Walks With Christ
June/July 2015
Christ Lutheran Church

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

Genesis 8:22

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

So when the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ Acts 1:6-8

Just before His ascension into heaven, Jesus was asked by the disciples - Are you going to do it now Jesus? They were expecting Jesus to “restore the kingdom to Israel”. They were expecting Jesus to rule like king David and destroy all the enemies of Israel.

Jesus answered their question that the specifics of what and when He would bring history to an end was not for them to know. However, they were to be his witnesses to the whole world. The rest of the book of Acts tells how the disciples then witnessed to the ends of the earth as they were pushed and pulled by the Holy Spirit. The disciples set up witness centers, mission centers, also called churches, that would be a source for spreading the good news and continuing the work of Jesus. God’s mission was successful in reaching the ends of the earth, but over time, churches have forgotten or been distracted from God’s original intent for His people.

Walking Worthily: Missional Leadership after Christendom was the title of a message given at Fuller Seminary a few years back by Darrell Guder which centered on the concept that the Church needs to reclaim its missional heritage in order to fulfill its purpose as given by Christ. “Missional,” Guder explained, “is defined by the Church’s calling or sending for all the world, to all the world.”
Guder maintained that during the long period of time when the Church represented a dominant power structure in the Western world, Christians gradually shifted their understanding of the Church from being an outwardly oriented gathering that launched mission to being an inwardly oriented gathering that maintained believers. In order to be effective in the world, Guder proposed that Christians recapture the outwardly oriented definition of the Church, which he presented as the Scriptural model. The mission of the Church, Guder said, is “the formation of new witnessing communities.” The gathering of the Church, while still essential, is most valuable in terms of preparing its people to go out into the world and be active witnesses.

This recapturing of missional identity requires a new set of priorities for Christian leadership and for the training of Christian leaders, Guder claimed. These priorities include (1) emphasizing the power of the Word of God, including recognizing the New Testament mandate for the Church to be sent into the world; (2) understanding that leadership in spreading the gospel is relational and shared rather than hierarchical; and (3) recognizing the personal nature of each Christian’s call to share Christ in their daily life. Guder maintained that by embracing these priorities, the Church will both align itself more closely with the mission Jesus set for it, and offer a more relevant witness to the gospel in contemporary culture.

Together may we continually grow in being faithful witnesses here in our communities and even to the ends of the earth.

Pastor Steve
Sunday, June 14th ~ 2:00pm

The Good Lie

Miracles are made by people who refuse to stop believing. A deeply touching story about survival, perseverance and hope. In 1983, orphans of the civil war in Sudan known as the Lost Boys, traveled nearly a thousand miles on foot, enduring unspeakable circumstances in search of refuge. Over a decade later, a humanitarian effort would bring thousands of survivors to America. The Good Lie is the uplifting, true to life tale of four friends journey from their devastated homeland to the foreign world that is modern America and the people who help empower them to begin again.

Sunday, July 12th ~ 2:00pm

In the Water

Anything's possible if you believe. Radio psychologist Jack Black takes his children Joshua and Ashley on a vacation to a lake in British Columbia. While he grinds away at work, the children discover that the famous local lake monster, Orky, may not be just a gimmick to attract tourists after all. In fact, Orky may enable them to get closer to their workaholic dad.

Sunday, August 2nd ~ 2:00pm

I Am Sam

Sam Dawson has the mental capacity of a 7-year-old. He works at a Starbucks and is obsessed with the Beatles. He has a daughter with a homeless woman; she abandons them as soon as they leave the hospital. He names his daughter Lucy Diamond and raises her. But as she reaches age 7, Sam's limitations start to become a problem at school; she intentionally holds back to avoid looking smarter than him. The authorities take her away. Sam shames a high-priced lawyer, Rita Harrison, into taking his case pro bono. In the process, he teaches her a great deal about love, and whether it's really all you need.
THE POWER OF PRAYER IS AMAZING!

