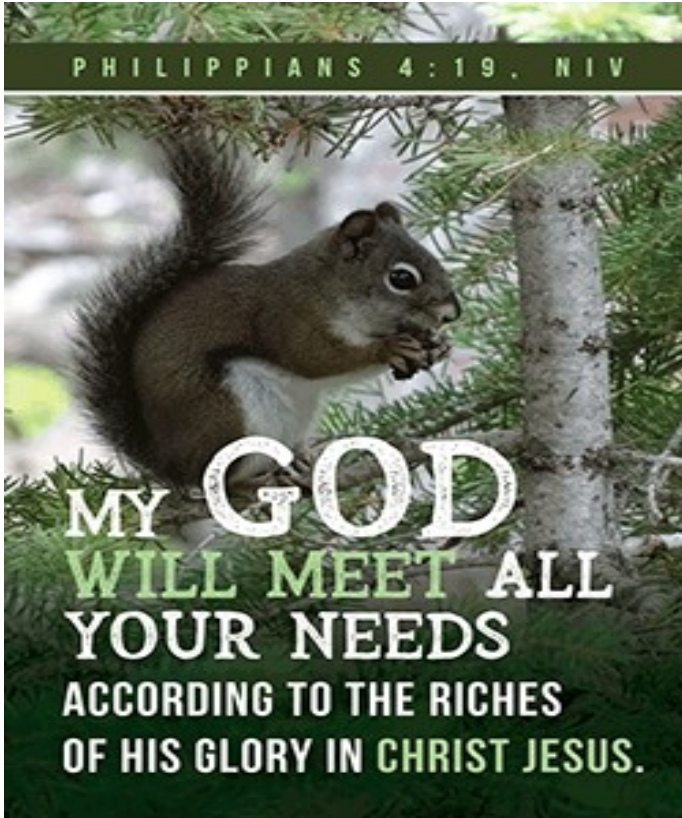


*Making Christ Known*

*September 2018*



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# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NIRMALA

A new school year is upon us. We as a family, church and community are geared up to face the joys and concerns this year brings to us. Every year God uses us to make new stories through our lives. Even in the Bible we read those stories through the lives of people like Abraham, Moses and the disciples of Jesus.

Stories are the best way to share how lives are changed. Stories show us the mysterious, astonishing, and transforming power and presence of our God whose love is unceasing and unrelenting. Our God is one who cares about all his children - including us - everywhere and all the time.

God the Holy Spirit is using Christ Lutheran Church to make stories of its own. We become part of these stories as we share our gifts, time and talents to love God and to love our neighbors through the ministries of Christ Lutheran.

May the Holy Spirit move among us, and lead us in new and perhaps unfamiliar directions. We don't want to just keep doing the same things over and over again. There are always new opportunities to worship, to learn, to connect and to care! May God continue to use us this year to make new stories of transformation in our own lives as well as in the lives of those whom we serve.

Thank you for your generous support so that we can tell stories of lives made better because of our shared ministry. God's unrelenting love in Jesus has already given us so many good things – more than we could ever ask for or imagine.

May we respond to that love by giving more generously, so that we might continue to go forth with power doing God's work, our hands.

Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

# **EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES/ADULT STUDY**

Starting Sunday September 16 Pastor Steve and Pastor Nirmala will be preaching and leading discussion on the apostle Paul's message to the church in Ephesus. The Apostle Paul writes about God's purpose and God's mission for His people. Our hope is that your understanding of God's mission and your part in it will be enhanced.

9/16 Ephesians 1 God's Mission

9/23 Ephesians 2 God's Grace

9/30 Ephesians 3 God's People

10/7 Ephesians 4 Equipping each other for God's Mission

10/14 Ephesians 5 God's mission through families/vocation

10/28 Ephesians 6 Wrestling against Evil

There will be an adult opportunity for discussion and reflection on each chapter during the River of Life hour.

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE**

Lutheran Marriage Encounter helps married husbands and wives celebrate their special relationship - and provides them with unique insights and tools to improve their communication for the long haul. The experience is a whole weekend for a couple to escape chores, jobs, and kids in order to refresh and re-energize their love, learn a delightful new method of communication, and reap joyful long-term rewards for their relationship, their family, and their faith journey.

Your Relationship Deserves a  
Lutheran Marriage Encounter Experience  
October 12 - 14, 2018  
Centerstone Plaza Hotel • Rochester MN  
Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)!

Questions? Contact Pete & Phyllis McMahon  
[mcmahonp@comcast.net](mailto:mcmahonp@comcast.net) or 763-561-1575

Pre-registration is required - don't miss out!

# 2018/2019 RIVER OF LIFE REGISTRATION

(one form per child please)

Fee: \$15 per child by 9/2/18; \$30 max. per family  
\$20 per child 9/3/18 and later; \$40 max. per family

Child's Information:

First	Middle	Last
_____	_____	_____
Grade: P3, P4, K, 1—6	Date of Birth	Yes No CLC Members (circle one)

Please list any allergies or anything that we should be aware of:

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Contact Information:

Parent(s) First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Mom \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Dad \_\_\_\_\_

Landline (write n/a if do not use land line) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (mom or dad) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email (mom or dad or list both) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email (mom or dad or list both) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Christ Lutheran Church**

For office use only: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_



RALLY SUNDAY SEPT 9 @ 9:05

PARENTS AND STUDENTS  
START IN THE SANCTUARY.

