



CEL Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of
Sunday, November 19, 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.

Help Needed

✚ **Christ Lutheran Preschool will be hosting a Parent Education Event on Tuesday, December 5** at 7p.m. The parents are invited to bring in their Christmas gifts and volunteers will wrap them while they are in the meeting. We are looking for our members to donate wrapping paper and supplies as well as help wrap gifts. Please contact Pastor Laura with any questions.

Advent Readers Needed

✚ **Pastor Laura is looking for volunteers for advent readers this year.** The first Sunday in Advent is December 3. If you and your family would like to volunteer to read and light the advent candle please see Pastor Laura. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

An Invitation: Please Join Us!

✚ **The Post Quarantine Church book discussion group invites you** to join them at 8:26 p.m. every Wednesday night by stopping wherever you are and praying together for our congregation and for our community. Why Wednesday? Wednesday is midweek, a good day to re-focus on God's grace and love for guidance through the rest of the week. Why 8:26 p.m.? Romans 8:26 reads, Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Remembering this verse and united by the power of the Holy Spirit, may God fan the fire of our faith in service. Through name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

Congregation News

✚ **2024 Giving Envelopes are ready** to be picked up in the Communication Corner.

✚ **As we begin to prepare for the advent season,** we invite our church family to come together and volunteer their time and talents in any of the many volunteer opportunities. One of those areas will be decorating our sanctuary. If you would like to bring in a poinsettia you can do so starting Sunday, December 10 and can be taken home with you after Christmas Day.

✚ **We invite you to pick up a 2023 Advent Study book** and calendar found by the Welcome Center TV. Also available is a kit to make an advent countdown craft. Feel free to grab for yourself, family, or friends.

✚ **Annual holiday food pack:** Once again, CELC will take part of a holiday and service tradition: packing food bags at Cleveland's Redeemer Crisis Center. We are packing on Friday, December 15. Food packing will begin at 7PM and should end around 9PM. We need 16 volunteers for our group. Please meet at CELC to caravan or meet us at the Center, 2970 W 30 Cleveland, Ohio. Please see Ryan Smarsh with any questions and with your RSVP.

✚ **Photos please!** As we begin to prepare for our next pastor, 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 send all photos to celc.mainoffice@gmail.com Thank you.

✚ **The church office will have limited in-person hours** during the holiday season. The office will close this Wednesday, November 22 at noon and will reopen on Monday, November 27 at 9am. The month of December will also have limited in-person hours, please stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, November 19

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

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

Fall Congregation Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

Pastor's day off

Office closed

Sunday, November 26

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

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

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

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

November 19

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
SS Teachers: Marilyn and Mindy
Bread Maker: Nadine Carlson

November 26

Usher: Eric Mohny
Lector: Tim Gottshall
Cantor: Anita Hlava
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Counter: Eric Mohny
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson
SS Teachers: Sue and Julie
Bread Maker: Kelly Pedersen

December 3

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
SS Teachers: Melia and Katie
Bread Maker: Marilyn Culler

December 10

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Sharon Davidson
Cantor: Pastor Laura
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Julie Skaggs
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
SS Teachers: Barb and Elizabeth
Bread Maker: Kelly Pedersen

December 17

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Frank Lee
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
SS Teachers: Marilyn and Katie
Bread Maker: Nadine Carlson

December 24

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Betsy Floyd
Cantor:
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
No Sunday School
Brad Maker:

December 24 Christmas Eve Service

Usher: Eric Mohny and Brian Knip
Greeters: Beth Lecorchick
Lector: Aubrey Luciano
Cantor:
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Bread Maker:

December 25 Christmas Morning Service

Usher: Bill Higgins
Lector:
Cantor:
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
Bread Maker:

December 31

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor:
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Brenda Crout
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler
No Sunday School
Bread Maker: Marylin Culler

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