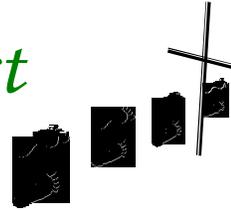


Walks With Christ

March 2015
Christ Lutheran Church



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 1 ~ Second Sunday in Lent, Service 9:00am
March 4 ~ Soup Supper 5:00-6:00pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm
March 8 ~ Third Sunday in Lent, Service 9:00am
March 11 ~ Soup Supper 5:00-6:00pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm
March 15 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent, Service 9:00am
March 18 ~ Soup Supper 5:00-6:00pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm
March 22 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent, Service 9:00am
March 25 ~ Soup Supper 5:00-6:00pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm
March 29 ~ Palm Sunday Service 9:00am
April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
April 3 ~ Good Friday Service 6:30pm
April 5 ~ Easter Sunday Services 9:00 & 10:30am

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

Wednesdays evenings during Lent following Lenten soup suppers, we are using Golden Evening prayer liturgy and guest preachers will focus on different parts of the Lord's Prayer. Prayer influences the degree of intimacy we feel in our relationship with God. God is always present, even when we are unaware of His presence. Prayer is conversation with God as we talk and listen we are reminded that we are not at the center of the universe, God is. Prayer deepens our awareness of God's presence in our lives and in the world, thus helping us to be present for others.

Below are some quotes from Martin Luther on prayer.

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."

"Pray, and let God worry."

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

"I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

It might seem that the first and last quotes conflict with each other. Yet, it's possible that our best prayer times are times when we must listen and are still before God. Be still, and know that I am God Psalm 46:10.

A while back I read the book "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Brother Lawrence was born in 1605 in France. He was wounded at a young age in the 30 years war and became a Christian at age 18 by considering the miracle of a tree being reborn after the winter. For many years he was frustrated with his faith and at the age of 50, he decided to enter the Discalced Carmelite monastery in Paris and was put in charge of the kitchen. They didn't let him in as a regular monk or brother, they did find a place for him in the kitchen. He did not like his job washing dishes and preparing food, but considered it God's way of getting even with him for his pitiful life.

One day in his self pity he realized that he was spending too much time and energy focusing on his miserable situation and remembered the reason he came to the monastery was out of his love for God. He decided to concentrate on loving God in whatever he did.

Simple, yet not so simple, Brother Lawrence struggled with thinking this way and he grew in the habit of ongoing conversation with God. A moment by moment awareness of God's presence throughout the day even in the disgusting and menial tasks he faced. He did everything out of love for God and found joy and fulfillment in the work which he once considered miserable and his punishment.

His whole manner and attitude changed. Instead of a whiner and a complainer, he was filled with joy. The other monks who used to feel sorry for Brother Lawrence, noticed this difference and wanted to know what happened. He told them.

Brother Lawrence's life shows how God intends for our relationship with Him to be - personal. We are the ones who benefit when we live in conversation with God. May your conversations with God help you become more aware of His presence in your life and in the world.

LENTEN SERVICES

Visiting pastors will teach the meaning of The Lord's Prayer.

Date	Name	Church	Topic
2/18	Rev Steve Rheingans	Christ Lutheran Byron	Intro to Prayer
2/25	Rev Beth Perez	Byron UMC	Give us Daily Bread
3/4	Rev Joel Xavier	Kasson UMC Pleasant Corners UMC	Your Kingdom Come
3/11	Rev Dave Westlake	Dodge Center UMC West Concord UMC	Temptation/Deliverance
3/18	Chris Brekke	East/West St Olaf	Our Father...
3/25	Rev Steve Rheingans	Christ Lutheran Byron	Forgiveness...



MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL OF HAROLD HOLTAN

Undesignated
Dave & Linda Grande

THE POWER OF PRAYER IS AWAY IN US



The following people are in need of prayer:

Members of Christ Lutheran Church: none Submitted

Family, Friends and Neighbors: Regina Bottema, Lari Lynn Miller, Scott Borchardt, Matt & Kristi Florek and Family, and for all Service Men and Women

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME

On the first Sunday of each month, Pastor Steve will be available for individual prayer and anointing (optional) at the altar railing. Prayers could include physical or emotional healing for yourself or loved ones. Requests at the railing will be kept confidential.

