

Walks With Christ

June - July 2016



Happy Father's Day!



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

The Apostle Paul's Understanding of Church

Paul, was once Saul, a persecutor of the church who was trying to stop Christians from claiming that Jesus was the Messiah. After his encounter with Jesus in a vision on the way to Damascus, Paul became known as a church planting missionary and was responsible for starting several churches in pluralistic cultures. While Galatians and Romans are among Paul's best letters for explaining his theology, his letters to Corinth and Ephesus are among his best letters for understanding the purpose of the church and God's vision for God's people, the church.

The church in Corinth had many issues largely stemming from leaders with competing theologies and different emphasis on what it meant to be spiritual (1 Cor 1:10-17; 3:1-9). Paul reminded them that Jesus is the church's only foundation. His preaching focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul describes the church as the body of Christ continuing the mission of God in the world. Individuals have been gifted by God to build up the body of Christ with the greatest of these gifts being the gift of love (1 Cor 12).

From his second letter to the Corinthians Paul is clear that the church has the mission of reconciliation – both between God and people (2 Corinthians 5:18-21), and between people and people regardless of their ethnicity, class, or gender.

Ephesians makes clear that the church is God's primary agent in bringing about His purposes in the world. In Ephesians, Paul reveals that God's intent is that through the church, the wisdom of God in its rich variety might be made known (3:10). God has gifted his people (church) to equip God's people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ in love, so that individuals grow to be like Jesus who is the head of the church (4:1-16). Paul warned

the Ephesians that they were in a struggle against the powers of darkness so they needed to put on the armor of God and pray (Eph 6:10-17).

To summarize, Paul's understanding of the church includes the following themes:

- Jesus is the Churches only foundation
- The church is the body of Christ continuing the mission of God in the world
- All Christians have been gifted to build up the body of Christ with love being the most excellent gift
- Jesus is the head of the church
- All members are gifted to love and to serve
- The church is to equip (teach, train, empower) all members for ministry and service in God's mission
- The church has been given the ministry of reconciliation between God and people and between people and people
- Every local church is a mission center for God to reveal and accomplish God's purposes
- The church wrestles with the powers of darkness and needs God's armor and prayer to be effective in the struggle

When Paul thought about "church" he didn't think about a building, instead he thought of the people of God on a mission with God to bring all things together in Christ. Be a participant and not a spectator in what God is up to in the world and in your community and place of work. You and the world will be blessed as you follow Christ in God's mission together with God's people.

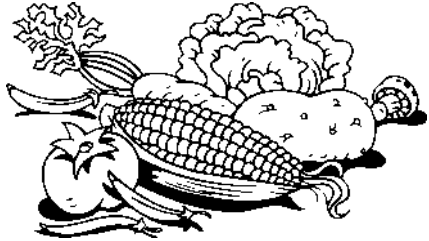
Pastor Steve



THANK-YOU FROM CHANNEL ONE

Thank you for your compassion for others. There are many people, children and adults, who will have food on their table, because of you! Your group at Christ Lutheran Church Byron contributed 307 pounds of food to the campaign. Collectively, Channel One participating organizations raised \$163,623 and 249,247 pounds of food for a total of 412,869 collected to help individuals and families facing food insecurity in Olmsted County. You did a great thing for this community!

Sincerely,
Barbara Schramm
Community Engagement
Coordinator
Channel One Regional Food
Bank



CLC GETS FIT



Couch to 5k training group started on May 15th. This class is aimed at anyone who is interested in completing a 5K (3.1 mile) event. The Byron Good Neighbor Days 5K is

on July 16th and would be a great event to celebrate the end of training. We started by running for 60 seconds and progressed from there. We meet each Sunday at 7pm in the church parking lot. All are welcome, including elementary aged students with a parent. Contact Jeremy Schulz if you are interested at: jwschulz1971@gmail.com

BYRON NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (BNHN) CLC Liaison for BNHN Needed

