

CFL Planning Calendar

Confirmed Sessions: September 2022 - February 2023

CFL will be in Fellowship Center and on Zoom

Date	Topic / Notes	Speaker(s)	Description
Sept 11	Council Update	Mark S CONFIRMED	Please join Council President Mark Stanziola who will provide an update on the first floor building project, the senior paster call effort and other assorted church activities.
Sept 18	Interim Pastor Intros	Pr Mark W Pr Cindy CONFIRMED	LCHS welcomes interim Pastors Mark Wimmer and Cindy Camp! Please attend this CFL to learn more about our current pastoral leaders as they share more about their career and personal backgrounds.
Sept 25	ELCA Social Statements: Discussion topics for difficult times – Part 1 of 4	John M Dave Evans CONFIRMED	<p>Church in Society: Developing a Faith-Based Response to Divisiveness, September 25, November 13, February 12, March 19 facilitated by Dave Evans and John Mosovsky</p> <p>Today's "all or nothing", "one or the other" narratives on controversial social issues have the power to divide us. They can make us angry and frustrated to the point of silent indifference, helplessness and fear. But we are commissioned by Christ to engage and participate in the public debate and we have a responsibility to mediate conflict and advocate for just and peaceful resolutions to divisiveness. This four-part CFL series will focus on a practical and universal faith-based response to controversial social issues to help us meet our Christian obligation to be peacemakers. Come and help us determine what this faith-based response might look like as we seek understanding and respect for our differences.</p> <p>Sept 25th Session One – Series Goals, Fulfilling Our Commission, Where we are Today, and Resources Come join the discussion as we focus on what Jesus would do, faith-based deliberations, active listening and reflection skills, how the church helps us, and what a faith-based response might look like to support God's Mission.</p>
Oct 2	The Bible – a concise history Old testament	Dr Alison DeForest CONFIRMED	Despite your best efforts to read it, understand it and comprehend it, do you find the Bible overwhelming or confusing? In a two-session CFL series, guest speaker Dr Alison DeForest will present a concise history of the Bible: who wrote different books, when they were written and how the Bible is organized. On October 2 nd , she'll focus on the Old Testament and on October 9 th , she'll highlight the New Testament.
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Oct 16	Sacraments: What, Why, When	Dr Nelson Rivera CONFIRMED	Although important Christian rituals, have you ever wondered what a sacrament is and why we practice them? Always a favorite CFL speaker, we welcome back Dr Nelson Rivera for the next two Sundays who will discuss sacraments. On October 16 th , we'll start with basic definitions about what a sacrament is, what is it for, and when to practice it. On October 23 rd , Dr Rivera will then explore the meanings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in relation to faith and daily life and as we follow the church's tradition.
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Oct 30	Church Growth – new member intro to CFL with Fellowship plans		Let's welcome new LCHS members! Join the Church Growth Team and other members of the congregation for a time of fellowship and sharing as we offer a warm welcome to Holy Spirit's new members. Gather in the Fellowship Center on Sunday, October 30th 9:30 AM-10:30 AM for fellowship and sharing. Get acquainted with our new members, re-acquaint with others and enjoy conversation over a light brunch. See you on the 30th!
Nov 6	Engineering One Sustainable Planet	Chuck Coe CONFIRMED	As the effects of climate change alter our planet at the most fundamental levels and the global temperatures continue to rise, our current source of energy production must be replaced with sustainable solutions. Come, learn, and share as we address and discuss the most urgent and important transformation impacting the planet in the last 50 million years. An opportunity for a focused discussion of ongoing transformative changes occurring in our backyard and around the world.
Nov 13	ELCA Social Statements: Discussion topics for difficult times – Part 2 of 4	John Mosovsky CONFIRMED	Church in Society: Developing a Faith-Based Response to Divisiveness, Session #2 facilitated by Dave Evans and John Mosovsky In this session we will continue to explore how we might mediate conflict as peacemakers to address divisiveness. To help us reach this goal, we will take a look at some common threads found throughout the ELCA Social Statements. It would be helpful to read the social statement on abortion found at this link https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/AbortionSS . It truly is God's gift when we can come together as a church and safely discuss controversial issues, build each other up, and then share our message with others through understanding, gentleness, and respect. Please join us!
Nov 20	"The Family Tree of Christianity"	Pr. Roger Timm CONFIRMED	For the next two CFL sessions on November 20 th and 27 th , Pr. Roger Timm will give an overview of the different branches of the Christian "tree". He will connect them to their historical roots and compare some of their main differences in theological principles and worship practices. The Rev. Dr. Timm is a retired ELCA pastor who has served in both parishes and campus ministry settings.
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Dec 4	The NEPA SYNOD Council – Why You Care About It	Kristen Edelman-Weiner CONFIRMED	Kristen Edelman-Weiner is the Vice President of the NEPA Synod Council. She will be describing what the Council is and does. In her home-spun manner of speaking and using recent examples, she will tell us how we can be engaged with the Synod and Church-side offices, and why that engagement is important to our ministry.
Dec 11	Share Parish Summary (call committee)	Bob Mueller CONFIRMED	Please join Council President Mark Stanziola and Bob Muller who will provide an update on the senior pastor call effort and a variety of other church activities.
Dec 18	Christmas Pageant	CONFIRMED	Please attend the annual Christmas Pageant as we celebrate the joyous holiday season!
Dec 25	NO CFL		
Jan 1	NO CFL		
Jan 8	Current practice of Baptism & Holy Communion	Pr Cindy CONFIRMED	On this Sunday when the church celebrates our Lord's Baptism, we're going to take time to build on the sessions provided by Professor Nelson Rivera in October on the Biblical foundation of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. How does the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit celebrate Baptism and Holy Communion? Are they both required 'means of God's Grace' or merely 'signs of God's Grace, already

			given'? There will be plenty of time for questions of Pr Cindy as we discuss these 2 sacraments of the church.
Jan 15	Diakon Adoption and Foster Care	Joyce Ritchie CONFIRMED	
Jan 22	Council update	CONFIRMED	
Jan 29	Medicinal herbs in the Bible and also their Moravian uses	Dr Appler CONFIRMED	
Feb 5	Medicinal herbs in the Bible and also their Moravian uses	Dr Appler CONFIRMED	
Feb 12	ELCA Social Statements: Discussion topics for difficult times – Part 3 of 4	John Mosovsky CONFIRMED	
Feb 19	TBD		
Feb 26	LAMPA Update	Tracey DePasquale CONFIRMED	Local community impact, involved with Angel Network; how are referrals made, how do these organizations work together?