



# CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



For the week of  
Sunday, December 17, 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

✚ **Beginning December 11 through early January, our Call Committee has arranged second interviews** with three candidates who could potentially serve well, in harmony with our members' survey results. As we get to know each one more personally, we must continue to protect their identities as they discern their whether or not it is time for a change of their call as they all are currently serving other congregations which they love. Thank you for your help in this matter and for uniting in

prayer as we continue to discern who will be our next pastor.

✚ **Thank You to Our Custodians and Staff.** The Call Committee is grateful to Bill Higgins and Beth Lecorchick, and all members of our staff, for making our facility sparkle and smell wonderful as we met a candidate for a second interview and tour of our grounds. We are blessed to have you who care so much about our church. Thank you!

## ASP Fundraiser update

✚ **The ASP Youth Mission Trip has received some wonderful donation baskets.** There is one basket left and it is an amazing Spa Basket. Please see the Gathering Area for the opportunity to support the youth mission team with your free will donation and take home this great basket.

✚ **The ASP Youth Mission Trip team would like to thank** all those who have donated these wonderful baskets over the last couple of months. Your generosity is appreciated, thank you.

## Congregation News

✚ **When the Church Stops Working** book study/discussion group will begin after worship, on Sunday, January 7 and continue through Sunday, February 11. **Books have arrived!** Whether you have already signed up or sign up today, feel free to get your book after worship Sunday mornings, and begin to read. We will begin meeting 11:15-12:45, January 7 through February 11. A meal will be offered, and childcare, if needed. Please be sure to note if you need childcare when you sign-up.

## 2024 Solar Eclipse Committee

✚ **In April of 2024, our community will experience an influx of visitors** to view a total eclipse. Our church will 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

### **Church Office Hour Update**

‡The church office will have limited hours during the month of December. Please make an appointment before coming in to ensure someone will be here to help you.

### **Congregation Calendar**

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

##### *3<sup>rd</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 24**

##### *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent*

10:00 a.m. Holy Worship, Bells Play  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
7:00 p.m. Holy Worship

### **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 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 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  
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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