



CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of Sunday,
February 12, 2023**

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; and Dylan Lysefski, Army.

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.

Call Committee News

✚ **The purpose of the Call Committee** is to identify the candidate who is best suited to accompany the congregation into God's future. The work of the committee is that of discernment. Therefore, the work of the committee must be done prayerfully, and the people on the committee must be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. The Call Committee is not looking for the "best and brightest" candidate; rather, they are looking for the "right" candidate for this particular congregation. Please listen to some of the details included in this task and ask yourself if that is something you are interested in or would like to encourage someone else to consider.

The Call Committee is expected ...

- To be in prayerful discernment throughout the call process, calling upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.
- To develop a Ministry Site Profile which faithfully describes the congregation, its mission and vision, and

the needed leadership skills and gifts of a pastor or deacon to work with them toward that mission.

- To interview prospective candidates whose names are offered by the bishop's staff with the goal of finding a person who will lead the congregation in its mission.
- To check candidates' references.
- To faithfully represent the congregation to prospective candidates, describing its history, its weaknesses, and its strengths.
- To deliberate with each other throughout the process, keeping in mind the health of the congregation and its faithfulness as a part of the Body of Christ.
- To recommend to the congregation a candidate for call who reflects the ability to be their leader and their partner in mission and ministry.

It is important for the committee as a whole to understand that each individual has a bias, and to challenge each member to see beyond their own unique wants toward the greater good of the whole. Encourage one another to open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit moving within the Call Committee for the sake of the congregation's mission and vision.

One of the benefits and responsibilities of the committee is to build relationships with each other. Take time to learn what gifts and skills each member brings to the work of calling a minister. Because of the cross-section of people on the committee, it is likely that each will learn something about the other and his or her ministry.

The frequency of meeting depends on how the committee plans to process the Ministry Site Profile and the variables of preparing for interviewing. Meeting once every two weeks is a good baseline to consider. Each meeting should begin with devotions and prayer. Devotions should be intentional, not rushed. Inviting God into the conversation and opening one's ears to hear God's invitation are vital components to this process.

Please prayerfully consider if you are interested and able to be on this committee and let someone on church council know if you would like to have your name considered.

Congregation News

✚ **Celebrating CELC's 75th Anniversary in 2023.** We will have a celebration on Sunday, April 30. Please See Ryan Smarsh for more information.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Christin Education News

‡ Today we rejoice with our Sunday school students who received their Bibles today. Thank you to Julie Pressnell for teaching and leading these young lives.

‡ **2023 VBS is coming soon!** It's never too early to think about Vacation Bible School. We will be using the "Stellar" curriculum prepared by Group Publishing. VBS will be held June 12-16 (tentatively). We need volunteers to make this mission possible. Please prayerfully consider how you will support this amazing outreach. Please find a volunteer sign up sheet in the gather area near the communication corner.

Thank You's

‡ **The Gift of Hospitality is Alive at CELC.** Thank you to all who are volunteering to take part in hosting the Northeast Ohio Synod Council on Saturday, March 25. Bill Higgins is hosting the breakfast. Julie Pressnell is coordinating the volunteers for the lunch. Thank you, Bill, Julie and all!

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.

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, February 12

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Wednesday, February 15

6:15 p.m. Bells

Friday, February 17

Pastor's day off

Sunday, February 19

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Christ Lutheran Preschool

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

Good Kids Childcare Calendar

Monday-Friday 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Worship Assistants and Volunteers

February 12

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Bob Olds
Cantor: Johanna Markko
Counter: Brenda Crout
Live Stream: Barb McCcain
Altar Care: Nadine Carlson
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

February 19

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Nadine Carlson
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

February 26

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Counter: Julie Skaggs
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Nadine Carlson
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

March 5

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

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