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Week	2019	2018
1st Sunday	235	257
2nd Sunday	245	309
3rd Sunday	248	217
4th Sunday	217	239
Total Atten.	945	1,022
Avg. Sun. Atten.	236	256

BOYSTOWN YOUTH

We will meet on Monday, March 2nd at the church at 10:30am. Please come join us 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.

On Friday, March 20th the first day of spring we plan to go to the Hubbell House in Mantorville. We will meet at church at 11:30am to rideshare.

On Thursday, April 23rd, we will drive to Preston to visit a flower shop and have lunch at the Branding Iron. Watch for more details on this event in the April newsletter.

Check out the Winter/Spring Community Ed brochure. Since different trips are being offered there may be one that you and a friend may want to go on.

Senior Spring Brunch – Come celebrate spring with friends at the Byron Senior Center City Hall on Friday, April 17th, from 11:00am–12:00pm. A festive brunch will be provided. There is no charge, but you must pre-register by calling 775-2336 by April 10th. Hope to see you there!

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

Sponsored by the
Community

Brought **U**nderwritten by **C**ommunity
Fund

Held at **S**enior **S**ervices **H C**enter
Contact: Julie at Otto's Bakery, 775-2778

CHILD FRIENDLY MONTHLY SUNDAY GROUP

Is your family interested in gathering one Sunday evening a month to get to know other families and to grow in understanding the Bible? Children will have play time together while adults visit and discuss some of the Gospel lessons covered in worship the previous month. We will also enjoy a potluck meal together.

Our first gathering was held on Sunday, February 22nd. We had 6 families, 12 adults and 13 children. Everyone enjoyed the bible study, playtime for the kids, fellowship and meal.

Our next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, March 15th, in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested or if you have questions, you may email Sarah Johnson at sarahlouise717@yahoo.com

IHN – FAMILY PROMISE

The next host week at CLC for the IHN – Family Promise program is April 19-26, 2015. Future training dates for new volunteers have not been firmed up yet.

The people listed below would love to answer questions that you may have about the program and how you can help. We continue to need assistance with overnight hosts. Please prayerfully consider helping with the program.

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
Bertha Lange	775-6726	Overnight Coordinator

RIVER OF LIFE ~ Maia Long, Coordinator

The 2014-2015 River of Life offering will be donated to two causes this school year. The September through December offering will go to Channel One, which the Byron Food Shelf benefits from and the January through May offering will go to missionaries Matt & Kristi Florek who are giving of their time and talents through SIM in Ethiopia as doctors. A check to Channel One will be sent this month. The money is sent in March because it is M Food Share Month, which Channel One participates in. This is an annual state-wide food drive. Donations are matched dollar for dollar through large corporate sponsorships. Therefore, the children's offering of \$727 turns into \$1,454. Awesome job CLC children and families!

ROL L

March 1 – Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man

March 8 – Jesus Heals the Blind Man

March 15 – Jesus Teaches about Commitment

March 22 – Jesus Clears Merchants from the Temple

March 29 – People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem

The "Sonbeams" (Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten and 1st grade) will sing during the 9:00am service on March 8th.

All K-L children (Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten through 6th grade) will sing during the 9:00am Palm Sunday service on March 29th. Following the service, please join us for the French Toast Breakfast, Silent Auction & Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall. Profits from this event sponsor youth going to summer Bible Camp and/or on the Youth Mission Trip.



CONFIRMATION ~ Tim Meek, Coordinator

Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Services will keep the Confirmands busy through the month of March. Each of the mentor small groups have been assigned duties on alternating weeks.