The following people are in need of prayer:

- Members of Christ Lutheran Church:
  Earl Hart, DelLorain Schoenfeldt, Finleigh Ann Strike, Jeanette Tweite, Wayne Prigge & Mary Jo Peterson

- Family, Friends and Neighbors:
  John O’Brien, Jack Dausman, Margaret Engel, James Reed, Regina Bottema, Lari Lynn Miller, Scott Borchardt, Kevin Ash, Matt & Kristi Florek & Family serving in Ethiopia and for all Service Men and Women

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF SHARON HART

Undesignated
Irv & Nancy Nehring

IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR JORDAHL

Undesignated
Robert & Carol Tweten

IN HONOR OF BOB & JEANETTE TWEITE’S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Brenda Hallaway Memorial Scholarship
Dave & Jeanne Tweite

2015 COMMUNION REGISTRATION & VISITORS

Members: Please register for communion by writing your name on the communion list on the table in the narthex. You only need to sign once per calendar year.

Visitors: If you are visiting, and interested in membership, please stop at the ‘Welcome Center’ in the narthex to fill out an information card so that Pastor Steve may contact you.
J.O.Y. (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

Coffee Hour – Monday, June 1st
Come join us at the church at 9:30am for social time and to help plan upcoming events. If there is something that you would like us to plan, please bring your ideas forward.

Each month look for the J.O.Y. minutes on the north side of the kiosk in the narthex. The minutes provide up-to-date information on upcoming events.

Berne Wood Fired Pizza – Wednesday, June 10th
Cabin Fever will provide the entertainment. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:00pm. If you plan to go with the group please contact Ruth Brooks at 775-2725.

Spring Grove Day Trip – Thursday, June 18th
Dorothy Norman and Ruth Brooks have planned a day trip to Spring Grove. Some of the stops will include the Soda Pop Factory and the Heritage Center where there are many famous mural paintings. There is also Viking Memorial Park in the center of the city which features life-sized sculptures representing heritage icons. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am. If you plan to attend please contact Ruth Brooks at 775-2725 for a head count. You won’t want to miss out on this fun-filled day trip...mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Berne Wood Fired Pizza – Wednesday, August 5th
Entertainment will include Alphorns, Swissfest Band and Flag Throwing. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:00pm. If you plan to go with the group please contact Ruth Brooks at 775-2725.
RIVER OF LIFE ~ Francine Kovash, Co-Coordinator

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the ROL 2015-2016 year! If there are at least 4 teachers for each room then the time commitment will be only 1 or 2 Sundays per month. Let Francine Kovash 951-2234 or Kaia Long 775-6777 know if you would like to volunteer.

The ROL offering from January through May went to missionaries Matt and Kristi Florek who are giving of their time and talents as doctors through SIM in Ethiopia. The ROL kids collected $772 from January through May. This money will be sent to the Florek's in Ethiopia to help support their missionary work. Great job kiddos!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for August 3rd through August 6th from 6:15pm to 8:15pm for age 3 to entering 6th grade in the fall of 2015. Volunteers are still needed! It is going to be a blast! Sign up today!

WHAT IS A DAD?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

~ Author Unknown
CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Action Teams are a member benefit that provides the opportunity for Thrivent members to lead two action teams per year and receive $250 of ‘Seed Money’. Members receive a kit that includes tee-shirts, invitations, a banner, and thank you cards along with the $250 cash filled credit card known as a ‘Generosity Card’ to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about. We’ll help get you started. It's easy!

Think about an unmet need in your church / community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you’ll receive a Thrivent Action Kit.

How often am I eligible?
All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit Members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and Associate Members are eligible to lead one per calendar year.

Things to keep in mind … Involve others
Bring together a volunteer team of friends, family and people in your community to have a bigger impact. It's not a gift or a grant; it's seed money. It's an investment to help get your project started or gain awareness for your cause, rather than directly giving the money to (granting) or purchasing items for (gifting) your cause.
**One Action Team, One Project**

Multiple members cannot apply to receive a Thrivent Action Kit to be used toward the exact same project. Although, the project may be broken down into several smaller projects: ie: publicity, silent auction, food.

