



CELCA Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of
Sunday, September 24, 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.

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.

CELCA Preschool News

✚ Help support our church preschool, Christ Lutheran Preschool by ordering from their annual Stoller Pastry fundraiser from September 20 until October 4. Please stop by the bulletin board in the hallway or the office to pick up an order form. All money must be turned in at time of placing order. Delivery and pick-up will be on November 7, 11.am.-1 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Terri Pienoski at 440-933-6714.

Learning Opportunities for CELCA Members from The NEO Synod

✚ **Growing in Faith is a ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith.** We believe that lay members of our parishes are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities. Thus,

we gather followers across congregations to grow in faith together. Growing in Faith is a series of classes that you can take all in one year or over the course of many years. This Fall, the classes are being offered online through other synods. We will begin offering these courses through our pastors and in person in the Spring. Each course runs for 5 weeks and costs \$65/course. **This fee can be covered by the church for those interested. Please email pastorlaurak@gmail.com if you are interested in participating!**

Call Committee Update

✚ Our Call Committee met Wednesday, October 20, to prepare an interview question plan based on our congregation's survey results. Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop, made arrangements with a willing pastor, who recently went through the call process -which of course, included being interviewed. We currently are scheduling a practice interview with this pastor. We hope that we can find a time that aligns for all involved within the next week. After we interview them, they will help us refine our interview plan to be ready to begin interviewing candidates.

Pastor Mitch is reviewing rostered ministers' mobility papers. He will contact candidates who seem to have the best gifts for our faith community as indicated by our survey results and our Ministry Site Profile, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is projected that we will begin interviewing candidates in October.

It was emphasized that we are *calling* a pastor, which is different than *hiring* a candidate as would a business. All involved in the call process, including our members, must be aware of the work of the Holy Spirit, as we continue to discern what God is working out for us. To do otherwise is to risk that we will not have the pastor our congregation needs at this time. Please continue to be united in prayer, asking for God's direction as the call process continues. Trust God's perfect timing. We pray that God's will be done.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

2023 Endowment Fund Notice

‡ As of September 1st, 2023, the Endowment Committee is posting grant applications for monies available from the Endowment Fund account held by our church. Applications and instructions are posted on the bulletin board. All completed applications should be forwarded to the Endowment Committee mailbox in the office no later than October 2nd, 2023.. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact Chuck Heindrichs at 440-933-7654 or by email at chuckheindrichs@oh.rr.com.

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, September 24

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship- Bell Play
10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School

Wednesday, September 27

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

Friday, September 29

Pastor's day off

Sunday, October 1

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship
10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School

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

September 24

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Counter: Eric Klenz
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
Grass: Keith Dils and Eric Yonkof

October 1

Usher: Chip Crout

Lector: Eric Klenz

Cantor:

Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch
Grass: Bob Olds/ Eric Mohney

October 8

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Marilyn Culler

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Julie Skaggs

Altar Care: Carol Meiners

Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

Grass: Tim Gottshall and Chip Crout

October 15

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Michelle Young

Cantor: Julie Pressnell

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Carol Meiners

Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

Grass: Rob Nordman and Dan Ingraham

October 22

Usher: Eric Mohney

Lector: Beth Lecorchick

Cantor: Michelle Young

Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh

Altar Care: Carol Meiners

Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

Grass: Frank Lee and Brian Knip

October 29

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

Lector: Frank Lee

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Brenda Crout

Altar Care: Carol Meiners

Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch

Grass: Marty Koch

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