





**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting  
Minutes July 10, 2023**

*Draft version. Minutes not officially approved until the following Congregation Council meeting.*

**Present:** Pastor Laura Kuntz, Ryan Smarsh, Amy Lodge, Chuck Heindrichs, Eric Mohny, Tim Gottshall and Katie Koch

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

**Motion:** Accept minutes of the June 5, 2023 Congregation Council Meeting.

**Motion:** Amy Lodge

**Second:** Chuck Heindrichs

**Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report Financials thru June 30, 2023**

	June	YTD	
<b>Income</b>	\$25,260	\$117,305	
<b>Expenses</b>	\$18,715	\$126,864	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$6,545</b>	<b>-\$9559</b>	
<b>Organ Loan</b>	\$20,171	Pledges Reserve of 6/30/2023	\$2,424
<b>External Funds</b>	\$831,179	(As of 5/31/2023)	
<b>Internal Funds</b>	\$42,520		

**Property**

Tim Gottshall reported the sanctuary exterior doors were sanded and restained in June, and a couple other maintenance tasks were completed. Property will hold its next meeting next week on July 17.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Laura reported she will be taking a week of vacation in July, and a week combined with continuing education in August. Supply pastors have already been arranged. She is currently not planning any long term goals as the call committee is progressing with their search.

**Previous Business**

The call committee has submitted the church's ministry profile; no one is aware of any candidates at this time. It was discussed to apply to the Endowment Committee to create a new internal fund of \$2000 for interviewing and hosting pastoral candidates. Any money leftover would be added to the New Pastor Reception Fund.

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Chuck Heindrichs reached out to Synod regarding the portable sound system. Synod will be publishing it in their next e-newsletter and Chuck will be the contact person.

### **New Business**

Starting August 1, 2023, the church and preschool will be using a new bookkeeper/accounting firm, located in Avon Lake.

Chuck Heindrichs discussed the cost of the Lutheran West High School Association membership and student fees for the last half of 2022-2023 school year, and the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

**Motion:** To withdraw \$7400 from the Mitchell E&E Fund to support membership and student fees to Lutheran West High School Association.

**Motion:** Chuck Heindrichs

**Motion:** Ryan Smarsh

**Motion passed.**

Chuck Heindrichs met with the new insurance representative. They discussed taking pictures of assets and what needs to be added to the insurance policy.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Chuck Heindrichs

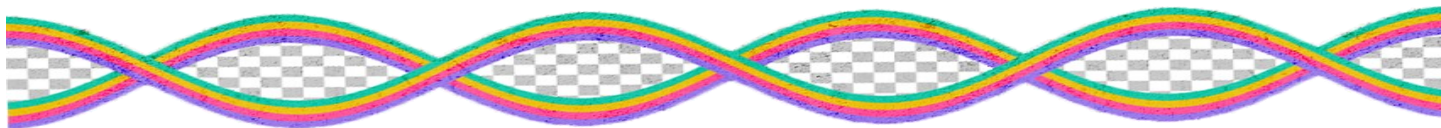
**Second:** Amy Lodge

**Motion passed.**

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Koch  
Secretary



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## Call Committee Update

### ✝ Call Committee Update - August 23, 2023

*We are waiting in time for the eternal God to speak to us, to direct us, to lead us out in service to the world. Root and Bertrand, 2023*

We have exciting news to share! Our Ministry Site Profile has been reviewed, accepted and posted. Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop, is actively engaging rostered minister candidates who may be a good fit for our congregation. Our Call Committee will begin interview preparation in 2-3 weeks. Please continue to be united in prayer, asking for God's direction and will to be done, as we continue the Call Process in search of our next pastor.



## ASP (Appalachian Service Project) 2024 News

Hello everyone, I hope your summer went well and its hard to believe that school is back in the swing of things. We have started to plan for next year's ASP trip. We are planning to participate with Bay United Methodist again this year. The week that the trip will happen next year is 6/17 through 6/23.

There are a few changes that impact who can go on the ASP trip and the cost.

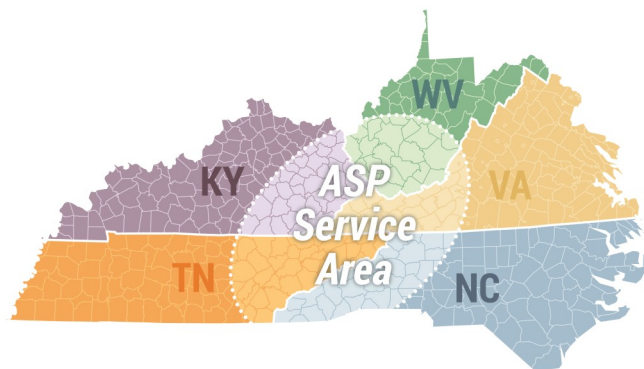
First, ASP has decided that a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader (meaning 6<sup>th</sup> grade going into 7<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade going into 8<sup>th</sup>) can go on the trip if a parent is going along. That will open some opportunities for some youth.

Second, we are discussing a reduction in the cost if a youth commits early, I am not sure what that reduction might be for sure, but will find out more details in the weeks ahead.

We will have an organizational and informational meeting next month and look forward to all the enthusiasm and energy you can bring for the trip next year!

Please keep your eyes and hears tuned in for more news.

Thanks.  
Eric Mohny



## Celebrating Over 50 Years



## Of Educating Children

### Christ Lutheran Preschool

A new preschool year is right around the corner! Our first day is Sept. 5 and we will welcome around 100 students to a year of fun and learning while introducing them to the love that God has for all of us. Please keep our teachers as well as the students and their families in your prayers.

