

Making Christ Known

May 2018

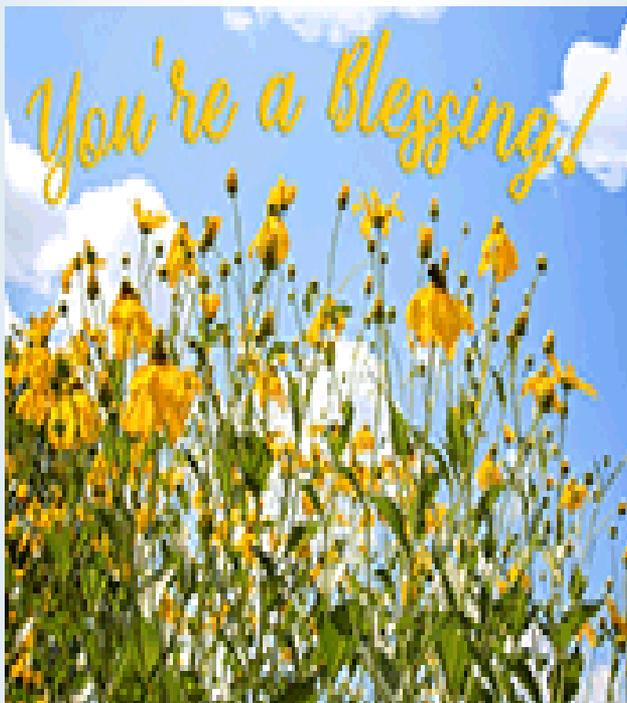


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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

I am getting excited about the warmer weather as I do better when I am outside. This April the house has seemed smaller than usual and I am quite sure it has to do with how long winter lasted this year.

I really like it when the grass and trees are waking up about the same time as Easter, because the miracle of life and resurrection takes on a physical manifestation. How much we taste and see the resurrection this side of the grave does not change the reality of God's promises concerning life beyond the grave.

These past weeks as we have been reading from John and 1 John I am reminded of the greek word translated "life" in John. It is "zoe." It is used in the sense of eternal life, or unending life, or undying life but it also has to do with experiencing an authentic life that comes from being in right relationship with the author of life now.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

God is not interested in human beings becoming more refined and cultivated by themselves, in their own strength and by their own effort. What he wants is for his zoe life to increase in us, and for us to live by his zoe life and to live out his zoe life. Then the riches of his life will be lived out of us, and he will be made manifest in our living and loving to the people around us. Pastor Steve

New—CLC Byron Weekly E News. Sign up at clcbyron.org . You will receive the bulletin announcements by email before each Sunday.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR NIRMALA MAY 6TH, 2018

Pastor Nirmala will be installed on Sunday, May 6th at both services. Cake will be served between services, and a celebration meal will begin at 11:30. This is an open invitation. Please sign your name to the list on the table by the office if you will be attending the celebration meal on May 6th.

SAVE THE DATE! JULY 20TH, 2018

Christ Lutheran Church will be selling food at the Good Neighbor Day Celebration on Friday, July 20th starting at 5PM. We will need many volunteers to take on this task. The money we raise will be put towards replacing our roof! Be looking for a sign up sheet for the shift you can help with. More details will be coming. **Remember July 20th we need volunteers and a new roof.**

Please contact Randy Holz at 507-475-2620 with questions or if you have communication and publisher experience. God bless and thank you.

2018 SUNDAY MORNING TREATS

To all the families of Christ Lutheran Church: Your help in providing Sunday morning treats is appreciated. Choose a Sunday in each of your assigned months, contact your chair, tell her when you will provide treats, and communicate if you can be a server. We request 3 dozen or a batch of cookies be provided. Leave the treats in the kitchen marked with your name. Each week we use about 15 dozen cookies.

May and Nov ~ ABC - Sue Briske 775-6735,
Julie Bird 269-8363



SOLSTICE STOMP 5K “RUNNING FOR A MISSION”

GET OUT THOSE RUNNING SHOES
The 5K run will be at 9am on June 23rd.

This race will support the Youth Mission Trip.

<https://www.facebook.com/Solstice-Stomp-5K-1158441940942320/>

Here is your chance to get some exercise and have some fun!

MARCH ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	2018	2017
Total Attendance	1,034	1,049
Avg Sunday Attendance	259	262

APRIL ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	2018	2017
1st Sunday	460	268
2nd Sunday	280	383
3rd Sunday	130	570
4th Sunday	282	221
5th Sunday	404	558
Total Attendance	1,556	2,000
Avg Sunday Attendance	311	400





RIVER OF LIFE NEWS

If you are interested in volunteering to teach or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at 507-951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com

ROMANS 8:16 THE LESSONS FOR MAY WILL BE:

5/6 - ACTS 9:1-19 - GOD CHANGES SAUL'S LIFE

5/13 - ACTS 16:16-40 - GOD HELPS SILAS AND PAUL ESCAPE PRISON

5/20 - REVELATION 21-22 - JESUS IS COMING BACK FOR US

3 YEAR OLDS THROUGH 2ND GRADE WILL SING AT THE 10 AM SERVICE ON 5/13.

The End of Year Program will be on 5/20. The kids will be in their classrooms for the lesson from 9:05 until 9:30 and then they will meet their parents in the sanctuary at 9:30 for a short presentation to celebrate a great ROL year!