We want to provide Thrivent members additional information on how to best utilize this benefit and complete the online application. This should be done 4 weeks before your project date.

1. Google “Thrivent Action Team”
2. Choose Volunteer Opportunities (right side of screen) click on ‘Apply Now’
3. Log-In or click on ‘Register’, if you have not created an online account with Thrivent. You will need your member ID, which typically starts with the number 5 and is 9 digits long.
4. Request a Project – Enter Date and Click on ‘Submit’
5. Complete Application (write out the answers to the questions – What will you do and how will your volunteer team be involved? How will you use the seed money to get your project started?)
6. Order T-shirts, Banner and Other Supplies
7. Look over the Application, if everything looks correct,
8. Click on ‘Submit’

**Report your Success**

Share your stories, photos and volunteer team information with us after your event – this must be completed before applying to lead your next Thrivent Action Team.

**Questions:** Contact your advocate, Al Rustan at 775-6616.

**Are You a Thrivent Member?**

There is a list of Thrivent Members on the table outside the office door. If you are a member, please check to be sure your name is on our list. If your name is listed and you are not a member, please cross your name off.
THE CONNECTIONS-EVANGELISM TEAM

What is Evangelism? In general, sharing what we know about Jesus is for the purpose of leading people into a personal relationship with God.

Evangelism is our vision and mission of Christ Lutheran Church as a whole, and as identified in our strategic plan we needed to expand and restructure the Evangelism Committee to promote participation. As of February of this year we have been working toward this goal. We have held three brainstorming sessions on what our church does now, and what we would like to do. With a fresh start and a new structure comes a new name, we now call ourselves “The Connections-Evangelism Team”. Under this team is what we call ‘Focus Teams’.

The reason for this structure is to give all of us at Christ Lutheran a picture of the distinctive areas we can connect to share God’s word. Each Focus Team has its leaders – members of the Connections Team. They are designed for anyone to take part of the Focus Teams either on a whole team or a specific activity or event. This will be easier for all of us in the congregation to find our niche and become involved. (See page 11 for the Focus Teams.)

For more information we will be holding a Committee Team Fair in the fall. If you are interested in working with any of these groups right now, feel free to contact the church office and we will get you connected!

LeAnn Bieber
Connections-Evangelism Team Chair

FAITH

* Don’t Keep it to Yourself!
**FOCUS TEAMS**

**Ministry Team**
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Card Ministry
- Visitations
- Missionary Support

**Community Events Team**
- Souper Bowl* (Jan-Feb)
- Flea Market (Mar-Jul)
- Byron GND Parade (Jul)
- Honkers Game (Jul)
- Bus Trip (fall, every 3-years)

**Social Groups**
- Bible Studies Groups
- JOY Club
- Dinner Club
- Young Family Activity Club*
- Game Nights*
- Mother/Daughter Brunch*

**Hospitality Team**
- Welcome Center
- New Member Reception
- Historian
- Garden Produce Project
- Mentor/Sponsor Family*
- Ambassador*

**Service Events**
(outside of Church walls)
- Community Bible Study*
- Samaritan Bethany Bingo

**Other activities at CLC**
- Wellness Committee
- Meals on Wheels
- BNHN
- Family Promise (IHN)
- Sharing Tree

*denotes new idea/past idea

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDE WITH PASTOR STEVE**

**Wednesday, June 17th**

We will leave the church parking lot at 6:00pm, weather permitting. Plan for a 2 1/2 hour ride, which will include a stop for pizza & dessert. Your spouse/friend is welcome to ride with you. We plan to return to Byron at 8:30pm. Call Christine at 775-6646 if you plan to ride; as we need to preorder the pizza. Cost $7.00 per person.
WELCOME CENTER HELPERS

June 7th ~ J Skare        July 5th ~ J Skare
June 14th ~ S Alberts    July 12th ~ S Briske
June 21st ~ T Turany     July 19th ~ D Norman
June 28th ~ W Schulz     July 26th ~ J Skare

If you would like to help out at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning please contact Joan Skare at 990-8946.

