



CELIC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of
Sunday, November 26, 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.

Today's Flowers

✚ **Today's flowers are given in honor of Randi Smarsh's 43rd anniversary** as organist at Christ Evangelical Lutheran. She started her music ministry at CELC the first Sunday of Advent 1980 (November 30). Thank you for your dedication and music all of these years! Flowers given by the Smarsh and Pete families.

Call Committee Update

✚ We now have received the profiles for three candidates to be considered for a call to ministry with us. We plan to interview all three next week, if possible. Please keep praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance in all. **Unite in prayer together**, wherever you are and whatever you're doing, at **8:26 p.m. Wednesdays**. To help remember, set your phone alarm. *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 groanings too deep for words.*²⁷ *And God,^[b] who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* **Romans 8:26**

Benevolence Update

✚ **The votes have been counted for our Benevolence recipients.** Our four organizations for 2024 are: CRS, Haven Center, Redeemer Crisis Center, and ELCA Northeast Ohio Synod

Congregation News

✚ **Ryan Smarsh will stay after church both 11-26 and 12-3** to take pictures of church members who need assistance with their photo for the online directory. Photos will be submitted to Heather in the office.

✚ **Hanging of the Greens** Join us today Sunday, November 26 after the worship service. to help 'spruce up' the church. All ages are welcome! It's an enjoyable time and the work goes quickly. Hope to see you there!

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

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

‡ 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 packing at Cleveland's Redeemer Crisis Center will be on Friday, December 15. Food packing will begin at 7 p.m. We need 16 volunteers for our group. Please see Ryan Smarsh with any questions and with your RSVP.

‡ 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.

Cantor Needed

‡ We are looking to fill the Sunday, December 31 Cantor spot. Please leave a message with the church office if you can help. Thank you.

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.

2024 Solar Eclipse Committee

‡ In April of 2024, our community will experience an influx of visitors to view a total eclipse. Avon Lake is within the Centerline of Totality, which means our community creates "the best seat in the house" for viewing. The city is working diligently on plans for this event as this will impact our city and the resources we have. Our church needs to start making plans to best serve our community and members during this time. Council is seeking volunteers who would be interested in being part of a committee to do just that. Please see any member of council for more information.

CELC Preschool 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, supplies as well volunteers to wrap gifts. A free will donation will be collected and donated to CRS. Please contact Pastor Laura with any questions.

‡ Our preschool, Christ Lutheran Preschool, is in search of someone to clean the classrooms during the winter months. Our current person is heading to a warmer climate to escape the cold and we need someone to take over from January through March. The position takes around 2 hours a day and includes taking out the trash and recycling, cleaning 2 bathrooms, vacuuming and sweeping 4 classrooms, and generally making the rooms look and feel clean. This temporary position pays \$11.00 per hour. Please contact Teri Pienoski, the Preschool Administrator, at the preschool at 440-933-6714 for more information.

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Office Administrator: Heather Nordman

Organist: Randi Smarsh Custodians: Bill Higgins and Beth Lecorchick

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, November 26

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

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

Wednesday, November 29

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

Friday, December 1

Pastor's day off

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday in Advent

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

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 Julie

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 Julie

Bread Maker: Nadine Carlson

December 24

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Betsy Floyd

Cantor: Angela Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

No Sunday School

Bread Maker: The Knight Family

December 24 Christmas Eve Service

Usher: Eric Mohny and Brian Knip

Greeters: Beth Lecorchick

Lector: Aubrey Luciano

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Marilyn Culler

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

Bread Maker: The Knight Family

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December 31

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
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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