	Meal Pre □□□□□□□□ Work: 4:30 – 5:45 Group: 6:00	Serving & Cleanup Work: 5:15 – 6:15 Group: 5:00	Service / Ushering Work: 6:15 – 7:15 Group: 6:00
March 4	Mentors: Lori More & Mark Turany	Mentor: Tim Meek	Mentors: Kim Posner & Nancy Heinz
March 11	Mentors: Krisine Ihrke & Lynette Magnuson	Mentor: Erin Fairchild	Mentor: Kris Black
March 18	Mentors: Kim Posner & Nancy Heinz	Mentors: Lori More & Mark Turany	Mentor: Tim Meek
March 25	Mentor: Kris Black	Mentors: Krisine Ihrke & Lynette Magnuson	Mentor: Erin Fairchild

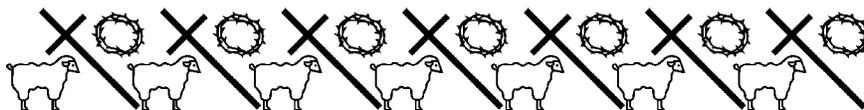
Looking ahead to April and End-of-Year Dates:

□o class on Wednesday, April 1st during □oly Week.
 Students should plan to attend the Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services on April 2nd & 3rd at 6:30pm.

The final 2 regular classes are April 8th and April 15th

□ear □□Confirmation □etreat – Saturday, April 18th

□ear □□Confirmation □ehearsal/Pictures – Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00pm □□individual Pictures – Time TBD□



WELCOME CENTER HELPERS

March 1st ~ Bill Cheingans
March 8th ~ Julie Edlund
March 15th ~ Dick Bedney
March 22nd ~ Dorothy Norman
March 29th ~ Palm Sunday Breakfast, Silent Auction &
Bake Sale sponsored by the Youth Committee
April 12th ~ Wendy Schulz
April 19th ~ Tia Turany
April 26th ~ Bill Cheingans

If you would like to help out at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning please contact Joan Skare at 990-8946. She will be happy to include you on the schedule and acclimate you to the duties.

BOOK LOVER'S LEAGUE

March 2nd at 7:00pm. We will meet at the home of Sue Briske, 508 10th Ave SE, Byron. For March, we are reading *Me Before You*. If you need directions, please call Sue at 269-3260.

Book League meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in individual homes. All are invited to attend. You can come to all or just a few. It is up to you. If you have questions you may call Dorothy Norman at 775-2950.



March ~ *Me Before You*, by Jojo Moyes
April ~ *The Storyteller*, byodi Picoult
May ~ *The Year We Left Home*, by Sean Thompson

YOUTH GROUP NEWS ~ Justine Schneider

The CLC's youth group met twice in February. The group has grown to six youth. We have been discussing the Zombie Apocalypse, a youth centered bible study. The next meeting dates are Wednesday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 18th. Both starting at 7:00pm in the youth room.

YOUTH COMMITTEE ~ Tami Schneider

Support the youth as they will be traveling to Benton Harbor, MI this summer for a mission trip. Purchase a mission trip share or more and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner with all the fixings. Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 9th at 5:30pm. The youth will share information about their trip by sharing their experience and with a power point presentation. It will be an evening of fun and fellowship. Look for information on the kiosk in the narthex.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Do you have what it takes to be a Super Hero? If you are not certain, come to our training on March 12th.

Training for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm. A 20-minute video will be shown along with hands-on training with the new training model. Please plan for a 1-hour session.

If you are part of a small group or committee and would prefer the opportunity to have training offered at your meeting time, contact Candee Streng at 775-2055 or at costreng@yahoo.com to set up a time for your group.

Come join us as we prepare to become Super Heroes!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The soup suppers began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and will continue weekly on Wednesdays through March 25th. The soup suppers are a free will offering.

Below is the schedule for the Lenten Soup Suppers.

March 4	Church Council
March 11	Altar, Memorial and Thursday Bible Study
March 18	Evangelism and Stewardship
March 25	Building & Grounds and Youth Group

It is requested that you bring the following items to the soup supper:
6 containers of soup, 5 quarts or more
6 pans of bars, kids kind are great
Candy
Honey
Bread

Please assign members of your group to bring the following:
6 containers of soup, 5 quarts or more
6 pans of bars, kids kind are great

The confirmation classes will provide all other food items.

The food needs to be at the church by 4:00pm. If your soup is cold please bring by noon, if hot by 4:00pm is fine. The confirmands will serve from 5:00-6:00pm. The Lenten Service starts at 6:30pm.

