



CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of
Sunday, October 8, 2023
Pastor Appreciation Month**

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.

Learning Opportunities for CELC Members

✚ **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!

✚ **Pastor Laura has invited you** to fill out a form concerning feedback on holding two book discussions in the next few months. "The Post-Quarantine Church" by Thom Rainer and "When the Church Stops Working" by Andrew Root and Blair D. Bertrand. These were highly recommended by the Bishop for everyone in the synod to read. We will offer a meal and childcare if needed. We would like to know which times work best for you so that we can plan accordingly. The sessions will be held Oct 22nd- Nov 19th and Jan 7th- Feb 11th. They will run for 5 or 6 weeks based on how much time is needed

for discussion. They will last approximately an hour to 90 minutes. Find forms in the Communication Corner.

Call Committee Update

✚ Our Call Committee is meeting on October 4 to improve the interview plan based on the September 27 mock interview experience. We are grateful to Pastor Tina Crog, pastor of St. Jacob Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio, for her willingness to help us prepare for actual candidate interviews. Via a Zoom practice interview, Pastor Tina shared many insights and ideas for the good of our actual interviews, our next pastor and our congregation.

One such idea generated by Pastor Tina was to prepare a pictorial directory of our members to help our new pastor get to know us. Less than 40 hours later, our Office Administrator, Heather sent an email asking that we send pictures to the church office to prepare such a directory. No member of the Call Committee spoke to Heather about doing so. If there are any doubts that the Holy Spirit is involved in the Call Process, please savor this account.

Again, Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to our Bishop, is reviewing rostered ministers' mobility papers and contacting candidates who seem to have the best gifts for our faith community. He says that there are many factors that make our church a desirable Call. Pastor Mitch projects that we will begin interviewing candidates soon.

Although the Call Committee can share details of the Mock Interview, the Who, When and Where of actual clergy candidates must be held in absolute confidentiality to protect the pastor, their current congregation and their pastor's ministry with them. Please help the Call Committee in maintaining this important commitment.

Also note, we are *calling* a pastor, which is different than *hiring* a candidate. We 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. Thank you for your continued prayers as we watch for God's direction and perfect timing. Thank you all!

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Congregation News

✠ The month of October is Pastor Appreciation month, with a special day of Sunday, October 8 as the official day. We encourage you to take a moment and thank Pastor Laura and her continued leadership of our congregation.

✠ **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.

✠ **Photos please!** As we begin to prepare for our next pastor, it would be helpful to have updated photos of our members. We are encouraging members to take a photo of their families, along with each person individually, saved in .jpg format. Those photos will be uploaded into our membership records to create a pictorial directory for reference moving forward. ****Please note while taking your photos, ensure good lighting and good focus.**** Please send all photos to celc.mainoffice@gmail.com Thank you.

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. Thank you, Eric Mohney

Congregation Calendar

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

Monday, October 9

Columbus day
Office closed

Wednesday, October 11

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

Friday, October 13

Pastor's day off

Sunday, October 15

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

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: Barb 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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