



The Messenger

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April
BIRTHDAYS



**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024**

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

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

Absent: Eric Mohny

Guest: Candidate Pastor

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:35 p.m. Council was introduced to the Pastoral Candidate by the Call Committee, and had a meet and greet with the Pastoral Candidate.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the February 12, 2024 Congregation Council Meeting.

Motion: Ryan Smarsh

Second: Tim Gottshall

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financials thru February 29, 2024

	February	YTD	
Income	\$15,324	\$38,104	
Expenses	\$10,361	\$42,932	
Net Income	\$4,963	-\$4,828	
Organ Loan	\$17,114	Pledges Reserve of 2/29/2024	\$2,939
External Funds	\$849,731		
Internal Funds	\$50,265		

The treasury report was received as written by Chuck Heindrichs.

Property

Property report was received as written by Tim Gottshall.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura reported there will be two people Confirmed on May 19.

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Previous Business

Motion: To cancel service and use a pre-recorded service for Sunday, April 7, 2024, due to the predicted influx of people in town and road closures for the eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Ryan Smarsh

Motion passed.

Ryan Smarsh will attend the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly as the male representative for Christ Lutheran. An announcement will be made to the congregation that we are still seeking a female representative.

A final announcement will be made to the congregation regarding a Nominating Committee for May elections.

New Business

Council discussed a retirement gift for Teri Pienoski, Preschool Director. An announcement will also be made to the congregation if anyone would want to contribute.

Motion: To authorize Chuck Heindrichs, Church Treasurer, and Heather Nordman, Church Administrator, to act as MIF Online Administrators who can be granted access to MIF Online services to manage ministry investment and/or loan accounts.

Motion: Ryan Smarsh

Second: Amy Lodge

Motion passed.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Date for the next council meeting will be April 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Koch
Secretary





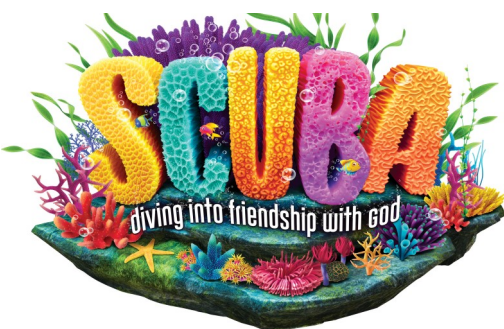
CELC Call Committee Update

✠ Exciting News! Save the Dates, April 27 and 28, 2024 Our Call Committee and Church Council are excited to announce that we will Meet and Greet our primary rostered minister at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

At that time, Our primary candidate will be announced, and you will have an opportunity to meet them and talk with them. Council members are arranging a cookies and beverage reception for all. It is important for you to come as you are able. After our 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, April 28, all voting members of the congregation are asked to please attend an important meeting. We will be voting whether to call to this candidate as our next pastor in ministry with us. If members affirm a desire to extend an official call, then a second vote will be taken to accept the compensation package to be offered.

Who is a voting member of our church? According to the ELCA and our church constitution, a voting member is a confirmed member who partakes of Holy Communion and supports the church with an offering of record at least once in a period of one year. If you are a voting member, it is especially important that you be present for both Saturday's gathering and Sunday's worship and meeting. Pastor Mitch Phillips, the Assistant to our Bishop and the person who has spent much time in aiding us in our search, will also be present to support us.

Lastly, it is imperative that confidences be kept until the Meet and Greet. Meanwhile, continue to uphold our primary candidate, Pastor Laura, and all of us as we continue on this journey of discernment to know God's will.



June 24-28

9am-12pm

**For more information
contact the church office.**

April 2024 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:45am Flowering Cross, fresh cut flowers 10:00am Holy Worship 9:15am Choir Sing 10:00am Bells Play Easter Sunday	1 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School	2 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School	3 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School 8:20pm Congregation Prayer in Place	4 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School	5 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School Pastor's Day Off	6
7 No in-person worship. Recorded service will be provided.	8 CELC Preschool Spring Break - No School Solar Eclipse- Office Closed	9	10 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:20pm Congregation Prayer in Place	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am Prek-6th Grade Sunday School During service 9:15am Choir Sing 12:00pm ASP Youth Mission Trip Study Session	15	16	17 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice 8:20pm Congregation Prayer in Place	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am Prek-6th Grade Sunday School During service 10:00am Bells Play	22 Earth Day	23	24 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 10:00am Holy Worship 10:00am Prek-6th Grade Sunday School During service	29	30	1 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice	2 National Day of Prayer	3 Pastor's Day Off	4

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCHEDULED VOLUNTEERS
April 2024, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Holy Worship



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April 7
Recorded Service

April 14
Greeters:
Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Betsy Floyd
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Erik Klenz
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch
SS Teachers:
Bread Maker:

April 21
Greeters:
Usher: Brian Knip
Lector:
Cantor: Angela Pedersen
Live Stream:
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch
SS Teachers:
Bread Maker:

April 28
Greeters:
Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Brenda Crout
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Katie Koch
SS Teachers:
Bread Maker:



Public Notice: Please be advised that our facilities will be closed with no services on April 6, 7, and 8.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of the Solar Eclipse events planned by the City of Avon Lake.