RIVER OF LIFE OFFERING

Offering collected during ROL and to the left of the altar in the sanctuary from January through June will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist in the African Drought crisis. July through December offering will go to the Channel One Food Shelf.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

On Sunday, April 29 the following students were confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church.

Isaac Bendix	Mitchell Bungum
Madison Cocker	Lindsey Dickison
Isabelle Erickson	Megan Gallagher
Stephanie Holz	Alex Johnson
Naomi Meek	Joshua Petersen
Braden Peterson	Isaac Pries
Olivia Sampson	Rylie Thomforde
Kyla Wilker	

Thank you to our confirmation mentors!

Tim Meek

Susan Holz

Erin Fairchild

Matt Petersen

Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take your breath away.

Maya Angelou

YOUTH COMMITTEE - MAY 2018

Solstice Stomp 5K Run

2nd annual Solstice Stomp 5K run on June 23, 2018. Plenty of time to start a couch to 5K program and come support the 2018 youth mission trip!

Senior Recognition Sunday

High school senior recognition Sunday will be held on May 13. Letters will be arriving soon with more details on submitting your bio and participating in the service as your CLC church family congratulates you on completing another important milestone.

Mission Trip

13 students and 2 adult leaders will be traveling to Milwaukee, WI from July 22 – July 27. For anyone going on the trip, information is being distributed via Remind. Text **@clcymt2018** to 81010 to sign up.

Final Mission Trip Payment

Final Mission Trip payment of \$125 was due by April 19. Please submit your payment to the office if you haven't already and make sure your paperwork is completed and turned in.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



BOOK LOVERS LEAGUE



May 7th, Joan Prigge

We will be meeting at Christ Lutheran Church
at 7:00pm

JOY Coffee Hour 9AM

May 7th

Meeting is at Christ Lutheran Church

Upcoming Trips

May 17th a trip "Plants and Pioneers!" going to The Arboretum in Chaska and to Murphy's Landing at Shakopee- \$61 or \$66. Anyone is WELCOME!

MOVIE TIME:

MAY 27TH AT 2:00

"GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN"

Goodbye Christopher Robin gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. Along with his mother Daphne, and his nanny Olive (Kelly Macdonald), Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books; the enchanting tales bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to the family?

THRIVENT FINANCIAL WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW

You can donate. Make a personal donation. Thrivent will match individual personal donations through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations.

You can volunteer. Thrivent members can share time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®. Visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com for details on these opportunities.

BYRON NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: Call if you need help decluttering, grocery shopping, assurance calls, fixing things around the house, what ever the need may be, we are here to help. 507-218-3275.

Financial Documents - What to do with them?

Keep these for seven years:

Tax returns (electronic and paper

- Cancelled checks/receipts (alimony, charitable contributions, mortgage interest and retirement plan/contributions)
- Credit card statements if they are tax-related
- Records for tax deductions taken
- Keep for less than a year
- ATM and bank-deposit slips, credit-card receipts and bills, until reconciled with your monthly statements
- Insurance policies and investment statements, until new ones arrive
- Paycheck stubs, until you can reconcile with your W2

This is not to be considered or intended to be legal or tax advice. Information taken from Law Review by Pluto Boes Legal, PLLC

Byron Neighbors Helping Neighbors
507-218-3275 Byron
507-287-2010 Rochester

DELEGATES FOR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Synod Assembly is a gathering of the members of the SE Minnesota Synod, ELCA, some of whom have been granted the responsibility of being voting members to the study, fellowship and business of the synod-budget, elections, resolutions and reports. This year Pastor Steve, Pastor Nirmala and Tom Tweite will be attending on May 4th and 5th in Mankato.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS

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

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

High school senior recognition Sunday will be held on May 13. Please make sure you submit your bio and participate in the service as your CLC church family congratulates you on completing another important milestone.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM:

Sunday May 20th between services, Joan Skare & Joni Prigge will be available in the narthex to answer questions about our Congregational Care team's ministry of visitation.

BAPTISM:

Elle and Cora Donovan were baptized April 22. Parents are Michael and Heather Donovan. Sponsors are Michon Proper, Josh Gilbertson, Tracy Gilbertson, and Matt Donovan. We welcome Elle and Cora to the Christ Lutheran family.