## **RIVER OF LIFE NEWS SEPTEMBER**

This year we will be Digging into Discipleship by exploring God's character throughout the Bible and learning what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life. Please let Francine Kovash know if you are interested in volunteering in the classrooms! (507) 951-2234 or [fkovash@hotmail.com](mailto:fkovash@hotmail.com)

ROL teacher orientation will be September 5th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you signed up to teach, watch for an email with the details.

Rally Sunday for the start of ROL will be September 9th at 9:05 am. Please meet in the sanctuary and then the kids will be taken to their classrooms from there. Pick up is at 9:55 in the classrooms. ROL will run from September 9th through May 19th and is for 3 year olds through 6th graders. Registration forms and class schedules will be in the narthex.

### September Lessons

9/9 - Genesis 1 - God Creates Us in His Image

9/16 - Genesis 11:1-9 - Builders Try to Build a Great Tower

9/23 - Genesis 13 - Abraham Gives Lot the Best Land

9/30 - Exodus 3:1-4:17 - God Is I Am

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation for 2018-2019 begins on September 5th. Welcome to all new and returning students. This year we will be diving into the Old Testament.

Wed, Sept 5, Student/Parent orientation 7pm

Sat. Sept 8, MANDATORY retreat to Eagle Bluff for ALL students, meet at the church 7:30 am

Wed. Sept. 12, Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Wed. Sept. 19, The Human Condition (Genesis 3-4)

Wed. Sept. 26, Flood (Genesis 6-9)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Oct. 3, Parent Night

### September Acolyte Schedule is as follows:

9/02/18 9am Carter Geerts & Ava Johnson

9/09/18 8am Tyler Magnuson & Mindy Mittelstadt  
10am Luke Bjelland & Finnley Klunder

9/16/18 8am McKenzie Sauter & David Deutz  
10am Nathan Matter & Kassie Theobald

9/23/18 8am Haley Kerns & Allie Petersen  
10am Briella Olson & Zachary Vanderpool

9/30/18 8am MaKana Schroeder & Joshua Dickison  
10am Abbi Dodge & Abby More

The rest of the year will be scheduled after registration is complete.

Lynette Magnuson

In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.

Gen 1:1

## **ATTENTION 9TH-12TH GRADERS**

Youth group will start back up again on Wednesday, September 5th. We meet from 7pm-8pm in the youth group room. Our first night will be a “get-to-know-each-other” social. Snacks and sodas will be served. Hope to see you there!

## **JAMBOREE OCTOBER 28TH**

Mark your calendar and share your talent. Christ Lutheran will again, this year, sponsor a Jamboree on October 28th, at 4:00pm. We had a great turn out last year with monies collected going to Channel One and expect the same this year. Please contact Terry Bird if you'd like to share your talents. This year's theme is “Oldies, but Goodies”.

## **LEFSE FUNDRAISER**

The Lefse Fundraising Committee needs your help. We are planning to make lefse to sell during the holiday season to help raise money for repair of the church roof. We are looking for both experienced lefse makers and people willing to help make lefse dough. There will be a sign up sheet available on Sunday, September 16 only, so please contact anyone you know that might be interested and encourage them to share their talents

Also on Sunday, September 16, samples of the lefse will be served during the coffee hour. A special thanks to Sue Briske and Vicky Boelter for making the lefse!!

We need the help of all members of Christ Lutheran to make the lefse sale a success, so please be thinking about purchasing lefse for the holidays, as a sign up sheet for the amount you would like to purchase will be available by the end of September. Thanks again,

Patricia and John McMahan

## **HOME VISITS**

Pastor Nirmala would like to get to know the families at Christ Lutheran. If you are interested in a visit from Pastor Nirmala please call her or email her to set up a time.

## **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

## **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING SEPT 9TH**

8:00am Traditional service

10:00am Blended

## **RALLY SUNDAY SEPT 9TH**

Orientation at 9:05 in the sanctuary. After orientation students will go to classrooms and parents will continue in sanctuary.

## **DIRECTORS NEEDED FOR YOUTH TONE CHIMERS AND YOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

One or two individuals are needed to lead the Youth Tone Chimers and/or the Youth Children's Choir. Both job descriptions are posted on the church website. If interested in applying, please let the office know.