Christ Lutheran has been partnering with BNHN for the past 3-years to provide volunteer-based services to adults in Byron. CLC is looking for a person willing to be a liaison between the church and BNHN. The main responsibilities would be to attend a monthly meeting and disseminate any information from those meetings to the office staff to be put into the CLC newsletters and bulletins. If you are interested, contact Martha Gehrking at tgehrking@citlink.com

J.O.Y. (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

Coffee Hour ~ Monday, June 6th, 9am hosted by Sandy Wilker 527 3rd Ave NW, Byron

Trip ~ Friday June 17th, meet at the church at 9am. We will visit the Owl Center in Houston, MN, have a German lunch at Rosie's, and finish with a stop at the Amish place near St. Charles. Please call 775-2725 so we know how many will be attending.

Picnic/Potluck ~ Monday, July 11th, Noon, hosted by Walt & Joan Prigge 7621 34th St NW, Byron 282-8475

Upcoming plans:

Hubbell House Lunch

Fisherman's Inn Dinner (NO WATER SHOW)

Dining at Pure Country in Dodge Center



J.O.Y. Monthly Updates

An update can be found on the kiosk in the narthex.

BERNE WOOD FIRED PIZZA ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE 2016

June 1 Luke n Bob Texas Country
June 8 Smash n Grab Acoustic Pop
June 15 Function Junction Motown Soul Revue
June 22 The Lost Faculties—Classic Rock & Country
June 29 Barbary Coast—Dixieland

July 6 TBD Pop Rocks
July 13 After School Special Rock Funk Swing
July 20 Incognito Today's Hits
July 27 The Gopher Tones—Blues Rock



THE POWER OF PRAYER IS AMAZING!

Please pray that our church would be effective in its' mission.



Remember the following people in your prayers:

- Members of Christ Lutheran Church: Dick Fechter, Joan Skare, Tim Fugleberg, Dick Bedney, Dana Reed, Eleanor Decker, Nick Carlblom, Kent Huse, Carol Tweten
- Family, Friends and Neighbors: Christine Kunz, Stuart Weis, Rita Mountain, Sandra Long, Lari Lynn Miller, Scott Borchardt, Matt & Kristi Florek & family and for all Service Men and Women

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Please contact the church office to include your loved ones in the prayers printed in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. We will leave your request in the bulletin for two weeks and in the newsletter for one month unless you call and give us an update.

If you would like your loved one added to the prayer chain, this can be done at the same time. All prayer chain requests are preferred by email at office@clcb Byron.org, if you do not use email you may call. Prayer chain updates can also be sent out. Please keep us updated with changes.

NEW MEMBER JOINING

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church family, please contact Pastor Steve at 775-6646.

New Members may join the church anytime during the year. We host a New Member Recognition two times per year; new members are recognized at this service.

BYRON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS EVENT

CLC will not be hosting a flea market this year for Byron Good Neighbor Days. We hope to start planning for BGND 2017 this fall to assure best success. Folks interested in planning for next year, stay tuned or please contact JoAnn Brooks at christlutheranevents@gmail.com or 775-7032.

BYRON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS PARADE— If you have an interest in participating in a CLC float for the parade, please contact LeAnn Bieber at 775-6193.

CAKE PANS AND COOKIE SHEETS

Please check the shelves near the church office to see if your cake pan or cookie sheet is there. Additionally, more cookie sheets are in the bottom drawer of the stove if yours isn't on the shelves.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the August Newsletter is on or before Friday, August 15th. It is important to have your article to the church office on a timely basis. Please email your article to office@clcbyron.org



YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Nights – have completed for this school year. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for start up times in the fall.

