CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church





For the week of Sunday, April 28, 2024

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# 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**

Less Save the dates, April 27 and 28, 2024 Our Call Committee and Church Council are excited to announce that they will hold a Meet and Greet for our candidate for our pastor at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. After worship on Sunday, April 28, we will be voting whether to call to this candidate as our next pastor in ministry with us. If members affirm a desire to extend an official call, then a second vote will be taken to accept the compensation package to be offered. Meanwhile, continue to uphold our primary candidate, Pastor Laura, and all of us as we continue on this journey of discernment to know God's will.

## **Congregation News**

<sup> $\parallel$ </sup> Sunday, May 5 will be the Spring Congregation Meeting. At the Spring meeting, we should have the outcome from the April 28 special election. Next steps will be continued to be discussed and hopefully, prepare us on our new faith journey. There is also staff changes happening at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool that will be reviewed and addressed

<sup> $\parallel$ </sup> 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 or Sue Frantz if interested.

# **VBS News**

 $\frac{11}{11}$  VBS will be held this year June 24-June 28. Registration is now open. Flyers can be found in the gathering area. Or scan QR code to register online.



# Lutheran West News

**H** As members of the Cleveland Lutheran High School Association, we are can have up to 4 members, attend the Spring and Fall delegates meetings. The next meeting will be May 14th at 7:00 at Lutheran East High School in Cleveland Heights. If you interested in attending please contact Chris Owens at 440-478-9010 or jendebkel@gmail.com. She can provide you with the agenda.

## **CELC Preschool News**

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

**<u>II</u>** The Preschool thanks everyone for their support of our Annual Art Show! This year, our 106 students each had at least 5 creative art projects on display. Over 300 people visited and most purchased tickets for our raffle. We had 32 prize baskets and 4 grand prize baskets this year. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised almost \$3,000 to benefit the preschool. This year in conjunction with the church, an Easter Egg Hunt was held during the Art Show. Almost all of our students and many of their siblings took part. It was a fun, family friendly evening!

Just wanted to share the good news that my position has been filled! Heather Nordman will be the new director. She has a Master's Degree in Education with a Minor in Special Education along with a LOT of preschool age teaching experience. She taught at Cornerstone for a few years as well as in Texas. She currently is the office admin of this church, so she knows the preschool and the staff very well. I am so excited that she will be able to utilize her experience, education and her love of the preschool to guide it into the future. She is truly a great fit and I am thrilled that she will be taking over at the end of May. I will miss the preschool and my role here, but the future is in good hands. Thank you for sharing your child with us, Teri Pienoski. Congregation Calendar Sunday, April 28 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship/Bells Play 10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Special Congregation Meeting Wednesday, May 1 6:15 p.m. Bells 8:26 p.m. Unite in Prayer Friday, May 3 Pastor's Day Off Sunday, May 5 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship 10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Spring Congregation Meeting

#### **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

April 28

Greeters: Usher: Ryan Smarsh Lector: Marilyn Culler Cantor: Michelle Young Live Stream: Bill Higgins Counter: Brenda Crout Altar Care: Marilyn Culler Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch SS Teachers: Barb McCain Bread Maker: Grass (4/22- 4/27): Tim G and Chip C

## <u>May 5</u>

Greeters: Usher: Eric Mohney Lector: Tim Gottshall Cantor: Julie Pressnell Live Stream:

Altar Care: Carol Meiners Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson SS Teachers: Bread Maker:

Grass (4/29-4/5): Rob N and Daniel I

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