Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Update from the Church Council – 10/16/2024

The Grand Canyon Synod has identified to the council the intentional interim pastor that will be supporting CELC beginning November 1, 2024. Her name is Pastor Kim Sterner who previously was one of the pastors at Lord of Life in Sun City. She retired from Lord of Life at the end of 2023 and has been ordained for 38 years. Details are still being finalized.

Appropriate Meet and Greet opportunities will be scheduled for November.

Update from the Transition Team – 10/16/2024

The transition team is working on how best to consolidate the CELC history information including the input from the congregation that was received on 9/29. We thank the congregation for helping provide additional information. It is expected that the following will be generated:

- 1. A list of significant events/dates organized by decade that will be posted to the CELC web site and made available to the congregation through email.
- 2. Scrapbook(s) organized by decade with a subset of the pictures that were sorted.
- 3. A simplified graphical timeline showing major dates and a few pictures posted in an appropriate location in Building B.

Once our intentional interim pastor, Pastor Kim Sterner, is on board, the team will work with her support to begin to plan for the small group activities that are needed to fully develop and document the Ministry Site Profile which is critical to the Call Process.

Upcoming Events

- October 19, 5:00pm CELC Fall Festival including a recognition of Pastor Jeff's service
- October 27, 9:00am Pastor Jeff's last service at CELC
 - Celebrating Reformation and Confirmation
 - Bishop Hutterer will be at the service to assist in bidding "godspeed" to Pastor Jeff as he concludes his ministry at CELC
 - Reception after the service celebrating Pastor Jeff's years at CELC

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