Tami Schneider – (507) 358-5482
or longlastcolor@gmail.com

Justine Schneider – (507) 358-7008
or byronbear2016@gmail.com

RIVER OF LIFE SUNDAY SCHOOL

News for June



Thank you to all the teachers who volunteered to teach! It was a great year! We are planning for next school year already, so if you are interested in teaching, subbing, or being a classroom helper please contact Francine Kovash at fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234. The more teachers and helpers there are, the smaller commitment for all! We use a team teaching approach. If there are at least 4 teachers for each class, then each teacher only has to teach 1-2 times per month. There will also be new curriculum that is more adaptable to each grade and available online. It's very exciting! Please consider volunteering!

The ROL offering from January through May, which totaled \$745, went to Matt and Kristi Florek who are missionaries giving of their time and talents as doctors through SIM in Ethiopia.

Thanks!
Francine Kovash,
ROL Coordinator

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. Your participation donating or buying is greatly appreciated!



Women's Day at Good Earth Village

Saturday June 25th 9:00am-4:00pm

Cost: \$30 includes lunch

"Workshop wonderfully presented, hands on. A truly "light-filled" spiritual experience. God Bless!" - Women's Day Participant 2015

Women across generations are invited to encounter the hope that leads to action at Women's Day 2016. The day will begin with Keynote Speaker **Pastor Margaret Kelly**, with Shobi's Table providing food, friendship, faith and employment skills to the homeless and near homeless people of St. Paul. Pastor Margaret's creative and passionate approach to ministry will have you seeing things differently. After connecting over a delicious lunch, workshops ranging from hiking the trails to intergenerational ministry will be available. We'll close the day worshipping together before returning home with a spark and hope from experiencing glimmers of the Kingdom of God.

Whether you bring a few friends or a bible study group or attend as an investment in your personal faith, we hope you will feel leaving more connected and with a sense of belonging to the Kingdom of God.

To register, please call (507) 346-2494 or email info@goodearthvillage.org.



MOVIE TIME

Sunday, June 19 ~ 2pm
Safe Haven

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS

If you would prefer to have gluten free wafers please talk to Nancy Hoegh, Chris Polzin, or Pastor Steve.

Byron Community Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by: Byron United Methodist Church & Christ Lutheran Church



August 8-11, 2016
3 year old – 6th grade
6:15 to 8:15 p.m

Location: Byron United Methodist Church

Monday, August 8th GOD LOVES!

Wear your favorite flip flops

Mission Giving: Canned goods for Byron Food Shelf and spare change for Oxbow Park

Tuesday, August 9th GOD CALMS!

Wear your Team Color

Mission Giving: Bottled water for the Byron Firefighters and spare change for Oxbow Park

Wednesday, August 10th GOD SENDS!

Wacky Wednesday Attire

Mission Giving: Paper products for Ronald McDonald House and spare change for Oxbow Park

Thursday, August 11th WEAR YOUR TROPICAL WEAR

Mission Giving: School supplies and spare change for Oxbow
FAMILY LUAU AND PROGRAM: Parents and Family - Please join us!!!!

\$10.00 Registration Fee per child, \$20 family max.

Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church

Mail/drop off registration to: Christ Lutheran Church
201 Frontage Road NW
Byron, MN 55920

Phone: 507-775-6610 (BUMC) 507-775-6646 (CLC)

Questions: Contact Kim Freeman (BUMC) at 507-254-4672 or freemankim2@gmail.com or Leah Hoegh (CLC) at 398-2691

If you are able to help, please note that on the registration form.

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ Allergies/Medical: _____

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Child's Name: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ Allergies/Medical: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____



AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Church name:		
Your name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Email address:		
I would like to make the following contribution(s):		Date of first contribution: ___/___/___
General Operating Fund	\$ _____	Frequency of contribution (check one): Weekly – Fridays Semi-monthly – 1st and 15th Monthly on the 1st Monthly on the 15th
Building Fund	\$ _____	
Other _____	\$ _____	
Other _____	\$ _____	
Total	\$ _____	
CHECKING / SAVINGS		
<i>Complete this section if using your checking or savings account</i>		
Please debit my (check one):		
Checking account—attach voided check		Savings account—attach voided deposit slip
Routing #:	Account #:	
Valid routing # must start with 0,1,2 or 3		
I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to the above account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.		
Authorized signature: _____ Date: / /		

Return the above form to the church office for electronic fund transfers from your bank. If you prefer to give by credit or debit card please go to clcbyron.org and follow directions after clicking on “Online Giving”. You will need to create an account with your own password. You can give from your own devices one time, weekly, or monthly. It is managed by a secure third party. Call the church office if you have questions. Thanks for giving to the mission of God through Christ Lutheran Church!

