

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

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channel



The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 9:36-43**
- Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead
- **Psalm 23**
- The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)
- **Revelation 7:9-17**
- A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb
- **John 10:22-30**
- Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

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Sunday, May 11, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## The Searching Sheep

Messages and information today are texted, tweeted, broadcast, e-mailed,

phoned, lectured, announced, packaged, and repackaged. The means and avenues for communication are many. Yet when it comes to the person known as Jesus of Nazareth we are often left standing in the place of the Jewish people who gathered around Jesus at that portico (John 10:22-23). We long to know, Who are you, Jesus? and perhaps want to probe, What are you really about? Of course the qualification is for him to “tell us plainly” (John 10:24). As the church we have grown accustomed to the idea of Jesus seeking out the lost sheep and bringing them safely home—of knowing the sheep intimately by name. Today’s texts are rich in reframing who is searching for whom. Who is seeking after Jesus, and to what does that seeking lead? Still, will we be satisfied with any answer? The faith of Tabitha and the miracle-working Peter, the vision of saints and mythical beasts, and even Jesus’ works point to one who is in and of God. Yet we wonder if it can’t be spelled out for us more clearly. In this season of proclaiming a Christ who breaks the powers of death and whose realm is one of glory, we open ourselves to questions of exactly who this Jesus is—and see answers coming to life in story, miracles, and testimony. Today is an opportunity for us in weakness and glory, in doubt and in faith, in simplicity and awe to seek and embrace the one who is already in our midst.

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## May Worship Team

**Interim Pastor:** Kim Sterner

**Music:** Miloy Cañete

**Greeters:** David Gregor & Dan McDonald

**Reader** 11th - Jim Erickson 18th - Darrel Bjornson  
26th - Ann Bruce

**Altar/Communion:** 11th - Rosemary Vanesco and Tom Reynolds  
18th - Norma Heinrich 25th - Su Erickson  
18/25 - Valerie Ellis

Patsy & Emily Blankenship

**Ushers:** Joan & Bruce Haroldson, Faith Hanley & Emma

**Sound/Tech:** Ruben Salgado & Jim Hill

**Flowers:** Kathie Townsend

**Banners:** Judy Wandler

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

**Bishops:** Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton

**Area Churches:** Shepherd of the Desert - Sun City; St. John's - Glendale

**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](#).***





## Pastoral Letter from Bishop Eaton on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in praying for the ministry of Pope Leo XIV. We rejoice with the people of the Roman Catholic Church, especially those in our communities, as they joyfully receive their new shepherd.

**Read  
More**

## EVANGELISM/WELCOME CENTER

We are in the process of creating a very visible **WELCOME CENTER** as you enter the sanctuary.

Why you ask? We want to make sure that folks new and old can stop by for a Worship Bulletin (large and small print); sign a visitor card, ask questions

***Richard Rohr's Daily Devotional (3/19/25)*** wrote an excellent devotional, **"Welcoming the Stranger" Hospitality: A Holy Practice:** It speaks directly to **WHY have a Welcome Center**

"Hospitality is at the heart of Christian life, drawing from God's grace and reflecting God's graciousness. In hospitality we respond to the welcome that God has offered and replicate that welcome in the world. ...the practice of hospitality is biblically, historically and theologically...significant." ([click here for full text](#))

We want the **WELCOME CENTER** to be a visual expression of who CELC is and believes themselves to be.

Paraphrasing Rohr's writing: When the church works to be a welcoming place we learn how to lament, celebrate and learn together and this can lead to healing and wholeness. We want to be a reflection and witness of Christ's love, and it helps us all strengthen our relationships with one another. (Rohr)

**CONSIDER JOINING THE EVALGELISM TEAM BY VOLUNTEERING** to be a Greeter, Usher, or Welcome Center Host. You can contact Sandy Gabel, Judy Turnen or Carol Moonan for more information.

**HELLO**  
My Name Is

**PS: PLEASE PRACTICE WEARING YOUR CELC NAME TAG.**

All members receive one complimentary name tag, and we respectfully request a \$7.00 donation to reorder. PLEASE sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office. We plan to reorder when we have about 10 requests.

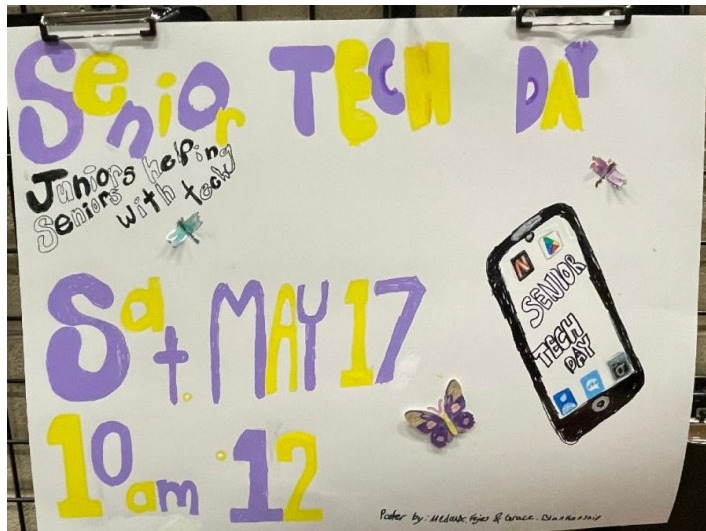
## Upcoming events at CELC

May 11 - Council Meeting  
May 17 - Senior Tech Day  
May 22 - CELC Book Club  
May 26 - Church office closed  
June 1 - Book Exchange

## OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE



**Brown paper bags, plastic grocery bags, boxes suitable for food distribution, mac & cheese, canned fruit, cereal, rice, beans, and peanut butter**  
Donations are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.



and questions.

### Sr. Tech Day in May

Join the Youth on Senior Tech Day, Saturday May 17, 10am-Noon in Bldg B - Classrooms A,B,C. CELC Youth will help seniors navigate phones or computers on the needs of an individual. Delete, Add, Pictures, Facebook, Apps, Church website, Church Directory. Bring your devices

## Community spotlight: CELC Outreach Food Pantry

CELC was featured on the [LAMA](#)





webpage May 5 and included in the May 6 LAMA weekly newsletter. Thank you to Darren Coyle (Kathy & Mike Coyle's son) for putting together a beautiful video about our food pantry and granting permission to share it.



### **Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA**

Gather Bible Study Event

May 17 2025 – 9:00am to 11:00am

Join us for a Gather Bible Study Event with Rev. Brooke Petersen

“Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships”

For more information about this online Zoom event, [click here](#).

### **HELPFUL LINKS**

Church **Directory**

Join Our Mailing

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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