GARDEN PRODUCE PROJECT

The Garden Produce Project is up and running for the season. Gardeners, we ask for your donations of any extra produce. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center at church on Sunday mornings. Members, you may purchase the vegetables, fruits and/or flowers; a free-will offering. All proceeds go to the Channel One Food Bank which helps alleviate hunger in the Byron area. If you have questions call Joan Skare at 990-8946. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS ~ Justine Schneider

Thirteen youth attended the game night on Wednesday, May 6th. The 7th and 8th graders were welcome to come to this event. Stay in tune for more information on a Fall Retreat.

Congratulations to Rebecca Ostreng on receiving the CLC Youth Scholarship.
NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family,

We want to express our deepest thanks to all of you for your continued prayers and financial support. Our hearts are uplifted and encouraged by your commitment to serve with us here in Ethiopia through you monetary gifts, emails, care packages, time & effort to send baby and children's clothing and praying for our family and ministry.

This past month we have met weekly with a growing group of people in a one-room mud hut, sharing Bible stories and coffee. Slowly the Holy Spirit is turning hearts towards Him and we are seeing the beginnings of true life-changing faith. Pray with us that God will do mighty things in these families!

~In Christ, Matt, Kristi, Charlotte & Mercy Florek

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you, dear friends of CLC, for your prayers, cards and visits during a difficult time for me. Thank you Pastor Steve for your pastoral visit. I look forward to being in your midst again soon, but the healing takes time. Also, thanks for remembering Jim and I at the time of his brother’s death in April. We appreciate all your prayers and kind words.

~Mary Jo Peterson

The LEOs Club would like to thank members of Christ Lutheran Church for donating shoes this past month. The results were amazing! The shoes were sent to Soles4Souls, a global not-for-profit institution dedicated to fighting poverty through the distribution of shoes. A picture of the collected shoes is posted on the kiosk.

~Thanks again! Liz Wild and the Byron LEOs Club.
SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

The SEMN Synod Assembly was held on May 8-9, 2015 at the Mayo Civic Center. The theme this year was “For God So Loved the World” with a special focus on caring for creation. Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy–MN, served as the event’s keynote speaker, and Mary Minette, ELCA Director for Environmental Education and Advocacy, served as both Bible study leader and church-wide representative.

Highlights of the event included 2 vibrant worship services, six different workshop options on Saturday, a variety of food ministry videos and display boards from congregations around the synod, the celebrations of ordination anniversaries and retirements, the honoring of rostered leaders who have died, and time set aside for meaningful fellowship among voting members. Beverly Wise, voting member from Zion Lutheran in Stewartville, shared, “By being here, you really get a bigger picture.”

Additional focal points of this year’s Synod Assembly included: (1) Voting for various synod positions as well as 2016 church-wide representatives (2) The naming of the Global Mission/Companion Synods Table from a committee into an official table (3) Discussion and passage of the 2016 Synod Budget (4) Rev. Mike Ward of the Gronlund-Sayther-Brunkow Consulting Firm sharing about the synod’s visioning and feasibility study (5) Presentations of service awards and debt retirement awards (6) Malaria Campaign Report (7) Sat. worship preacher Professor Jacob Erickson (8) The passing of 3 resolutions: 2015:01 Minimum Compensation Guidelines; 2015:02 A Resolution Requesting the ELCA Church Council to Develop a Strategic Plan for Mission Funding for Consideration by the 2016 Church-wide Assembly; and 2015:03 Support, Collaboration, Celebration, and Thanksgiving for Lutheran Campus Ministry (9) An offering total of nearly $10,000 that will be split between Channel One and the ECHO Food Shelf

During his official report near the end of the event, Bishop Delzer shared, “I love this church. I love this synod and the way we live out what it means to walk together.” His message included affirmation to voting members and congregations for the multitude of ways they work together. He also encouraged continued support of our Enough Food for All initiative to end food insecurity in southeastern Minnesota by 2020.
Our goal is to raise 60 shares at $25 or $1,500 to help cover expenses for the youth and chaperones. You may purchase as many shares as you would like. The mission trip youth and families will host a Shareholder Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, August 9th at 5:30pm. There will be a power point presentation and the youth will share about their experience. It will be an evening of fun, education and fellowship. Purchase your shares today!