The confirmation classes will do the set up and clean up. In return, the money raised will help support the youth to attend summer bible camp and/or on the youth mission trip.

During this time of Lent may we all enjoy our fellowship together, support our youth and be renewed in the spirit of Christ our Lord and risen Savior.

Please contact me with any questions.
Martha Gehrking, Worship & Music Chair
Phone: 775-6174 ~ Email: tgehrking@citlink.net

BIBLE CAMP SPONSORSHIP

Equipping all ages to love and serve God and people is a priority at Christ Lutheran Church. In order to encourage families to invest in Bible Camp for youth, we offer camp sponsorships for youth currently in 1st through 12th grade. Funds are made available through shared profits from the Palm Sunday Breakfast, Lenten Soup Suppers and Youth Leadership fund that is in the 2015 budget. Olmsted County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also provides supplemental funding with a youth fundraiser.

Bible camps provide a meaningful experience for young people. Most young people remember the great times and the learning experiences of camp for their entire life. Parents have told us that they were amazed at the change in their young person during the bible camp week. Many different bible camp experiences are available including traditional camp settings or other opportunities such as biking, canoeing, backpacking, kayaking, horseback riding or playing basketball. All are in a bible camp setting that gives unique opportunity for spiritual growth.

The camp sponsorship program works as follows:

- 1 Christ Lutheran Church will pay 60%, up to \$225, of the registration fee at Good Earth Village, our congregational supported camp. Special rates apply.
- 2 For other Christian Bible camps we will pay 50% up to \$225 or % of the camp cost, whichever is less.
- 3 All applications made by May 10th will receive financial support. If the total amount requested exceeds the funds available, the amount of support will be reduced on a percentage basis. If funds are available, applications received May 11th or later will be approved on a first-come basis.

4 All Christian bible camps are eligible for support. Camps such as MCA & sport camps will not be eligible because they are not intentionally designed for Christian faith development.

5 You may e-mail your camp registration verification to clcchristine@frontier.com. The church will send a check to the camp for the church's portion. Reimbursements, if applicable, will be sent directly to you from the camp.

6 For those with a financial need, assistance is available. Please contact Pastor Steve.

7 Sponsorships are available only for Christ Lutheran Church members.

The Bible Camp Sponsorship Application forms can be found on the church website at clcbyron.org or on the kiosk in the narthex. Please contact Christine in the church office.

A If you have any questions, please contact Christine in the church office.

Below is a list of popular camps that our youth have attended in the past years. You can go online to research camp information and to register your child.

- Good Earth Village ~ www.goodearthvillage.org
- Camp Victory ~ www.campvictory.com
- Ironwood Springs ~ www.ironwoodsprings.com
- Camp Ingham Okoboi ~ www.okoboi.com
- Camp Omega ~ www.campomega.com
- Camp Onomia ~ www.onomia.org



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The profits from this dual event help sponsor CLC youth at Summer Bible Camp and/or the Youth Mission Trip.

Summer Bible Camp and Youth Mission Trip opportunities are wonderful experiences for our youth. Many of our youth attend summer after summer. What a great way to invest in our youth—the future of our church!

Volunteers are needed! We ask that all campers and mission trip youth and their families volunteer to help. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. All supplies are being donated by the youth committee.

Contact: Randy Polk at hol@randy@hotmail.com or 475-2620

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Silent Auction is fast approaching and donations are needed...suggestions: crafts, quilting, homemade goods, gift certificates or purchased items. Themed baskets are always a big hit! Bring donated items to the office by March 25th. Items should be marked with 1 item name, 2 value, 3 donated by tags are available in the office for your use!

Contact: Susan Polk at 4hol@fam@gmail.com

BAKE SALE & NEW THIS YEAR

Along with the fresh grapefruit that Christine will bring back from Texas, we are adding baked goods or canned items. Items will not be auctioned, but priced to purchase and go. Donations may be dropped off at the church on Saturday, March 28th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please consider this as another donation option.