MISSIONARY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FLOREKS

We are overjoyed to announce the arrival of...

Henry Brodhun Florek

Born May 20, 2016 at 8:30am
8 lbs, 21 1/4 inches long

Everyone is thrilled, healthy, and enjoying our new baby!

Henry is named after Kristi's grandpa Henry. His middle name (pronounced BRO-den) is Kristi's maiden name. Kristi's family is full of girls with not a single boy to carry on the family name, so we are honoring her dad and family with Brodhun as his middle name.

Thank you everyone for your prayers and encouraging words after our last email! Henry was born just 36 hours after we sent it! We are so grateful to have each of you along with us on this journey!

Matt, Kristi, Charlotte, Mercy, and Henry

Christ Lutheran Church supports the Floreks' mission, donating about \$3,000 annually. To follow their blog: <http://floreksinethiopia.weebly.com/>

PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS* PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BYRON FOOD SHELF

Please consider helping at the Byron Food Shelf this summer if you are available any of the following Tuesday afternoons: June 28, July 26, or August 30. Two workers are needed for each shift, either 1:30-3:00pm or 3:00-4:30pm. Please contact Nancy Hoegh at 775-7113 or email nhoegh@charter.net if you can help. Thank you!

APRIL ATTENDANCE

Worship	2016	2015
1st Sunday	267	566 (Easter)
2nd Sunday	266	207
3rd Sunday	288	232
4th Sunday	478	510
Total Attendance	1,299	1,515
Avg. Sun. Atten.	325	379

MAY ATTENDANCE

Worship	2016	2015
1st Sunday	303	254
2nd Sunday	247	198
3rd Sunday	296	317
4th Sunday	244	169
5th Sunday	no data at printing time	<u>224</u>
Total Attendance	1,090	1,162
Avg. Sun. Atten.	272	232

MOTORCYCLE RIDE WITH PASTOR STEVE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

We will leave the church parking lot at 6:00pm, weather permitting. Plan for a 2 hour ride, which will include a stop for dinner. Your spouse/friend is welcome to ride with you. We intend to return to Byron by 8:00pm. Please contact Pastor Steve at clcpastorsteve@gmail.com if you plan to ride.



BE A MISSION TRIP SHARE HOLDER FOR THE 2016 YOUTH TRIP TO KANSAS CITY



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* in August. 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 cost per youth is about \$500. With successful fundraising we hope to keep the family out-of-pocket cost at \$250 per youth.

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 is available in the narthex.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. of Shares _____ x \$25 per share = \$ _____

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 17, 2016

Present: Mark Turany, Pastor Steve Rheingans, Randy Holz, Linda Danielski, LeAnn Bieber, Joe Biewer, Stephanie Fugleberg, Ryan Ostreng and Joan Skare.

Absent: Brent Hoegh, Dennis Hansen, Maddie Palmer and Tia Turany.

Mark Turany called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

LeAnn Bieber led devotions and prayer. She also gave us an update on the church facebook page.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve was made by Ryan Ostreng. Seconded by LeAnn Bieber. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve by Randy Holz. Seconded by Joe Biewer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: April was not a good month. Expenses were \$3,700.00 above income. Year to date expenses are about \$10,500.00 above income.

Lesson/Teaching: Pastor shared a lesson on the Pentecost and the Holy Trinity.

