



CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of Sunday,
July 9, 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.

Congregation News

✚ **Lectors needed** for 8/20.

✚ **The church office will be closed July 24-28.** All messages left for the church office will be returned starting July 31.

✚ **Survey Results are In!** Thank you to all who participated in the professionally-crafted ELCA Ministry Survey. A complete tallying of the 61 surveys returned shows that the five gifts for ministry that we hold as priorities in our next pastor are: 1) *Be an effective communicator*, 2) *Help people develop their spiritual lives*, 3) *Be effective working with children*, 4) *Be effective working with youth*, and 5) *Be an effective teacher*.

We determined that the five essential ministry tasks which are to be priorities for our new pastor through their first year with us, and which we, as members of this congregation, will mutually support with our new pastor are: 1) *Preaching / Worship*, 2) *Youth and Family Ministry*, 3) *Pastoral Care and Visitation*, 4) *Evangelism*

/ Mission, and 5) *Building a Sense of Community*. Beyond the essential tasks, the five most helpful tasks, which are listed as two groups due receiving an equal number of votes, are: 1) *Ministry with Seniors, Christian Education and Ministry in Daily Life*; and 2) *Social Ministry and Children's Ministry*.

On the Ministry Site Characteristics survey page, the majority of our members believe that the following statements best describe our congregation's characteristics. As a Community: *We tend to be formal and programmatic. We have no stated goals or plans. We are demographically homogeneous.* Regarding Our Leadership Style: *We tend to prefer ideas that are tried and true. We tend to rely on our leaders for directions. We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.* Regarding Our Programming: *Our thoughts regarding our facilities were nearly equally divided between used often by community groups and are used only for our activities, with a slight leaning toward the second thought. We train people to minister inside our walls. We focus on ideas and beliefs.* Regarding Our Theological Perspective: *We are obviously Lutheran in identity and practice. We are not very active in the Synod and ELCA. We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine.*

Now that our congregational surveying is completed and tallied, our Call Committee is hoping to wrap up our work on CELC's Ministry Site Profile and submit it by June 28. The document will be reviewed, hopefully approved and shared with rostered candidates. Our hope is to be interviewing a prospective candidate early in July, remembering in all things that God's timing is perfect.

Outreach Event

✚ **Collecting snacks for CRS snack bags** this summer. Please ask Amy or Ryan know what items are still needed. Please let Amy or Ryan know if you are available to help fill bags and/or deliver to CRS. We will look to fill bags the week of July 17th and they need to be delivered to CRS by Friday, 7/21. Thank you in advance for your generosity and don't hesitate to reach out to Amy Lodge or Ryan Smarsh with any questions.

VBS Update

✚ **There are 2 weeks left** to support the Operation Kid to Kid program through World Vision. Just \$12 provides a Bible in the native language for a child around the world. We will collect until the end of July, find containers in the Communication Area.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Friday, July 14

Pastor's day off

Sunday, July 16

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Christ Lutheran Preschool

Closed for summer break

Good Kids Childcare Calendar

Monday-Friday 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Worship Assistants and Volunteers

July 9

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Beth Lecorchick

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Eric Klenz

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

Grass: Rob Nordman and Dan Ingraham

July 16

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector: Nadine Carlson

Cantor: Johanna Markko

Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

Grass: Frank Lee and Brian Knip

July 23

Usher: Eric Mohny

Lector: Tim Gottshall

Cantor: Michelle Young

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

Grass: Marty Koch

July 30

Usher: Chip Crout

Lector: Owen Knight

Cantor: Johanna Markko

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Brenda Crout

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

Grass: Chuck Heindrichs and Andy Young

August 6

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Grass: Keith Dils and Eric Yonkof

August 13

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Anita Hlava

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Eric Mohny

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Grass: Bob Olds and Eric Mohny

August 20

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector:

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Grass: Tim Gottshall and Chip Crout

August 27

Usher: Eric Mohny

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor: Sue Frantz

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Chuck Heindrichs

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

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