Please continue to spread the word that we still have some openings for fall. Scholarship applications are being accepted for our 2 day pre-k class. Call Teri at the preschool at 440-933-6714 for more information.

The Annual Preschool Stoller Pastry Fundraiser will begin September 20. Order forms will be in the church office and an online ordering portal will be available. Deadline for orders is October 4 with delivery on November 7. More details in the coming weeks or call Teri at 440-933-6714 with any questions.

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## **Endowment Fund Notice of Request for Grants**

As of September 1st, 2023, the Endowment Committee is posting grant applications for monies available from the Endowment Fund account held by our church. A total of up to \$24,223 will be dispersed. The breakdown of the allocation is as follows:

\$3,884 for Benziger Christian Education purposes

\$1,375 for Unrestricted General fund purposes.

\$10,570 for Mitchell Christian Education purposes

\$2,643 for Mitchell Operating Expenses purposes

\$5,750 for Higgins Unrestricted expenses

Applications and instructions are posted on the hall bulletin board. All completed applications should be forwarded to the Endowment Committee mailbox in the office no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact Chuck Heindricks at 440-933-7654 or by email at [chuckheindricks@oh.rr.com](mailto:chuckheindricks@oh.rr.com).



## Choir News

✠ **Beginning in September the Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will resume** regularly scheduled practices and praising God through music during the weekly services. Do you enjoy singing your praises to God or have a musical talent you would like to share? There are many opportunities for you to do just that.

The Sanctuary Choir usually meets the first Sunday of every month after the conclusion of the service to practice the selected music to be sung the following Sunday during service. September rehearsals will begin on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome, we would love to have you join us.

Bell Choir meets every Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:15 in the evening to practice and typically plays during one service a month. If you have an interest in playing the bells or would just like to learn more about it, you are welcome to stop by during a practice or you reach out to the director, Johanna Markko.

In addition to The Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir, I would like to invite anyone that is interested in providing special music for our services to contact me and we can check the schedule to see what Sunday works best for you.

Peace  
Johanna Markko  
CELC Sanctuary Choir Director  
Bell Choir Director  
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✠ **Choir members please be sure to launder your robe and stole** before the start of the music season. Simple cleaning guidelines: Prep the neckline and collars of the robe and stole with shampoo. Rub into areas of perspiration stains then put in washing machine on regular cycle. Remove and shake. Hang to dry on plastic or wood hanger only. Please do not dry clean. Robes can be pressed on perma-press setting if desired (but not necessary).



## Christian Ed News

### Sunday school for all ages

Sunday school kick off will be held on Sunday, September 10.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 10th. It will have a new format this year. Confirmation will meet from 9:15am-9:55 before church. Students age preschool through 6th grade will meet during church. Students will be dismissed following the children's sermon (after the prayer of the day) and return during the offering. If you are interested in helping to teach once or twice a month see Julie Pressnell or call her 440-242-7528.

Allen K	3
Beverly R	4
Elijah M	5
Marilyn C	8
Gisela M	17
Dale B	19
Laura M	23
Jeff T	28
Rebecca G	29

## September Birthdays



# September 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	4 <i>Office closed</i>	5 First Day of CELC Preschool	6 6:15 p.m. Bells	7	1 Pastor's day off	2
10 <i>Kick Off Sunday</i> ELCA Day of Service 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship 11:30 a.m. Choir practice	11	12	13 6:15 p.m. Bells	14	15 Pastor's day off <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	16
17 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship/ choir sings	18	19	20 6:15 p.m. Bells CELC Preschool Stroller Pastry fundraiser starts	21	22 Pastor's day off	23
24 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	25	26	27 6:15 p.m. Bells	28	29 Pastor's day off	30
1 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship	2	3	4 6:15 p.m. Bells CELC Preschool Stroller Pastry fundraiser ends	5	6 Pastor's day off	7



### **September 3**

Usher: Chip Crout  
Lector: Michelle Young  
Cantor: Sue Frantz  
Live Stream: Barb McCain  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson  
Grass: Frank Lee and Brian Knip

### **September 10**

Usher: Betsy Floyd  
Lector: Betsy Floyd  
Cantor: Michelle Young  
Live Stream: Bill Higgins  
Counter: Julie Skaggs  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson  
Grass: Marty Koch

### **September 17**

Usher: Brian Knip  
Lector: Aubrey Luciano  
Cantor: Anita Hlava  
Live Stream: Bill Higgins  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson  
Grass: Chuck Heindrichs and Andy Young

### **September 24**

Usher: Ryan Smarsh  
Lector: Beth Lecorchick  
Cantor: Julie Pressnell  
Live Stream: Barb McCain  
Counter: Eric Klenz  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson  
Grass: Keith Dils and Eric Yonkof

### **October 1**

Usher: Chip Crout  
Lector: Eric Klenz  
Cantor:  
Live Stream:  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding:  
Grass: Bob Olds/ Eric Mohney

### **October 8**

Usher: Betsy Floyd  
Lector:  
Cantor:  
Live Stream:  
Counter: Julie Skaggs  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding:  
Grass: Tim Gottshall and Chip Crout

### **October 15**

Usher: Brian Knip  
Lector: Michelle Young  
Cantor:  
Live Stream:  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding:  
Grass: Rob Nordman and Dan Ingraham

### **October 22**

Usher: Eric Mohney  
Lector:  
Cantor: Michelle Young  
Live Stream:  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding:  
Grass: Frank Lee and Brian Knip

### **October 29**

Usher: Ryan Smarsh  
Lector:  
Cantor:  
Live Stream:  
Counter: Brenda Crout  
Altar Care: Carol Meiners  
Bulletin Folding:  
Grass: Marty Koch



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**Fall Worship Hours**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

## **A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