Contact: Christine Lunz at 507@696-4252

Discover the Heart of Wellness

Please join us for an inspiring morning of fun, food, and fellowship while learning strategies and resources available to help you on your journey toward greater wellness. The event will include three speakers, a reflective time for prayer and meditation accompanied by a harpist, a taste of yoga, several wellness booths (massage therapy, physical therapy, personal trainer, mindfulness, blood pressure screening, yoga, chiropractor, nutrition, etc.), a delicious, healthy, gluten free lunch and numerous door prizes.

Women's Wellness Seminar

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:30 - 1:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church

Reservations: Sign up at Welcome Center or Call 507-775-6646

Deadline: April 12, 2015

Open to the public ~ Free will offering

Grand Prize:

Professional painting of one room by Prime Time Painting

Speakers:

- ❖ **Stress and the Effects of Stress** – Dr. Melissa Brennan
(Chiropractor, Certified Acupuncturist, Nutrition Response Testing, Advanced Clinical Master)
- ❖ **Power of Resilience Thru Positive Thinking** – Habibo Hija, RN
(Author of "Conquering the Odds – Journey of a Shepherd Girl")
- ❖ **Care of Spirit** – Pastor Emily Carson (SEMNELCA
Synod Director of Communication and Author of the weekly column "The Lady Pastor" in the Rochester Post Bulletin)

Planning Committee:

Amber Jacobson, Christie Bausman, Debra Fugleberg, Jill Rheingans, Joan Skare, Leah Hoegh, Leanna Larson, Lois Hjellming, Nancy Nehring, Rebecca Kack, Sara Aynes, Sarah Johnson, Tricia Dickison, Sue Briske

BE A MISSION TRIP SHARE HOLDER



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.

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Name

Address

Phone

No. of Shares \$25 per share

YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 2018

ABOUT BENTON HARBOR – Southwest Michigan is an area with miles of scenic shoreline, popular for boating and fishing, thanks to Lake Michigan and the St. Joseph River. These shores are also home to the city of Benton Harbor. This is a city that once thrived because of its booming industrial economy, however, there are some painful parts to its story as well, particularly in relationship to its "twin city" of St. Joseph. These two cities, separated by the St. Joseph River, have seen significant conflict due to the disparity between the two. St. Joseph is predominately Caucasian, while Benton Harbor is predominately African-American. The median household income in St. Joseph is nearly three times that of Benton Harbor. This stark contrast has led to racial tension and unrest at times, and residents of Benton Harbor also face the struggles of poverty and poor infrastructure and education. In the midst of all of this, revitalization efforts are under way, and there are many who are committed to seeing this community be restored.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE – During a week in Benton Harbor, Michigan the youth will partner with local organizations to serve the city's youngest and oldest residents, help to facilitate a Kids Club and assist with yard work & painting homes. Many of the projects come directly from a local woman in the community who is well-known and respected throughout Benton Harbor. Not only does she help us find ways to serve, but she also helps Youth Works participants learn the story of this community she calls home. In the evenings your group will tour Water Street glassworks and learn about the fine arts community that continues to grow in Benton Harbor, experience local BBQ, and experience the Lake Michigan beach. In addition you will learn more about the community through a scavenger hunt, a local hip hop dance group that gives kids in the community a positive outlet and hear the story of Benton Harbor from a community friend.

BYRON NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (BNHN)

Byron Neighbors Helping Neighbors provides volunteer based services to help older adults stay in their homes.

Have you been looking for a chance to give back to your community? If so, volunteer with Byron Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Our greatest areas of need are: snow removal, handy work, and housekeeping. Volunteer by yourself, with a friend, with your family, or with a group that you're a part of. There is no minimum commitment level, just let us know what works best for you.

Sincerely,

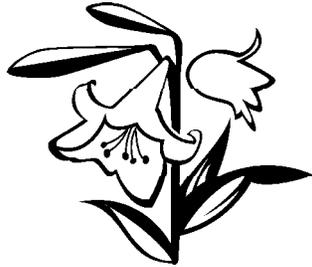
Michelle Wiebold, LSW, BNHN Program Coordinator
mwiebold@familyservicerochester.org or 507-218-3275



Monday – Thursday ~ 8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday ~ Closed

Christine will be on vacation from March 11th–26th. Nancy Hoegh will be in the office most mornings. Please call the office before stopping in to make sure there is someone available to help you.