The youth and their families have already invested $125 towards their trip; we hope to keep their trip cost at $250 per individual.

To become a “Shareholder” use the form below, place in an envelope (along with your check) marked “Shareholder” and drop in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please make check payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Information will also be available on the kiosk.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
No. of Shares ________ x $25 per share = $ ___________
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

August 3–6, 2015 ~ 6:15-8:15pm
Ages 3 – entering 6th grade fall of 2015
at Christ Lutheran Church

Volunteers Needed!

New this year…..
- Youth Group Programming for Older Kids
- Byron United Methodist Church Joining CLC
- Theme Days
- Daily Mission Giving
- Family Fun Night … Entire Family Invited

Monday       God wants us to CARE!
Wear your favorite sports team shirt!
Mission Giving: Bring a canned good item for
the Byron Food Shelf

Tuesday      God wants us to FOLLOW!
Wear something backwards!
Mission Giving: Bottled Water for Byron
Firefighters

Wednesday God wants us to SHARE!
Wear something WaCKy!
Mission Giving: School Supplies

Thursday    Family Fun Night!
Wear team color!
Mission Giving: Paper Products for the
Ronald McDonald House
VBS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child’s Name________________________________________

Parent/Guardian_____________________________________

Street______________________________________________

City, State__________________________________________

Email address________________________________________

Phone number________________________________________

Grade Entering Fall 2015 ________ Boy or Girl

Allergies/Medical information__________________________

Registration Fee: $10 per child, $20 family max.
Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church
**BYRON SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE**

**June 14** – Mary Poppins at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Seats are still available. Contact Community Education at 775-2336 to register.

**June 18** – Sunshine & Roses Canvas Painting
Lower Level, Byron City Hall, 1:00-3:00pm, Fee $39
Grade 6 to Adult, Bring your grandchildren and/or friends.
Call community Education at 775-2336 to register.
Take your painting home with you to decorate your house!

**June 22 through July 13** – Restorative YOGA
Byron High School Courtyard, 6:30-7:30pm, $20
Call Community Education at 775-2236 to register.

**June 26** – Monthly Potluck
Social time starts at 11:30am, Lunch at 12:00 noon
Dave Kurth of Byron will demonstrate fly fishing techniques.
Come and learn how to land that big one!!!
FLEA MARKET

2nd Annual Flea Market
Good Neighbor Days Weekend
Saturday, July 18, 2015
9:00am–3:00pm

Vendor information and registration is available at: http://www.clcbyron.org/about/policies
We have only one food vendor, Johnny Mango, so if a church group wants to serve food, it’s wide open. See food vendor registration for more information.

We have room for more vendors so spread the word on social media, hang up a poster for us, etc.

Also – Rather than take your summer cleaning items to Salvation Army or Savers, think about donating them to the church rummage sale on July 18th. You may drop off items starting on July 15th. You may talk to Audrey Boysen for more information.

We are in need of volunteers to lead 8 individual areas. The areas are as follows:

- Rummage Sale Coordinator – Audrey Boysen
- Music Entertainment – Carl Fugleberg
- Music Entertainment Assistant – Volunteer Needed
- Food Guru – Volunteer Needed
- Activities Director – Volunteer Needed
- Signage Crew – Volunteer Needed
- Booth Assistants – Volunteer Needed
- Building Control – Volunteer Needed
- Cleanup Crew Leader – Volunteer Needed

For a description of the duties listed above, please see the bright pink notice on the kiosk and on the tables in the narthex or on the bulletin board in the office. Or you may contact JoAnn Brooks at 775-7032.
BYRON NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (BNHN)

• In June BNHN will again partner with OMC to provide an educational opportunity to seniors in Byron. Join us on June 16th from 10:30-11:30am at Mount Moriah Church to discuss the importance of “Communicating with your health care provider”. Call Rachel at 218-3275 if you have any questions.

