



# CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of  
Sunday, October 15, 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](mailto: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 met October 4 to refine our First Interview plan based on our 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

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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 for your support!

### Congregation News

‡ **Fall Congregation meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023, following the worship service.

‡ **The church office will be closed** Friday, October 20- Monday, October 23 as Heather will be traveling.

‡ **October is Pastor Appreciation month.** 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](mailto:celc.mainoffice@gmail.com) Thank you.

### Congregation Calendar

#### **Sunday, October 15**

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

#### **Monday, October 16**

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday, October 18**

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

#### **Friday, October 20**

Pastor's day off

*Office Closed*

#### **Sunday, October 22**

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 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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