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER

To beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, the altar committee welcomes donated lilies and spring flowers in 'memory of' in 'honor of' or to 'the glory of God. You can be a part of the Easter morning splendor by ordering your flower through the church office.

Please leave the completed form and payment in the box on the table outside the church office. Your flower may be taken home after the Easter services. Acknowledgment will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Use the order form provided or contact the church office. Extra forms can be found in the narthex.

Order Deadline: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Please Circle One:

Lily \$10 Mum \$13 Anemones \$18

Please Circle One:

In Memory of In Honor of To the Glory of God

Name: _____

Given By: _____

LENT □ A TIME TO REFOCUS

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments—think kind thoughts.
Give up worry—trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred—return good for evil.
Give up pettiness—become mature.
Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
Give up sin—turn to virtue.
Give up giving up—persevere.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

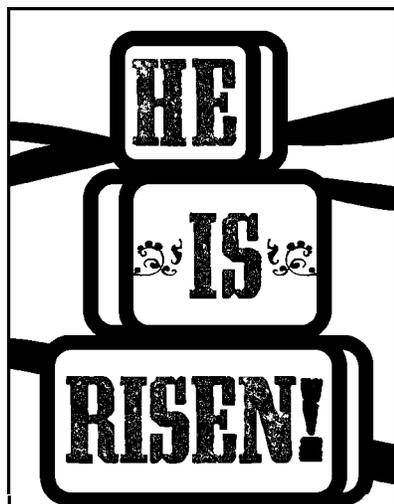
Please complete the information on your offering envelope. Write the amount and the check number or mark the box if giving cash. Doing this helps the money counters.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April newsletter is on or before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 18th. Please email your article to Christine at clchristine@frontier.com

HOMEBOUND □ HOSPITALIZED □ OR IN A CARE FACILITY □

If you are homebound, moving to a nursing home or a care facility, please call the church office. We will have Pastor Mack contact you. If you're going to the hospital or are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Steve. The church office number is 775-6646.



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) “He” on the smallest block, “is” on the medium block and “risen!” on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim “He is risen!”

Easter Cake



Celebrate our risen Lord with this uniquely decorated cake.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Box of cake mix (any flavor)
- Tub of brown frosting
- Shredded coconut
- Green food coloring
- Chocolate Hostess Ding Dong cupcake
- Donut hole
- Pretzel sticks
- M&M’s candies

What you do:

1. Bake cake in rectangular pan. When cool, frost it.
2. Pour coconut into bowl. Add drops of green food coloring. Mix until coconut resembles grass.
3. In one corner of cake, set Ding Dong upright to resemble a tomb. Place donut hole in front of it, to one side.
4. Make three crosses with six pretzel sticks and some frosting. Arrange on opposite corner from tomb.
5. Use brown M&M’s to make a path from the crosses to the tomb.
6. Use other colors of M&M’s to spell out “Jesus lives!”

MISSIONARY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FLORENS

TELETYPE ~February 16, 2015

Who is that eating Dr. Matt's flowers? Monkey thief caught red handed! We have these Colobus monkeys everywhere. Spending most of the time hanging about in the trees, sometimes crashing onto our roof, and sometimes stealing goodies out of our garden!

TELETYPE B ~February 19, 2015

"The baby's heart tones are down!" yelled to my delivery assistant. "This baby needs to be born **now**!"

We intervened and after another 30 seconds and with much difficulty the baby's tiny premature body was finally born. A boy. The body seemed to me lifeless: blue, breathless, with only a feeble pulse and to me it seemed unreal, more like a tiny doll than a baby. Immediately after a long second of shock, our focus returned to helping this baby breathe. "Busi, pray!" commanded to my colleague while I prayed out loud "Waakayo nu gargara... God help us!" while running the ambu bag. After 5 minutes of resuscitation, the baby's color finally returned and he began breathing on his own leaving both us and the mother exhausted and drenched in sweat.

