



# CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



For the week of  
Sunday, December 10, 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.

## Call Committee Update

✚ **Our Call Committee is happy to share that** all three candidates interviewed last week are ones that could potentially serve well, in harmony with our members' survey results. Interviews to get to know each one more personally are being arranged for this month, if possible. Thank you for uniting in prayer!

## Congregation News

✚ **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.

✚ **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.

✚ **When the Church Stops Working** book study/discussion group will begin after worship, on Sunday, January 7 and continue through Sunday, February 11. A meal will be provided. This opportunity is open to all, including our youth and parents of young children. In order to make this possible, our Christian Education grant includes a \$50 stipend for one adult and one youth to share a Biblical theme and craft to do with the children. This is an opportunity for a parent and a youth who are planning to go on the ASP Mission Trip to raise funds for their trip. Please contact Pastor Laura or Susan Frantz (937-725-0969) if you are interested in the study group or providing childcare.

✚ **When the Church Stops Working: A Future for Your Congregation beyond More Money, Programs, and Innovation** by Andrew Root and Blair Bertrand is the focus of our Winter Book Study/Discussion Group. This book is highly recommended by our Bishop, and it is the fuel of our Northeastern Ohio Synod's Assembly spiritual experience on Saturday, June 1, 2024. We urge all our church leaders and members to read and take part. Please sign-up in the Narthex, or contact Pastor Laura or Susan Frantz (937-725-0969), so that we can order your book. If you cannot attend the study/discussion group, but would like to read the book, please note. Thank you to the saints who gave endowments for our congregation's continued Christian Education nurturing, and to the Grant Committee for making this growth in our faith effort possible!

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

## 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. The 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.

### Congregation Calendar

#### **Sunday, December 10**

##### *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

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

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir  
8:26 p.m. Unite in Prayer

#### **Friday, December 15**

Pastor's day off  
7:00 p.m. Redeemer Food Packing

#### **Sunday, December 17**

##### *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship, Bells Play  
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

#### 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

Advent Readers: Marylin C. and Nadine C.

#### December 17

Usher: Ryan Smarsh  
Lector: Frank Lee  
Cantor: Michelle Young  
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh  
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler  
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler  
SS Teachers: Marilyn and Julie  
Bread Maker: Nadine Carlson  
Advent Readers: Dale and Becky Guthman

#### 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  
Advent Readers: Paul and Chris Owens

#### December 24 Christmas Eve Service

Usher: Eric Mohney 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  
Advent Readers: Tim N. and Brenda C.

#### December 31

Usher: Chip Crout  
Lector: Beth Lecorchick  
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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