Parking will be first come first served, and run \$40 per day, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. All Proceeds will go toward our youth as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip.

Thank you for your understanding.

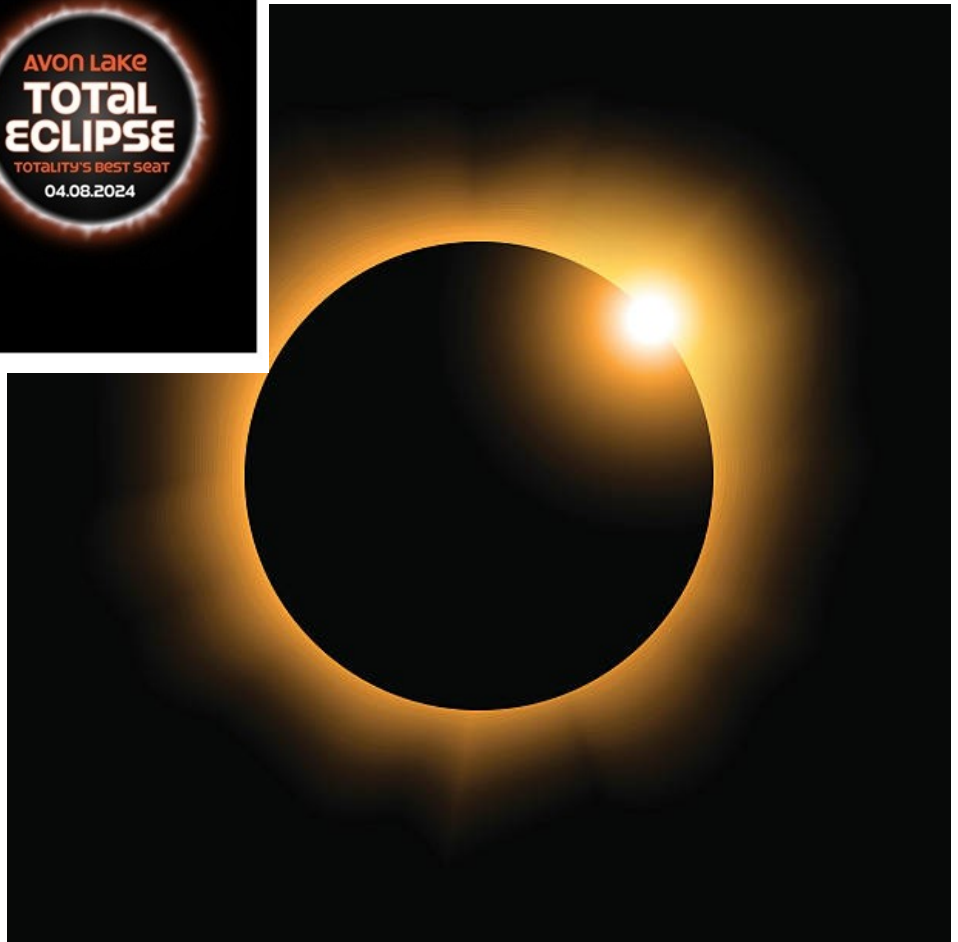
Thanks for your interest in the solar eclipse on April 8th.

Christ Evangelical Church is well situated for the event. Although we will not have our building available for use, the parking lot is being made available to our youth as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip. Parking will be first come first served, and run \$40 per day, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Avon Lake has several events planned for the weekend and we encourage you to explore what the city has to offer. Additional information will be added to our church website closer to April 8th. Please visit the city's web page [2024 Solar Eclipse \(avonlake.org\)](http://2024SolarEclipse.avonlake.org) to find more information on their events.

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Worship
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for PreK– 6th Grade
Attend during worship.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

✠ **Our preschool director, Terri Pienoski, is retiring after 25 years of service and dedication to our education and community outreach. Please help us to recognize and honor Terri's with a congregational gift. The church council is collecting donations towards this gift and will accept them until April 15. Please mark any donation as retirement gift. Terri's final day with the preschool is May 31.**



Happy
Retirement