

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Transition Team Update – 9/24/2024

The Transition Team did some preliminary work related to history and demographics over the summer and met on 9/8/24 to review progress and began discussing Fall plans. Again, one of the primary responsibilities of the transition team is to develop the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document is a key input to the call process and assists the synod in identifying candidates and for candidates to assess their initial interest in CELC 's opening. The MSP is meant to communicate the following:

- Our history (who we have been)
- Who we are today
- What are our goals and directions for the future

## History

An initial timeline has been created and a large number of old pictures have been at least partially organized. After discussion, the Transition Team determined that it would be good to have congregation's input on the history. On Sunday, 9/29, before and after service, the timeline will be available in the sanctuary to look at and for congregation members to suggest additions, corrections, or modifications to the timeline. In addition, the congregation will have the opportunity to assist in identifying/classifying the pictures. The team looks forward to gaining this input from the congregation.

## Demographics

Much work has been done on “cleaning up” our membership records so that we have an accurate view of the makeup of our congregation membership. While the cleanup is not yet fully complete, we do have a more accurate view of the demographics of our congregation. In terms of family units here is a summary:

- 100 “Full season” active families which include 183 individuals
- 24 “Seasonal” active families which include 42 individuals
- 9 “Homebound” families which include 12 individuals
- 85 “non voting” families which include 109 individuals

The distribution of these individuals across cities/towns are:

- Goodyear (204 individuals)
- Buckeye (40 individuals)
- Litchfield Park (22 individuals)
- Surprise, Phoenix, Avondale (each having 13-14 individuals)
- Scattering of other towns/cities

Work is continuing to get this data as accurate as possible.

## **Intentional Interim Pastor (this is from Church Council)**

Progress is being made between the church council and the synod on the identification of the intentional interim pastor who will be leading worship services, providing pastoral care, and assisting the Transition Team in the development of the MSP and during the call process. More information will be communicated on this as we move through October and some kind of Meet and Greet with the interim pastor will be scheduled.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Sept 29 before/after Service – Congregational Input on CELC History
- October 19, 5:00pm – CELC Fall Festival including a recognition of Pastor Jeff's service
- October 27 – Pastor Jeff's last service at CELC
  - Celebrating Reformation and Confirmation
  - Bishop Hutterer will be at the service for Pastor Jeff's "send-off"
  - Reception after the service celebrating Pastor Jeff's years at CELC

The detailed status can also be found on our web site  
[www.christgoodyear.org/transition](http://www.christgoodyear.org/transition).

Any questions can be directed to members of the Transition Team whose names can be found on our web site [www.christgoodyear.org/transition](http://www.christgoodyear.org/transition).

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