



# CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of  
Sunday, March 17, 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 call process and discernment continue. Our church council and staff are doing much to aid in discerning who will be our next pastor. It is imperative that confidence continue to be maintained. Thank you to all who are participating, praying for God's direction on this journey.

## Congregation News

✚ **Mic Checks and Rehearsal for the Passion Reading, Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024** All who have volunteered to read character parts for our reading of the Passion Story on Palm Sunday, March 24, please come to the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. for sound checks using the microphones. We want all parts to be heard. At 9:30 am, we will run-through the Passion Story reading with all readers, including the crowd leaders, to ensure all are confident about their part and location, which microphone to use and the choreography necessary. Thank you for your time and effort to join in giving our best for the One who gave His best for us all.

✚ **The potted palm plants are available to loving homes.** We are asking for a donation of \$5 per small plant and \$30 per large-sized ones. These plants are available on a first come first served basis. They may go home with you after the Easter service.

✚ **Flowers for Easter.** 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 March 25-28. Place them in the room by the library next to the sanctuary.

✚ **Fresh cut flowering cross for Easter Sunday, March 31.** 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.

✚ **The Church Council has decided to suspend in-person services on Sunday, April 7.** This is the day before the solar eclipse, we are unsure what the traffic flow will be like as our church location is projected to bring a large volume of visitors. The service will be prerecorded and put on our streaming services at 10:00. The prerecord service will be based off the lessons and hymns for April 7, the Second Sunday of Easter.

✚ **Change of date and time for communion bread making.** It has been changed from before the service on Mundy Thursday to **meeting after the service on Palm Sunday.** For more information or to sign up please see Pastor Laura.

✚ **Christ Lutheran church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt** on Friday, March 22nd from 6pm-7pm. If you are interested in volunteering for the event or participating with your family please sign up on the outreach board.

✚ **CELC Council is looking for three members to join the nominating committee.** Please see any member of church council with any questions.

✚ **The CELC Council is looking for a female representative** from our church to attend the annual Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly on Saturday June 1. Please see any member of church council if interested.

## Sunday School News

✚ **There will be no Sunday School** on Palm Sunday, March 24 or Easter, March 31.

✚ **Wiggle Beach bags notice.** Please take a moment and clear out your child's Wiggle Beach bag to ensure room for the Church Mouse to drop off surprises. If you no longer wish your child to receive Wiggle Beach surprises, please let the church office know. Thank you.

## VBS News

✚ **VBS will be held this year June 24-June 28.**

## CELC Preschool News

✚ **Our preschool director, Terri Pienoski, is retiring** after 25 years of service and dedication to our education and community outreach. Please help us to recognize and

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honor Terri's with a congregational gift. The church council is collecting donations towards this gift and will accept them until April 15. Please mark any donation as retirement gift. Terri's final day with the preschool is May 31.

☩**The PRESCHOOL ART SHOW is coming!** Make sure that your calendar has Friday, March 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm. 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.

### **2024 Lent Schedule**

**Palm Sunday- 10 a.m. March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Bread Making- 11:30 a.m. March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday- 7 p.m. March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday Cross walk- 5 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 32929 Lake Rd.

**Good Friday- 7 p.m. March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Morning- 10 a.m. March 31<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**Last Special Lent Activity is this Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.**

### **Congregation Calendar**

#### **Sunday, March 17**

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, March 20**

5:00 p.m. Easter Egg Filling

6:15 p.m. Bells

8:26 p.m. Unite in Prayer

#### **Friday, March 22**

Pastor's day off

5:00 p.m. Preschool Art Show

6:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

#### **Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

11:30 a.m. Communion Bread Making

### **Christ Lutheran Preschool**

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

### **Good Kids Childcare Calendar**

Monday-Friday 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## **Worship Assistants and Volunteers**

### **March 17**

#### **Greeters:**

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh

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

#### **Bread Maker:**

### **March 28 Maundy Thursday**

#### **Greeters:**

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Bread Maker: Laura Knight

### **March 29 Good Friday**

#### **Greeters:**

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

### **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

#### **Bread Maker:**

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