Building Fire Alarm System: Ryan Ostreng presented a bid from Custom Alarm for \$10,751.00. Smoke detectors for the classrooms would add another \$1,500.00. It would cost about \$500.00 per year to monitor it off site. We need to look at putting it in the budget for next year. Ryan also mentioned that we need a vent in the roof to solve the issues we are having with the water heater. We will have an estimate on that this week. We also need to get an estimate for sealing the cracks in the parking lot.

Stewardship: The report has been moved to next month.

Drop Box for Office: Randy Holz has someone lined up to build a drop box for the office, which will be more secure than the usher's box we currently have.

Insurance Update: We have some liability issues currently not covered by our policy. It will cost \$370.00 per year to get our policy to where it needs to be. Motion to approve the money was made by Joan Skare. Seconded by Ryan Ostreng. Motion carried

Office Hiring Needs: We are in need of temp help until Christine is back in the office. Joe Biewer motioned that we approve 10 to 15 hours of temp help per week for now at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Seconded by Stephanie Fugleberg. Motion carried.

Computer Backup: Mark Polzin has installed an icloud backup for our computer. It still needs to be configured and will be done soon.

The next meeting will be on June 21st at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Ryan Ostreng that we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joan Skare. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski, Council Secretary.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES

Anyone interested in providing special music at our weekly worship service this summer should access the google doc entitled Music Groups Schedule from Christ Lutheran's webpage, under Participate. Your musical talent, whether using your voice, instrument, or piano, would be greatly appreciated! There will be 2 blended services during the summer months, and 3 'O the Joy' services will be used for Sunday worship on the dates listed below.

- June 5th ~ O the Joy ~ Katie Meek
- June 26th ~ Blended Service
- July 3rd ~ O the Joy ~ Al Rustan
- July 10th ~ Blended Service
- August 7th ~ O the Joy ~ Cantor Needed



FAMILY PROMISE

Our next host week is June 19-26. Our program at CLC could use a few more volunteers. The coordinators' role would be easier if a larger number of people were available. We need 2 or 3 more vehicle drivers (about 60 to 90 minutes each day), and more overnight hosts (about 12 hours commitment). All volunteers need to attend a 90-minute training session. If you have questions, contact any coordinator listed below.

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

Excerpt from a Family Promise Rochester letter:

With the support of 43 area congregations, IHN has been able to serve over 150 people this past year, from 40 families, assisting them to get back on their feet with dignity. We are most grateful your Congregation supports this vital ministry. Family Promise Rochester, through its Interfaith Hospitality Network, has been supporting families on the margins in this community for the past 15 years. On June 16, we are hosting our first Gala fundraising event, "**No Place Like Home**" at the Somerby Golf Course. Proceeds from this event will help strengthen and expand our Family Stabilization Program which provides skill-training and support after our guests leave the network.

If you are interested in attending the Gala, contact the church office for more information.



CLC STAFF

Pr. Steve Rheingans	Senior Pastor
Pr. Jack Friedli	Pastoral Assistant
Christine Kunz	Administrator
Elaine Meek	Administrative Assistant
Jane Cabaya	Organist & Choir/Bells Director
Sarah Goodman Strobl	Praise Team Director
Carl Fugleberg	Youth Band Director
Stephanie Fugleberg	Youth Chimes Director
Rose & Dave Gottschalk	Custodians

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2016 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Turany	President/Personnel
Randy Holz	Vice-President/Stewardship
Brent Hoegh	Treasurer/Endowment/Memorial/Altar
Linda Danielski	Secretary
LeAnn Bieber	Connections-Evangelism
Joe Biewer	Education
Stephanie Fugleberg	Worship & Music
Dennis Hansen	Stewardship
Ryan Ostreng	Building & Grounds
Joan Skare	Connections-Evangelism
Maddie Palmer	Youth
Tia Turany	Youth

GO GREEN!

To cut expenses, consider receiving your monthly newsletter via email. To check out the online newsletter, go to clcbyron.org. To sign up for this service, contact the office at office@clcbyron.org or 775-6646 and we will send you a monthly link to the newsletter.

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