This was one week ago today. The mother had a problem called severe preeclampsia which required us to induce her labor at only 35 weeks, over one month early. In a low-resource setting such as this, a baby born any smaller than this would have no hope of survival. After delivery the real work began. This first-time mother has remained in our inpatient room for the last week being closely attended to and taught "kangaroo care," how to keep a premature baby warm, and how to express breast milk and feed by syringe and bottle every hour around the clock.

Despite our best efforts after 3 days he was only 1.9 kilograms and had lost nearly 17% of his weight, nearly double what was expected. Feeling deflated, we regrouped, encouraged the mother, prayed with her countless times, and we began setting our watch for every 60 minutes to stop our work in the outpatient clinic to attend to her to show how to feed and care for this baby. Finally he slowly began gaining 2.1 kg... 2.18 kg... 2.23 kg... and 2.35 kilograms today. He has now regained his birth weight and we pray he is out of the woods.

Today, visiting with the mother and her family in a crowded room, we relived the traumatic delivery, and the difficult last 7 days of work. We discussed how this baby was born all but dead, with little practical hope. In our desperation, God intervened and saved this little one. I told her in my broken Amharic how God has plans for this eldest boy and for their growing family. We told the parable of the "lost sheep" from Luke 15 sharing with them how God's endless love for us causes Him to do drastic things to restore relationship with us. Please be praying with us that as this family prepares to travel the 30 kilometers back home that they would come to know this love.

Matt & Kristi Florek
Charlotte & Mercy
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Picture: Even Mercy's small hand dwarfs this tiny hand



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday, March 8, 2015
10:00am

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1884 22nd St W
Cochester, MO 65901
507-288-2469

BIBLE QUIZ

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?

- A. The stones
- B. The trees
- C. The palm branches
- D. The donkey



Answer: A See Luke 19:40.

SECOND ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

The Second Annual CLC Flea Market, during Byron Good Neighbor Days (BGND), is Saturday, July 18th. If you have questions or suggestions regarding this event you may email christlutheranevents@gmail.com. Also, watch upcoming newsletters for more information on how you can get involved. All help will be greatly appreciated.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

MIL MOOLA ~ This program gives organizations an easy way to earn cash. Simply save the caps and bag tops from specially marked Milk Moola products. **Wish Trip, Inc.** will give us 5¢ for each cap and bag top we redeem and 10¢ for each **Glaçers** price oval from **Glaçers** dozen or half-dozen boxes of donuts that we redeem. Go to milkmoola.com, to 'Frequently asked questions' for a complete list of eligible products. A black and white milk can is in the office for your caps and bag tops. This project supports the youth of our congregation.

ALUMINUM CANS ~ The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans which can be put in the small storage shed next to the garage. It is helpful to have your cans crushed. The profits will go to the youth account to help with leadership development and sponsored youth activities.

CHANNEL ONE ~ There is a barrel in the narthex for non-perishable food items. Cash donations are accepted and can be used to purchase more food than you could purchase in a store. Channel One supports our local food shelf in Byron. Please, do not place expired foods in the barrel.

POP TOPS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE ~ There is a wooden 'Ronald McDonald House' in the office for your pop tops.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES ~ Please save all your used printer cartridges and bring them to the church office. We receive cash from Staples for recycling them. All money received helps reduce the cost of office supplies used at the church.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS & BOTTLE TOPS FOR SCHOOLS ~ You may bring to the church office and they will be given to a collection site.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Mark Turany, Julie Edlund, Pr. Steve Heingans, Linda Danielski, Anders Long, Brent Hoegh, Joe Biewer, Ryan Streng, LeAnn Bieber, Lori More, Joan Skare

Absent: Rebecca Streng, Lee Jacobson

The meeting was called to order by Mark Turany at 6:33pm.

Devotion and Prayer was done by Mark Turany.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Brent Hoegh. Second by Anders Long. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Joe Biewer to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes. Second by Brent Hoegh. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by LeAnn Bieber to approve the February 1, 2015 minutes. Second by Linda Danielski. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Brent Hoegh reported that January expenses exceeded income. Year-to-date income is approximately \$2,142 above last year but approximately \$7,038 below budget. Year-to-date expenses are approximately \$1,224 below last year and approximately \$3,358 below budget. Year-to-date income minus expenses is \$3,680.