*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

*Phil 4:19*





## JULY MEMORIALS 2018

### IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS SHURSON

Faith Chest    Tom and Donna VanHeuklom  
Hand Bells    Ted and Martha Gehrking

### IN MEMORY OF AL RUSTAN

Music            Ted and Martha Gehrking  
IHN                Bob and Jeannette Tweite  
IHN                Dave and Jeanne Tweite

### IN MEMORY OF IRMA RATHBUN

Music            Ted and Martha Gehrking

### IN MEMORY OF LOIS BRAATEN

Undesignated    Connie and Donna Hoffman

### IN MEMORY OF LLOYD CARLSON

Fellowship Hall Remodel    Larry and Sue Briske

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.            Eph 2:8-10

## **BOOK CLUB**

Sept 10	Ordinary Grace	Kent Krueger
Oct 1	In the Time of Butterflies	Julia Alvarez
Nov 5	Oceans Apart	Karen Kingsbury
Dec 3	Hotel on Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford
Jan. 7	My Grandmother Asked me to Tell you She is Sorry	Fredrik Backman
Feb. 4	Evicted	Mathew Desmond
Mar. 4	The Nightingale	Kristin Hannah
Apr. 1	Lab Girl	Hope Jahren
May	?	

The book club will meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church, but sometimes the book club will move to the second Monday due to holidays.

We often get “Books in a Bag” so the next months books will be distributed at the meetings. We take turns bringing treats and each person brings their own beverage.

Everyone is welcome to join us in reading and discussion of the monthly books

Hope to see you on Sept 10th.

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## **JOY COFFEE HOUR**

Will be at 9am on Sept 10th. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall. Come and join us for conversation and coffee. Everyone is welcome!! Hope to see you there.

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For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.  
2 Tim 1:7



*Notes of* **THANKS**

The Byron American Legion donated \$2,500 to CLC for services our members provided in facilitating Saturday Bingo events this past year. The money will go towards renovating the Fellowship Hall in the future. Many THANKS to the following people who worked to make this possible: Dave & Gail Hovey, Wayne & Diane DePoppe, Arlan & Linda Danielski, Charlie & Jessica Johnson, Stacey Fenske, Bob & Karen Brekke, Dennis & Debbie Hansen, Mark Turany, Randy Holz, Joan Skare, Kelly Tweite, Sandy Wilker, Tyler Bausman, and Larry & Sue Briske. CLC will be facilitating Saturday Bingo in March, April, and May of next year. Please contact Sue Briske at 507-269-3260 if you are interested in helping.

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On behalf of the Phyllis Shurson family we would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words shared with us during our mother's passing. We feel so blessed to have such wonderful support from such a caring church family.

—LuRaye and Howie Eischens and family

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Members of Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for the use of your chairs for the American Legion float which was part of the Byron Good Neighbor Days Parade. It was so helpful to have comfortable and safe chairs to use.

Sincerely

Planning Committee

Byron American Legion

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Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Heb 11:1

## **JULY ATTENDANCE**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Total Attendance	873	776
Avg Sunday Attendance	175	155

## **AUGUST ATTENDANCE**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
1st Sunday	144	170
2nd Sunday	166	143
3rd Sunday	175	175
4th Sunday	190	201
Total Attendance	675	689
Avg Sunday Attendance	169	172

## **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.

Sept and Mar ~ PQRS ~ Joni Prigge 282-8475  
Carmen Pyfferoen 273-5597

Oct and April ~ S thru Z ~ Diane Theobald 624-0047  
Cristina Zabel 775-6385

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

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You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isa 26:3

## **FAMILY PROMISE ~ IHN ~ WILL YOU SERVE?**

The next host week is September 9 - September 16. 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](mailto:eskyblue@msn.com)) He will keep you posted on upcoming trainings. An online recertification may be done easily. It takes less than 30 minutes. 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



**MOVIE TIME: SEPT 16TH AT 2:00**

### **LION**

Lion is about a five year old Indian boy who, after a wrong train takes him thousands of miles away from home and family, survives many challenges before being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only the scantest of clues, he learns of a new technology called Google Earth, and sets out to find his lost family.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!  
2 Cor 5:17

## **AUGUST 21, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

Call to Order at 6:30 ~ Joe Biewer

Members Present: Candee Ostreng, Ben Johnson, Kaia Long, Stephanie Pfaffenbach, Jason Pfeilsticker, Will Holz, Randy Holz, Joe Biewer, Joan Skare

Agenda Approved: Motion made by Candee, 2nd by Randy All approved none deny

Minutes Approved: Motion by Candee, 2nd by Jason – all approved none deny

Treasurer's Report: by Jason

July 2018 was a good month ending \$1,718.27 in the black.

However, expense exceeds income for the year by \$12,989.83

July Income:	\$24,722.30	YTD Budget:	\$196,976.00
July Expense:	\$23,004.03	YTD Income:	\$172,101.47
July Difference	1,718.27	YTD Expense:	\$185,081.30
		YTD Difference:	(-\$12,979.83)
		2017 YTD Difference was	(\$2,858.70)

Discussion: The Council upon viewing all our options, regarding the current roof claim, have determined not to pursue the claim as the deductible is higher than the claim itself.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Candee, 2nd by Stephanie. All approved none deny.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by

Joan Skare

Next Meeting will be Sept. 18th at 6:30.

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jer 29:11

## **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
	Youth Chimes Director
Rose & Dave Gottschalk	Custodians

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## **2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Randy Holz	Vice-President/Stewardship
Jason Pfeilsticker	Treasurer/Endowment/Memorial
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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8:00AM – TRADITIONAL

9:05AM ROL

9:15AM ADULT ED

10AM—BLENDED

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9:00AM- 4:00PM



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