

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube
channel

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woes” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Readings and Psalm

- **Jeremiah 17:5-10**
- Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water
- **Psalm 1**
- They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)
- **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**
- Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died
- **Luke 6:17-26**
- Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full

Sunday, February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

A fundamental decision is placed before us this day: Will we choose the way of blessing or the way of woe? The death and resurrection of Jesus is the pivot on which the decision turns. To be in Christ means that we get planted by streams of water and are rooted among those who thirst for God’s reign. The mystery of our faith points the path to life: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Interim Pastor

Kim Sterner

Music

Miloy Cañete

Reader

Feb 16 - Stevie Henderson
Feb 23 - Ellory Christianson

Ushers

Faith Hanley and Emma
Janell & Howard Jenson

Greeter

Rae Valabek

Altar/Communion

Carol Moonan

Ellory Christianson
Dave Gregor
Valerie Ellis

Sound/Tech

Ruben Salgado
Jan & Wes Yost

Flowers

Carole Helland

Banners

Judy Wandler

We remember in our prayers...(see email for names)

Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

Area Churches: Spirit of Grace - Surprise; American - Sun City

Service Men/Women: (see email for names)

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***Submit or update prayer requests by emailing:
office@Christgoodyear.org, calling the church office:
623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).***

Upcoming events at CELC

Feb 15 - Women's Retreat @ Lord of Life

Feb 16 - Installation of Council, Congregational Transition meeting, Council meeting

Feb 17 - Church Office closed in observance of President's Day

Feb 21/22 - Feed My Starving Children @ Lord of Life

Feb 22 - Celebration of Life for Janice Jack

Feb 27 - CELC Book Club

Mar 8 - Youth Group @ New Dawn Animal Rescue Center

Mar 9 - Pancake Breakfast @ Grace Lutheran Church

Mar 22 - Cactus Conference Women's Gathering (Yuma)



The 2025 Church Council will be installed on Sunday Feb 16.

President/Worship - Carol Moonan
Administrator/Treasurer - John Brown
Secretary - Jo-Ann Wordell
Education - Magan Ratalaky
Evangelism - Sandy Gabel
Outreach - Su Erickson
Stewardship - Ann Bruce
Youth - Olga Blanchard

Facilities/Maintenance and Fellowship positions are vacant and will be conducted by committee until a team leader is appointed to Council. Council meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after the worship service. Suggestions, items of concern or questions may be sent to council@christgoodyear.org. Minutes of previous Council meetings may be found on the [CELC website](#).

Congregational Transition Meetings

- **2/16/25 - Mission** - The first meeting will focus on our Mission statement.

Our Current Mission Statement

We are a Christian fellowship reaching out to all people, so they might experience God's love for them.

- **2/23/25 - Vision** - The second meeting will focus on CELC Vision.
- **3/2/25 - Values/Goals** - The third meeting will focus on CELC Values/Goals.

Please plan to participate in this process as our team and the call committee need your input as members of the congregation. We want to portray an accurate picture of our congregation when we send out our Mission Site Profile to prospective pastors so that we end up with a good match.

Transition team members:

Ann Bruce - Chairperson, Olga Blanchard, Patsy Blankenship, Jim Erickson, Stevie Henderson, Karen Olson, Les Stubbs

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

- Feb 18 - Valerie Ellis
- Feb 25 - Dorothy, Pam, Nancy, Laura, Gail, & Marlene
- Mar 4 - Hope Alive
- Mar 11 - Charla Seitz

March and April dates are available; check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office.

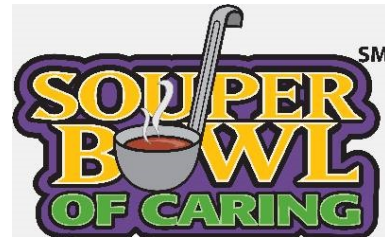
We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 14 people each week. Please deliver the food to Bldg. B at 4:45 p.m.



Cereal, water, rice, and beans

Donations are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.

The CELC 2025
Souper Bowl Winner
is...



Thank you for your generosity in supporting the CELC Outreach Food Pantry. The Eagles reigned supreme with \$190 vs \$145 (+2 cans of soup) for the Chiefs.

Feed My Starving Children food packing event

Lord of Life Lutheran Church has invited us to join another food packing event, **February 21-22, 2025.**

How to register: Contact Jan Capps at janicapps@comcast.net or at (503) 720-7896 or visit the Lord of Life website at www.LOLaz.org where you will find a FMSC

link at the top of the page. Once you click on that link, follow the prompts to register for a food packing day and time.



Janice Marie Jack

March 14, 1945 – December 19, 2024

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Janice Jack Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Bldg B.

For obituary and photos click [here](#).

CELC Book Club

The February Book Club meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb 27 at 2:00 pm in the Bldg A Fellowship Hall. Joan will be leading the discussion of *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior.

March - *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar

April - *The Confidant* by Christopher Gorham

For more information, contact Ann Bruce.

CELC Youth Group, 2025

We will be spending our 1st day together at **New Dawn Animal Rescue Center, March 1**, at 10 a.m.

This event will require you to sign a **waiver**, and that document is on their web site. Requirements are that you will wear old clothes and shoes. Lunch will be available.

Your families are welcome to participate. I am not going to put an end time on this, you may want to stay longer as long as you have a ride home. John and I will not provide transportation.

The Center will accept donations.

Olga, Youth Ministry



Pancake Breakfast @ Grace Lutheran Church

Sign up to cook and serve breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church on **March 9**.

Carpool from the church or meet there at 6:30 a.m. and be back in time for worship.

HELPFUL LINKS

Church **Directory**

Join Our Mailing **List**

Simply **Giving** Application

Fry's Community **Rewards**: CELC #MW462

CELC Calendar

CELC Website

<https://www.christevangelical.org/staff-and-leadership>

Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above

Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link

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