• Are you an older adult who has indoor or outdoor chores to be completed? If so, contact Byron Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

  Such household tasks include, but are not limited to:
  
  * Seasonal Chores
  * Change Smoke Detector Batteries
  * Clean Cupboards
  * Clean Gutters
  * Sweep Garage
  * Plant Flowers
  * Put out Patio Furniture
  * Yard Clean-up
  * Lawn Mowing
  * Handy-worker

• Have you been looking for a great opportunity for your family to give back to your community? If so, Byron Neighbors Helping Neighbors needs volunteers! Can you rake leaves, change a light bulb, or drive someone to an appointment? If so, you can help! Check out our website for more information www.byronneighbors.org or call Rachel at 507-218-3275.

Rachel Wiebold
BNHN Coordinator
WOMEN’S DAY 2015

Good Earth Village
Saturday, June 27, 2015
9:00am - 3:30pm

Cost is $30 per person

To register go to:
http://www.goodearthvillage.org/main/news-and-events/women-s-day/

Keynote Speaker & Workshop Leader ~ Pam Avaux

Through ministering to others, Pam is motivated by a passion for health and wellness of the mind, body and spirit. She seeks to help others discover their unique (S.H.A.P.E.) spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, passions and experiences and equip others for service in the church, the community and the global world. She is committed to the Hope mission of “Reach out to the world around us and share the love of Jesus Christ” with the gifts God has given her.

She obtained a BA in public relations, marketing and journalism from the University of Northern Iowa in 1981. She obtained her certification in volunteer management from Des Moines Area Community College in 1996 and pastoral care specialist certification from Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center in 2004. She has also completed Leadership Training Network’s Level I and II and Consultant’s training in Lay Mobilization, Stephen Ministry Leadership Training and Mental Health First Aid Training and obtained Clinical Pastoral Education through Iowa Methodist Medical Center in 2013. She is also trained in SOZO Inner Healing Prayer.
FAMILY PROMISE (Formerly IHN)

Romans 12:13

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”

We need to help God’s children when they are in need. One way to do this is to become a volunteer with Family Promise.

What is Family Promise? Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) recently changed its name to Family Promise; although, the program has remained the same. CLC serves as a host church to provide a safe place for families with children to stay. Buddy organizations in the area work with the host church to provide evening meals and transportation for the families. CLC is a host site for Family Promise four times each year.

This is a positive program for families with children. Those who enter the program are screened and assisted by personnel at the Day Center in Rochester. The staff helps them in the areas of updating resumes, job interview skills, housing, finances and other needed assistance. The program is not a hand-out for families. It is an opportunity for families to learn the skills they need; it is a hand-up!

For a one-week host cycle it takes about 50 volunteers to make the week a success. Below are the different areas in which you can volunteer.

- Set Up – Before guests arrive, Sunday school rooms are set up as overnight rooms for the guests and at the end of the week they are taken down and reset for Sunday school. The laundry is then collected, washed, dried and returned to the church.
• Meals & Overnight – Dinner hosts purchase food for a meal, nothing fancy, and prepare the meal at their home. The meal is brought to the church and is served by the host. The hosts are responsible for the meal clean up. Normally, two members and/or a family serve and visit during the mealtime with guests. The dinner hosts arrive about 5:00pm and stay until the two overnight hosts arrive at about 8:00pm. Overnight host are finished between 7:00-8:00am; or arrangements can be made if you need to go earlier to get to work.

• Driver – Each morning and evening, the guests are driven to and from the Day Center in Rochester by a volunteer driving the Family Promise van.

Volunteers 18 years and older who work directly with the families are required to attend a 90-minute training session. The training helps the volunteer to understand their role in the program and boundaries.

Upcoming host weeks: August 16th–23rd and December 13th–20th.