Council Leadership Seminar – Pastor Steve shared with Council a leadership seminar coming up on February 22nd at Trinity Lutheran Church. The seminar is called "Council As Leaders 2015". If interested, contact Pastor Steve.

Recognition – Mark Turany shared with the Council that there was positive feedback from the congregation regarding the annual meeting.

L – Pastor Steve read from the book *Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels.

S – LeAnn Bieber reported that Evangelism Committee had a good first meeting. The committee is interested in restructuring. The next meeting will be to determine the organization. The group would like a new name because the work of the group will go beyond Evangelism.

Lee Jacobson has been reviewing communication software and will have more to report next month. Julie Edlund brought up printing a banner for the front lawn for Easter services. LeAnn Bieber moved that we have a banner for Easter service printed. Ryan Streng seconded the motion. Motion carried. Julie will contact Images on Metal in Masson to print the banner.

W – Mark Turany welcomed Joan, Ryan and Tia to the council. The council thanked Brent, Anders and Mark for continued service.

D –
March - Brent April - LeAnn May - Lori
June - Linda July - Julie August - Anders
September - Ryan October - Tia November - Joe
December - Joan January - Lee

R – Pastor Steve reported that we are in the process of doing an inventory of activities and volunteers. The Council agreed that once that is complete, we will determine how to recognize all that we do. Ideal time to recognize volunteers - Annual Meeting, All Committee Meeting, End-of-School Year.

S – Mark Turany has an updated estimate for the concrete work but we need an updated estimate for the flooring. A motion was made by Brent Boegh to authorize up to \$15,000 for the sanctuary choir loft floor project. Lori More seconded. Motion carried.

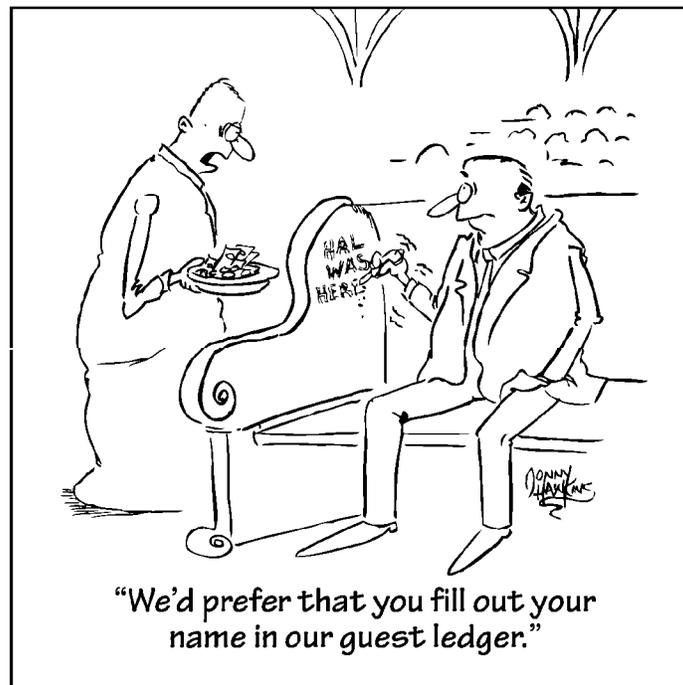
We will proceed with the concrete work and the selection of flooring.

E **S** **P**— Jacob Wein came to us with interest in doing an Eagle Scout project for CLC. He needs to complete the project by September 1, 2015. A motion was made by LeAnn Bieber to approve Jacob's Eagle Scout landscaping project, which includes fundraising for the project. Joan Skare seconded. Motion carried. Any remaining monies will be placed in the building fund.

Lori More made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Danielski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2015 at 6:30pm. Brent Hoegh will have devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Edlund, Council Secretary



CLC STAFF

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Pr. Jack Friedli	Pastoral Assistant
Christine Sun	Administrator
Jane Cabaya	Organist
Marlean Damerval	Choir & Handbell Director
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Palm Sunday	March 29th	9:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 2nd	6:30pm
Good Friday	April 3rd	6:30pm
Easter Sunday	April 5th	9:00am
Easter Sunday	April 5th	10:30am