

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube channel

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Readings and Psalm

Hosea 5:15—6:6

God desires steadfast love

Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter

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**Next Week's Readings**

**Exodus 19:2-8a ~ Psalm 100 ~ Romans 5:1-8 ~ Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]**

**June 7, 2026**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

## Light, Warmth, and Watering

The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the Pentecost season. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light, warmth, and watering to grow and flourish? How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?

### Worship Team

Pastor Phil Gustafson

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

### Communion Assistants:

Emily & Patsy Blankenship

### Ushers:

June 7 - Bruce & Joan Haroldson,  
Faith Hanley & Emma

**Assisting Minister:**

Patsy Blankenship

**Greeters:**

Mary Ellen Crane, Sandy Gabel

**Readers:**

June 7 - Julie Paisley

June 14 - Patsy Blankenship

June 21 - Tony Fabrello

June 28 - Gayle Denny

**Altar Guild:**

Karen & Ken Olson

June 14/21 - Jo-Ann & Fred

Wordell, Faith Hanley & Emma  
June 28 - Walter Rawls, Mike See,  
Valerie & Greg Ellis

**Sound/Tech:**

June - Cole Stafford & Ruben  
Salgado

**Banners:**

Judy Wandler/Karen Olson

**Flowers:**

Kathie Townsend

***We remember in our prayers...*** (see email version)

**Bishops:** Deborah K. Hutterer, (Grand Canyon Synod), Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry (ELCA churchwide)

**Cactus Conference Churches:** Spirit of Grace - Surprise; American - Sun City

**CELC Campus Churches:** Casa del Rey, Hope Alive, Inglesia Cristiana Valle de Beraca, Vida Nueva

**Service Men/Women:** (see email version)

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

**Pastor Phil Gustafson** will join us in June to lead worship and provide pastoral care. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with Pastor Phil.

## CELC Recycling Sunday is JUNE 7

The church council has designated the **first Sunday of the month** as **"RECYCLING" Sunday**. Be a good steward and save your aluminum cans and plastic water bottles for recycling. Due to limited storage space, we are asking you to deliver them to CELC on the first Sunday of the month. **Funds received go into the facilities budget to improve our campus for all.**

You may now also recycle empty printer ink cartridges through CELC on the First Sunday of the month! Staples will give us store credit for each empty ink cartridge we turn in (they do not have to be purchased at Staples). We can also recycle an old printer if you want to dispose of it, and receive store credit. CELC will use these funds for our office supplies and/or school supplies for children of our Outreach Families.



## Keep our Outreach food pantry shelves full

**Boxes**, paper bags, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, cereal, beans, **rice**, canned meat, water

Volunteers welcome on Monday (8-10 a.m.) to help set up, receive and sorting product or Tuesday (8-11:30 am) to receive and sort product, fill and distribute boxes, and clean up.



## Southwest Valley IHELP

**Meals are being scheduled for July 17, Aug 21, Sept 4.** Email the church office or talk to Su Erickson if you would like to prepare a meal for IHELP.

### **LAUNDRY HELP needed this summer!**

**We are looking for one or two volunteers to help with the laundry after our Friday IHELP hosting.**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the IHELP program. We have been approved for a \$15,000 grant through Arizona Complete Health. We are still waiting to hear when the funds will be released. We are still in need of continued financial support to sustain program operations until grant funding is received. Every donation, no matter the amount, truly makes a direct impact and helps us continue providing shelter, safety, transportation, case management and hope to those we serve.

Information on how to donate online is found in the link below.

Here's a [link](#) to our landing page on the AZ Community Impact site,

<https://azcommunityimpact.org/#ihelp>

If you prefer to donate by check, make the check out to AZ Community Impact and include IHELP in the memo line.

