



CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of Sunday,
February 26, 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

✚ **Lent services: Maundy Thursday**, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday**, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Cross Walk (TBA).

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

✠ **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 fresh cut flowers from their yard, or a store and we will decorate the cross together.

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

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.

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 26

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 p.m. Small Group

Wednesday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Small Group

6:15 p.m. Bells

7:00 p.m. Lawn meeting

Friday, March 3

Pastor's day off

Sunday, March 5

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 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

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

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