BE A YOUTH MISSION TRIP SHAREHOLDER

Our goal is to raise \$1,500 (60 shares at \$25 each) to help cover youth and chaperone expenses. You may purchase as many shares as you would like. The cost per youth is about \$500. We hope to keep the family out-of-pocket cost at \$250 per youth.

The Mission Trip youth and families will host a Shareholder Dinner on Sunday, July 29th at 5:30pm. There will be a power point presentation and the youth will share about their experience. Purchase your shares today!

Your form and check can be dropped in the offering plate or left in the church office. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Youth. Information available on the kiosk.

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Mission Trip Shareholder Forms

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of Shares _____ x \$25 per share = \$ _____

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

The 9:00 summer worship service will begin on Memorial Day weekend, May 27, and will run through Labor Day weekend, September 2.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer Wednesday evening communion services will be held at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of each month---June 20, July 18, and August 15. There will also be a Wednesday evening fellowship activity once a month. Check the monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins for dates and activity details.

BIBLE CAMP SPONSORSHIP FORMS DUE MAY 9

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, we offer camp sponsorships for youth currently in 1st through 12th grade. 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.

The camp sponsorship program works as follows:

(1) CLC 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 ½ of the camp cost, whichever is less.

(3) All applications made by Wed, May 9th 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 still available after May 11th or later, additional applications will be approved on a first-come basis.

(4) All Christian bible camps are eligible for support. Camps such as YMCA & sport camps are not eligible because they are not intentionally designed for Christian faith development.

(5) *Verification of registration is required before any monies are paid to the bible camp.* You may e-mail your camp registration verification to office@clcbyron.org. 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 use one form per child.

FAMILY PROMISE ~ IHN ~ WILL YOU SERVE?

The next host week is June 24 - July 1. Please say yes if you are able when our coordinators contact you to help with driving, fixing and serving meals, and staying overnight.

We need volunteers in every area of our program. Volunteers 18 and over that work directly with families must receive training to allow everyone to know the boundaries when working with the families.

Please contact Bob Brekke (eskyblue@msn.com) He will keep you posted on upcoming trainings. An online recertification may be done easily. It takes less than 30 minutes. This information is a 15 minute video about the program and a power point presentation that is a quick review. Once the volunteer looks at those 2 items, they are to fill out a verification section and email it to the day center. I would also ask that the volunteers cc me at eskyblue@msn.com and I will keep a list. A few volunteers have done the training/retraining within the last three years and do not need to recertify.

The website is familypromiserochester.org. Once there, click on or hover over the get involved tab. Three things will appear: Training Video, Training Presentation, Volunteer Recertification. It is a simple and easy process. A volunteer could still attend a training session instead. If they want to do that let me know and I will give them dates/locations as they come up.

We encourage your questions and invite your participation in this program. Please contact any coordinator for further information.

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



MARCH MEMORIALS 2018

IN MEMORY OF JIM PETERSON

Undesignated ~ Howard and Beverly Olson
Undesignated ~ Arnie and Gail Heller
Undesignated ~ Richard and Mavis Perry
Undesignated ~ Rick and Norma Nolting
Undesignated ~ Mark and Chris Polzin
Undesignated ~ Wayne and Diane DePoppe
Undesignated ~ Lowell and Carol Holum
Undesignated ~ Terry and Vicky Boelter
Undesignated ~ Dave and Linda Grande
Undesignated ~ Arlene Thoreson
Undesignated ~ Mildred Broin
Undesignated ~ Candace McBroom
Undesignated ~ Dave and Rose Gottschalk
Undesignated ~ Richard and Kay Mitchell
Undesignated ~ Leslie and Cheryl Kylo
Undesignated ~ Earl Johnson
Undesignated ~ David and Karen Bakken
Undesignated ~ Marilouise Koerber
IHN ~ Lyle and Janice Stinson
Building /Roof ~ Ruth Brooks
Building/Fellowship Hall ~ Larry and Susan Briske
Music Fund ~ Irvin and Nancy Nehring
Music Fund ~ Ted and Martha Gehrking
Undesignated ~ Ardys Glasrud
Undesignated ~ Donald Sotebeer
IHN ~ Robert and Jeannette Tweite

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD FUCHS

Undesignated ~ Donald Sotebeer

IN MEMORY OF LOWELL QUIMBY

IHN ~ Robert and Jeannette Tweite

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Its easy to set up electronic giving to Christ Lutheran Church. If you prefer to give by credit or debit card please go to clcb Byron.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. If you prefer to give by EFT return the form below to the church office. Call the church office if you have questions. Thanks for giving to the mission of God through Christ Lutheran Church!

