulletin, will now include the mention of the offering plates in the back of the Sanctuary.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Tim Gottshall

Motion passed.

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, Secretary

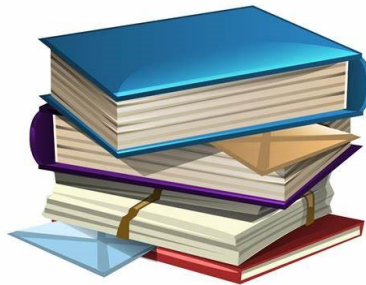
Congregation News

✠ **1st Communion instruction and refresher for ANY age youth: Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall and hear about why Jesus asked us to celebrate this meal. Make your own loaf of communion bread.

✠ **Healing Service** Sunday, March 26. After receiving communion everyone will have the opportunity to have individual prayer and anointing of oil with Pastor Laura.

✠ **Flowers for Easter.** The church will not be placing a large order for Easter flowers this year. Instead, we invite anyone who would like to bring potted flowers to display on Easter morning. You can drop them off during office hours or when the church is open any time April 2-8. Place them in the room by the library next to the sanctuary. If you would like flowers but aren't able to purchase them or bring them in yourself, please reach out to someone who might be able to help, or if you are willing to buy flowers on someone else's behalf please reach out to others or let the office know.

✠ **Flowering Cross Easter Sunday, April 9.** On Sunday morning we will have a special cross to adorn with flowers at the beginning of the service. Everyone is invited to bring cut flowers from their yard, or a store and we will decorate the cross together.



Christin Education News

✠ **Pastor Laura will lead "Speaking Our Faith" book study.** There will be two small groups exploring ways to learn to talk more deeply about our faith. Our time will include fun activities like show and tell, and reflective and challenging assignments like writing a statement of faith. Each group will meet for 5 weeks for an hour and a half, with a follow up gathering one month later. Choose either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. **Tuesday Evenings** at 6:00 p.m. February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 25. Or **Wednesday Mornings** at 10:00 a.m. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 26. If you would like to participate, **please sign up** in the communication corner or call the office and let Heather or Pastor Laura know.

Congregation News

Amazon Ends AmazonSmile Charity Program.

Amazon has announced that it is ending its charity donation program by February 20th of 2023. The program, Amazon Smile allowed users of Amazon Prime to make their usual purchases and select a non-profit to receive 0.5% of that purchase. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church had been on the list to be selected. Amazon started this program in 2013 and has sent \$400 million dollars to U.S. charities. In 2022, the average donation per charity was \$230. Amazon felt that with more than one million charities globally, the program was spread to thin to make an impact.

Voting Member

The pastoral call process is moving into Phase 3: Entering the Call Process. Included in this phase is the Call Committee formation. The work of the Call Committee is lengthy and could extend from 6 months to a year and In the end, a Congregational meeting will be held with a call vote by 'voting members' of the church. Chapter 8 of the Constitution of the church defines voting members as follows: Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Member of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.



Property News

☩ **Calling all current and future lawn maintenance volunteers.** There will be a short meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. to discuss the upcoming lawn cutting season and any updated information needed to be shared. Please contact Bob Olds at 440-522-2615 or olds109@gmail.com.

Lent Schedule

April 2 **Palm Sunday**
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Holy Week

April 6 **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 p.m. Holy Worship

Traditionally this evening is when our church celebrates and welcomes those partaking in their First Communion. Anyone wanting to celebrate their First Communion on this evening please contact Pastor Laura.

April 7 **Good Friday**
7:00 p.m. Holy Worship

Easter Sunday

April 9 **Easter**
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

March 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	27	28 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura	1 10 a.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir	2 7:00 p.m. Pre- school Parent Education Night	3 Pastor's day off	4
5 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	6 6:30 p.m. Council	7 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura	8 10 a.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir	9 Preschool Fam- ily Bowling Night	10 Pastor's day off Office Closed	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	13 Office Closed	14 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura	15 10 a.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir	16	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	20	21 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura	22 Newsletter deadline 10 a.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir	23 7:00 p.m. Pre- school Board	24 Pastor's day off	25
26 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	27	28 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura	29 10 a.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir	30	31 5:00 p.m. Pre- school Art Show Pastor's day off	1

March 5

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Sharon Davidson
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

March 12

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector: Bob Olds
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Eric Mohney
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

March 19

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

March 26

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Tim Gottshall
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Counter: Eric Klenz
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch



April 2, Palm Sunday

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 6, Maundy Thursday

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector:
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 7, Good Friday

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 9, Easter

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Ron Jantz
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Counter: Chuck Heindrichs
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 16

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Tim Gottshall
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 23

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 30

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Counter: Eric Mohney
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

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Worship

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages

9:15 a.m.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

