



CELCA Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of
Sunday, October 1, 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 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.** This Fall, the classes are being offered online through other synods. Each course runs for 5 weeks with the option of the fee getting 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, September 20, to prepare an interview question plan based on our congregation's survey results. A Mock Interview is scheduled 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 with Pastor Tina Crog, who recently went through the call process, including interviews. She accepted her call to St. Jacob Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio. We are grateful to Pastor Crog for her willingness to help our Call Committee prepare for actual candidate interviews.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to our Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop Barbins, is reviewing rostered ministers' mobility papers. He is contacting candidates who seem to have the best gifts for our faith community, as indicated by our survey results and our Ministry Site Profile. He projected that we will begin interviewing candidates in October.

Please note that, although we can share the details about the Mock Interview, we will not be able to do so regarding actual interviews. Call Committee members are committed to absolute confidentiality about who, when and where as candidates are interviewed. This is largely to protect their current congregation and their ministry with them. We ask for your help in maintaining this important commitment.

We are *calling* a pastor, which is different than *hiring* a candidate. All involved in the call process 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. Continue to be united in prayer, asking for God's direction and perfect timing. Thank you!

Congregation News

✚ **All Saints Sunday** will be held on November 5, 2023. Please contact the church office if you have had a loved one pass since last All Saints Day. Please submit names and relation to you by October 22. Thank you.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

ASP Youth Mission Trip Update

☪ **Youth and parents are invited** to attend an ASP Youth Mission Trip planning meeting on Sunday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. We are starting to plan for next year's ASP trip. We are planning to participate with Bay United Methodist again this year. The week that the trip will happen next year is 6/16 through 6/22. There are a few changes that impact who can go on the ASP trip and the cost. First, ASP has decided that a 7th or 8th grader (meaning 6th grade going into 7th or 7th grade going into 8th) can go on the trip if a parent is going along. That will open some opportunities for some youth. Second, we are discussing a reduction in the cost if a youth commits early, I am not sure what that reduction might be for sure but will find out more details in the weeks ahead. Thank you, Eric Mohney

Congregation Calendar

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

11:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 4

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

Preschool Fundraiser Orders and Payments Due

Friday, October 6

Pastor's day off

Sunday, October 8

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship- Choir Sing

10:00 a.m. Prek-6 Grade Sunday School

11:30 a.m. ASP Youth Planning 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

October 1

Usher: Chip Crout

Lector: Eric Klentz

Cantor: Johanna Markko

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch
Grass: Bob Olds/ Eric Mohney
SS Teachers: Katie and Kristen

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

SS Teachers: Barba and Julie

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

SS Teachers: Melissa and Marilyn

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

SS Teachers: Kristen and Mindy

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

SS Teachers: Sue and Katie

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