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
Total	\$ _____	

CHECKING / SAVINGS	<i>Complete this section if using your checking or savings account</i>
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Please debit my (check one):

Checking account—attach voided check
 Savings account—attach voided deposit slip

Routing #:	Account #:
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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:** / /

APRIL 17TH, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order at 6:30

Members Present: Candee Ostreng, Stephanie Pfaffenbach, Jason Pfeilsticker, Joe Biewer, Randy Holz, Pastor Steve Rheingans, LeAnn Bieber, Ben Johnson, Dave Schlobohm, Aaron Anderson, and Joan Skare

Devotion and Prayer: Dave Schlobohm

Agenda Approved: Motion made by Candee, 2nd by Jason to form a committee for Good Neighbor Days

Minutes Approved: Motion by Randy, 2nd by Kaia – all approved none deny

Treasurer's Report: by Jason

March 2018 was down, month ending \$5,734 in the red and actual expense exceeding income year to date by \$9,251

March income: \$24,676.14 YTD Budget: \$84,291.00

March expense: \$28,253.09 YTD Income: \$69,007.81

March difference -\$3,576.95 YTD Expense: \$81,836.15

YTD Difference: -\$12,828.34

2017 YTD Difference was -\$4,292.58

Pastor's Lesson- Our task is to do God's works calling all people. We are here because of the Resurrection

Aaron Anderson gave excellent input about the group FCA-putting God in school

Information and discussion items:

Pastor Nirmala's Installation: May 6th at 8 and 10 o'clock services. A new sign-up sheet for the meal is available.

Good Neighbor Days Fundraiser: Randy Holz . Scheduled for Friday evening, July 20th at 5:00pm. CLC is the only food vender. The meal planned is smoked pork chops, baked potato, baked beans hot dogs, french fries, water, soda, and snacks. If bad weather we will use the school as back-up. The money will go to the new roof fund. An action committee is to be formed Approved by Stephanie, 2nd by Randy.

Delegates for the Synod Assembly are Tom Tweite, Pastor Nirmala and Pastor Steve. Dates are May 4th and 5th in Mankato.

Church clean-up day is May 5th

Building & Grounds committee update by Dave

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer, motion by Stephanie, 2nd by LeAnn

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by

Joan Skare

SOME SONGS YOU MIGHT LIKE

By Terry Bird

I like good, meaningful music, and I guess I listen to a lot of music over the course of a year. I thought I'd share some of the songs that I've found to be great arrangements, have a great message and have touched me. All of these songs are available on youtube via the links shown.

Song Title: "Pray on the Little Days"

Performer and/or Writer: Mark Bishop

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sfiBROCUCs>

Why I like it: I don't think any of us understand the power of sincere, heart felt prayer. The message of this song is simple, and the title says it all.

Song Title: "What Salvations Done for Me"

Performer and/or Writer: The Booth Brothers

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEpnor3L0Hs>

Why I like it: I imagine that this might have been how Saul felt before he became Paul. The great thing is we can have the same salvation without all that Paul went through.

Song Title: "My Redeemer Lives"

Performer: Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCpxbZdDdv0>

Why I like it: I think is a beautiful arrangement of this song and is done so well. It's a great follow on to Easter. As the song says "I know that my redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives."

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

We are happy to receive 8 new families who chose Christ Lutheran as their new church home. New member reception is held on June 10th at 9 a.m. worship. Cake and coffee will be offered following the worship in the fellowship hall to honor our new members.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

WHEN: MAY 5TH FROM 9AM-1PM

WHO: Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

WHAT: We have projects for inside and outside so we will have clean-up day rain or shine!

We need to wash windows, wash pews, vacuum, trim bushes, rake leaves and many more projects. See you on the 5th of May.

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.

HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

Joan Skare and Joan Prigge are leading a home visitation ministry which may include bringing communion to our homebound members. If you are interested in being on the team, please contact either one of them.

There are three ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind.

The second way is to be kind.

The third way is to be kind. Mr. Rogers - Rev Fred Rogers

CLC STAFF

Pr. Steve Rheingans	Senior Pastor
Pr. Nirmala Reinschmidt	Pastor
Elaine Meek	Administrative Assistant
Sandy Erickson	Administrative Assistant
Jean Goodman (remote)	Administrative Assistant
Jane Cabaya	Organist, Choir/Bells Director
Sarah Palmer	Praise Team Director
Stephanie Pfaffenbach	Youth Chimes Director
Rose & Dave Gottschalk	Custodians

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Joan Skare	Secretary/Connections-Evangelism
LeAnn Bieber	Connections-Evangelism
Ben Johnson	Education
Stephanie Pfaffenbach	Worship & Music
David Schlobohm	Building & Grounds
Candee Ostreng	Altar
Kaia Long	Stewardship
Aaron Anderson	Youth
Will Holz	Youth

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WORSHIP TIMES

WORSHIP - TRADITIONAL 8:00
ROL 9:05
ADULT FORUM 9:15
WORSHIP - BLENDED 10:00

WORSHIP CHANGES TO 9:00 MAY 27TH

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