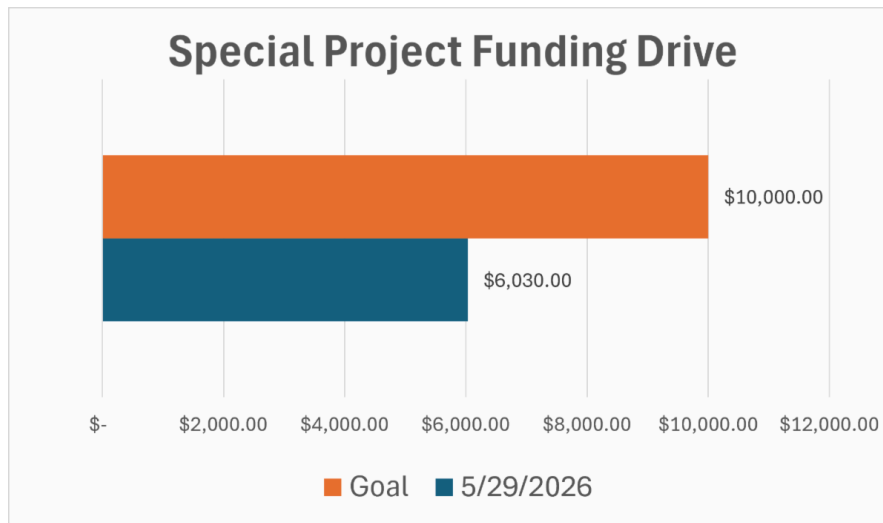
Checks should be mailed to:

AZ Community Impact

22236 Twilight Trail

Buckeye, AZ 85326

If you have questions, please talk with Su Erickson.



### Over half way to goal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our special funding drive to replenish our reserve funds. **As of May 29, we've received \$6,030 in donations.** We are well over half way to our goal of \$10,000 to replenish the designated/reserve funds being used to pay for the parking lot and painting projects.

To contribute to these projects, stop at the welcome table after service and select a square from the "donation" board that reflects the amount you wish to contribute to help pay for these projects.

1. You can mark your envelopes with "Special Projects"
2. Write "Special Projects" on the memo line of your check
3. If you wish to send electronically via Zelle, contact the office or the finance team for instructions.
4. You can also go to the **"Giving" page** on our web site, click on "Give Now", and select special projects to use credit card, debit card, or an EFT transfer from your bank.

For more information, talk with Ann Bruce, Stewardship.

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**What:** A Campformation fundraising event hosted by Connections at Grace Lutheran

**Where:** Grace Lutheran in Phoenix (3rd St. and Roosevelt)

**When:** June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Who:** Everyone who loves or is curious about Campformation

Grace Lutheran holds a weekly gathering called Connections that invites the community to come together in fellowship to learn with one another. We've been invited to join in for this special event on the 9<sup>th</sup> in support of Campformation. You are all invited to join us as able and also to invite your families and Campformation alumni to join in for this special event as well. The event begins at 6pm. Music will be led by Kenda Khatter, who will help us get into the Campformation spirit. There will be a few speakers to talk about how Campformation helped them deepen their faith walk.

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## Grand Canyon Synod Assembly

Keep delegates and Pastors in your prayers as they meet June 11 through June 13 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Mesa for the 2026 Grand Canyon Synod.

Beth and Patsy Blankenship are CELC delegates to the assembly this year.

CELC's Patsy Blankenship has been nominated for At-large representative, youth. Click [here](#) to read more about Patsy.



## Update church directory and office records

"We are making a push in June to update our records before Pastor Jeff begins his ministry with us on 7/1. We are also trying to reduce any inconsistencies we may have between our two primary databases. As such we have three requests for you:

1. Check your Instant Church Directory entry and insure it is correct and complete. We would really like individual email addresses and cell phone numbers for all adult members. Updates should be sent to [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).
2. Determine if an updated picture is necessary. Again, please send new pictures to [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).
3. Respond to any emails from [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org) or [it-help@christgoodyear.org](mailto:it-help@christgoodyear.org) requesting assistance on resolving discrepancies between our databases.

We appreciate your assistance in this."

## Upcoming Events

- Jun 7 - Recycling Sunday (aluminum cans, plastic water bottles, printer cartridges)
- Jun 9-11- Bldg B classroom/hallway painting
- Jun 14 - Book Exchange
- Jun 14 - Council Meeting
- Jul 1 - Welcome Pr. Jeff Hackler
- Jul 12 - Pr. Jeff Hackler Installation (during worship service)

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*

**Music: Miloy Cañete**  
**Council President: Carol Moonan**  
**CELC Office Phone: (623) 932-2394**  
**Please email office for pastoral care, appointments or special requests at [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org)**

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