Jesus challenges us to do his good works; Family Promise is a great way to be a disciple of Jesus. Are you willing to help us spread the love of Jesus Christ? If so, please contact one of the coordinators listed below:

Bob & Karen Brekke  775-6339  Overall Coordinators
Jim Peterson  775-6128  Driver Coordinator
Elaine Meek  775-2061  Meal Coordinator
Dorothy Norman  775-2950  Overnight Coordinator
Hertha Lange  775-6726  Overnight Coordinator

Please keep the Family Promise Program in your prayers.

God’s Blessings to you all.

Bob Brekke ~ CLC IHN, Family Promise Coordinator
MUSIC MINISTRY POSITIONS

If you are interested in using your musical talents to direct the Chancel Choir and/or the Chancel Bells positions that are now open, please send a resume to Martha Gehrking, 8145 14th St NW, Byron, MN 55920. You have the option to direct one or both of these choirs.

Also, the Worship and Music Committee is looking for a person interested in leading the praise team at the blended worship service; a second service that will be added this fall. Check the church website for the full job description. This position is part-time, 7-10 hours per week starting in August 2015. Send your resume to Martha Gehrking, 8145 14th St NW, Byron, MN 55920.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES

Anyone interested in providing special music at our weekly worship service this summer should call the church office to be placed on the schedule or you can find the schedule on the table near the office door. Your musical talent, whether using your voice, instrument or piano would greatly be appreciated!

Also, the ‘O the Joy’ service will be used for Sunday worship on the dates listed below. This service needs a cantor. If you are willing to lead the music for this service, send an email to clcchristine@frontier.com

- June 7th ~ Katie Meek & June 21st ~ Al Rustan
- July 5th ~ Kaia Long & July 19th ~ Lori More
- August 2nd ~ open & August 16th ~ open
- September 6th (Labor Day Weekend) ~ Julie Carlblom
THANK YOU MARJEAN FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

MarJean Damerval has resigned from her music responsibilities here at church, so on behalf of Christ Lutheran, the Worship and Music Committee wishes to convey its heartfelt appreciation for all that MarJean has contributed to our music program.

MarJean started contributing to our music ministry in 1997 by directing the Golden Angels, children’s choir, and also the tone chime choir. She then started the adult Tone Chimers in 1998 and transitioned the group from chimers to Chancel Bells in 2005. In 2001, she took over the leadership of the Chancel Choir. Even though a simple ‘Thank You’ truly seems so inadequate, sometimes that simple, heartfelt ‘Thank You’ is all that we can say.

Thank you for...

- your loving service to the Sunbeams and for directing the Golden Angels and Chimer Choir
- transitioning the chimers to the Chancel Bells
- your dedication to find cantors for ‘Holden Evening Prayer’ and the ‘O the Joy’ services
- scheduling the group and individual special music
- filling in to play the piano and organ when needed
- making time to accompany musicians when asked
- going above and beyond at Christmas and Easter, organizing and directing the seasonal bands
- enhancing the Christmas and Easter messages with those glorious cantatas
- your passionate service to the Chancel Choir as you instilled the words of the songs into each singer’s heart, enabling the choir to fully grasp and digest the meaning so that the choir could “sing their faith”
- your vision/direction that has fortified our music tradition

It is clear to all of us involved with the music program that MarJean has been the driving force behind our outstanding music ministry. Your musical leadership and talents will be greatly missed!
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 3rd seven families were welcomed to our Christ Lutheran Church family. Below are some family summaries so that you may get to know more about them.

Kellen Johnson & Ashley Ebenhoh
Ashley and I grew up on family farms on opposite sides of Owatonna. Currently, I teach math at Mayo High School and Ashley works as a Pharmacist at St. Mary’s. We were married in Rochester in June 2010 and welcomed our daughter Lux into the world this Easter. We enjoy spending time with our family, home improvement activities and being active exercising. We look forward to being a part of Christ Lutheran Church. ~Kellen Johnson

Gene & Darcy Hall
Children: Abby (10 year old, 4th grade), Avery (7 year old, 1st grade), Annika (4 year old, preschool)

Gene & Darcy both grew up in Iowa. We lived in Rochester for 15 years before moving to an acreage just north of Byron 1 1/2 years ago.

