

# The Messenger

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2024

*May the Lord bless  
our coming year  
with spiritual  
growth, love for  
people, and many  
opportunities to  
spread the  
Gospel of Life.*

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 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, and Katie Koch

**Absent:** Tim Gottshall

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

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

**Motion:** Accept minutes of the November 13, 2023 Congregation Council Meeting.

**Motion:** Eric Mohny

**Second:** Amy Lodge

**Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

**Financials thru November 30, 2023**

	November	YTD	
<b>Income</b>	\$42,878	\$236,839	
<b>Expenses</b>	\$15,520	\$239,515	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$27,358</b>	<b>-\$2,676</b>	
<b>Organ Loan</b>	\$18,274	Pledges Reserve of 10/31/2023	\$3,189
<b>External Funds</b>	\$802,576		
<b>Internal Funds</b>	\$58,869		

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Chuck Heindrichs reported that \$23,000 from the ERC Fund was added to the income for November. Approximately \$9,000 is left in the ERC Fund and will be applied to income at the end of December.

It should also be noted that the \$31,623 withdrawal from the External Funds have not been posted on the account, as the balances show "as of 10/30/2023." This withdrawal has also added three new line items in the Internal Funds. Chuck also discussed the Organ Fund reserve has approximately \$1100 and should it be sent to pay down on the principal. It was decided to wait until the end of the year before sending in an extra payment.

### **Property**

Tim Gottshall was absent; therefore, his report was received as written. It was noted that the snow removal was a fixed rate this year, and Chuck will follow up on specific dates of when the contract begins for future reference.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Laura reported the Preschool Board has been very busy. She was pleased that most of the members showed up for the wrapping of presents during the Preschool's Information Night. An invitation will be going out to the congregation soon to meet with the hired consultant regarding the vision for the Preschool and the Preschool Director position. Pastor Laura also inquired about the New Member Protocol, as well as discussed the Fall Congregation Meeting.

### **New Business**

The Call Committee has had three interviews and is beginning in person interviews this week. After the Call Committee presents their chosen candidate to the Council, a special meeting will be held to introduce him/her to the congregation. There will be no sermon, just a meet and greet.

Eric is planning to perform the audit of the budget at the end of January.

The Solar Eclipse Committee has been formed and their first meeting will be early January.

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The Statement of Intent for NEO Synod for 2024 will be due soon, and \$6,000 will be pledged.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Eric Mohney

**Second:** Chuck Heindricks

**Motion passed.**

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Date for the next council meeting will be January 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Koch

### January Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gretchen V	1
Owen B	1
Steve S	4
Kevin W	6
Tim M	7
Bob P	7
Lindsey P	14
Phillip R	14
Lane P	18
Jon P	20
Reegan K	21
Beth K	24
Aaron B	29



## 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.

‡ **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.

### 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.

## 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!

# January 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00am Holy Worship	1 Christ Pre-school Closed New Year's Day New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Christ Pre-school Closed	3 Christ Pre-school Resumes 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:26pm Congregation Prayer in	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Epiphany
7 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am PreK-6th Grade Sunday School during worship	8	9	10 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:26pm Congregation Prayer in	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am PreK-6th Grade Sunday School during worship	15 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Office Closed	16	17 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:26pm Congregation Prayer in	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am PreK-6th Grade Sunday School during worship	22	23	24 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:26pm Congregation Prayer in	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am PreK-6th Grade Sunday School during worship	29	30	31 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:26pm Congregation Prayer in	1	2 Groundhog Day Pastor's Day Off	3

# Worship Assistants For January and February

## January 7

Usher: Chip Crout

**Lector:**

**Cantor:**

**Live Stream:**

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

**Bulletin Folding:**

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## January 14

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Betsy Floyd

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Eric Klenz

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

**Bulletin Folding:**

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## January 21

Usher: Brian Knip

**Lector:**

**Cantor:**

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

**Bulletin Folding:**

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## January 28

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

**Lector:**

**Cantor:**

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Chuck Heindrichs

Altar Care: Jan Wunderle

**Bulletin Folding:**

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## February 4

Usher: Eric Mohney

Lector: Tim Gottshall

**Cantor:**

**Live Stream:**

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## February 11

Usher: Betsy Floyd

Lector: Betsy Floyd

Cantor: Rob Pedersen

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Julie Skaggs

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## February 18

Usher: Brian Knip

Lector: Tim Neumann

**Cantor:**

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

## February 25

Usher: Ryan Smarsh

**Lector:**

**Cantor:**

Live Stream: Bill Higgins

Counter: Brenda Crout

Altar Care: Nadine Carlson

Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

**SS Teachers:**

**Bread Maker:**

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



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*Be a blessing in 2024!*