Gene is a RN in the Cardiac Surgery ICU and a pediatric transport nurse. Darcy is a RN in the Pediatric ICU.

Hobbies include anything that involves spending time together as a family, along with cheering for the Green Bay Packers! ~Gene & Darcy Hall

Tom & Colleen Tweite
Colleen and Tom are parents to Nichole, Danielle, Molly, and Maggie. We also have 8 grandchildren. Colleen is a hospital gift shop supervisor for St. Mary’s Gift Shop and the Methodist Hospital Gift Shop. Tom and Colleen are owners of Tweite Family Farm, southwest of Byron. Colleen is from the Pine Island area and Tom has always lived in the Byron area. ~Tom Tweite
ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Christ Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church’s bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to clcbyron.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, we ask that you please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

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Monday – Thursday ~ 9:00 – 5:00pm; Friday ~ Closed

If both Pastor and Administrator need to be away at the same time, there will be a sign on the front door with time of return as well as cell phone numbers in case you need to contact one of them.
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 19, 2015

Present: Mark Turany, Pastor Steve Rheingans, Julie Hedlund, Brent Hoegh, Lori More, Joan Skare, Lee Jacobson, Linda Danielski, Joe Biewer, Ryan Ostreng

Absent: Anders Long, Rebecca Ostreng, Tia Turany, LeAnn Bieber

The meeting was called to order by Mark Turany at 6:38pm.

Devotion and Prayer was done by Pastor Steve Rheingans.

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Linda Danielski. Seconded by Ryan Ostreng. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Mark Turany to approve the minutes. Seconded by Julie Hedlund. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Income exceeded expenses for April.

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Lesson/Teaching – Pastor Steve reported that Worship and Music is currently looking at options for Music Director given MarJean’s resignation. There is a meeting later this month to develop a plan of action. This change may also have impact on the 2nd service. A search for musical talent is currently underway.
Strategic Plan – Julie Hedlund shared an article for group discussion entitled 10 Trends That Will Reshape Youth Ministry. Focus will be placed in the coming months on establishing a direction for Youth and Family efforts.

Synod Assembly Updates – Pastor Steve reported it was a good assembly. Some topics discussed were opportunities for stewardship development, and a church wide focus on eliminating food insecurities.

Church Windows/Communication Update – Lee is looking at the tools we use to communicate and manage church operations. We are evaluating what we are using today against tools that are available to make sure we are getting the most for our money and the flexibility we need.

Inactive Member List – The Council reviewed the Inactive Membership List for 2013 & 2014. Inactive members remaining on the list will be receiving a letter asking them to declare their intentions regarding remaining a member.

New Committee Member Approval – Brent Hoegh motioned to approve the appointment of Howie Eischens, Leanna Larson, Tom Tweite, and Earl Hart to the Personnel Committee 2015-2017. Lori More seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brent Hoegh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Skare seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

The next meeting will be June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm. Linda Danielski will have devotions.

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Hedlund, Council Secretary

Happy Father’s Day! 
June 21, 2015
The Dorothy Day Hospitality House, a temporary homeless shelter in Rochester, is in immediate need of two volunteers to manage the house during overnight hours, two to three nights every other week. The hours needed are generally between 9:30pm and 7:00am during the week and 9:30pm and 9:00am during weekends. We enforce a curfew overnight and we do have a bed in the facility for the overnight volunteer so there is an opportunity for sleep while serving at the house. In return for working with us we give our overnight volunteers free room and board at a separate shared residence in a private room. For the right person this is an excellent opportunity to meet and serve the homeless and neediest members in our community in significant way.

If interested in joining the Dorothy Day Hospitality House to serve in this capacity and who might be in need of free housing to please email me or call me at (507) 251-5869.

Ray Ostfeld, President, Dorothy Day Hospitality House
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Pr. Steve Rheingans  Senior Pastor
Pr. Jack Friedli  Pastoral Assistant
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Jane Cabaya  Organist
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Joe Biewer  Building & Grounds
Linda Danielski  Stewardship
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Tia Turany  Youth
Mission Trip Shares
See page 13 to learn more.