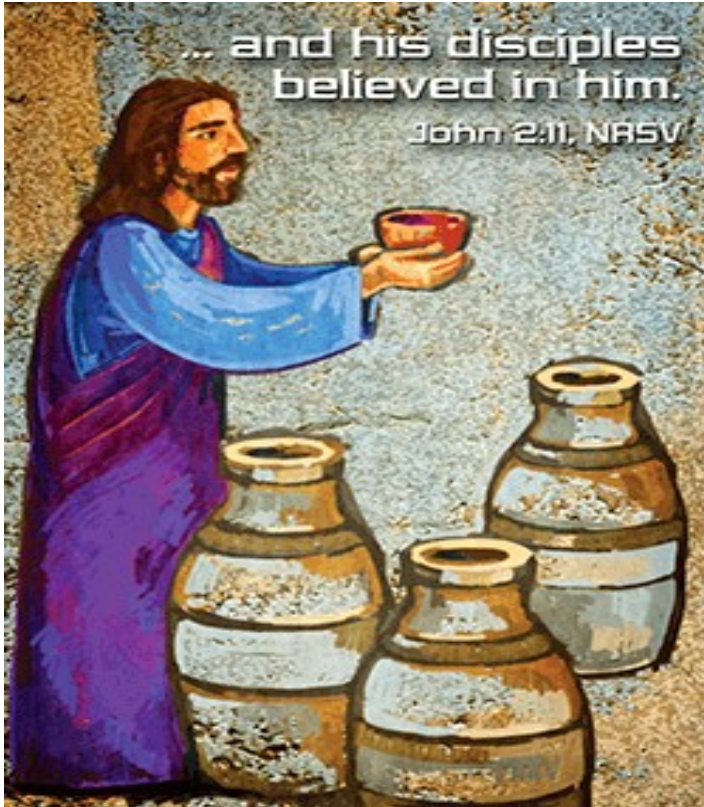


*Making Christ Known*

*January 2019*



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# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NIRMALA

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

In many circles, New Year's Resolutions have become more of a joke than a serious attempt at changing behavior or life-style for the better. You will most likely recognize the scenario below because it has been around for some time. Nevertheless it still makes the point of how resolutions evolve to fit our current lifestyle, rather than transforming our lives for the better.

Christians need to stay away from vague goals. Without fidelity of purpose, our lives become ships without rudders and are carried away by the currents in a sea of sin. That is why Apostle Paul reminds us that we are pursuing the greatest goal of all:

"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)

I know many people who never make plans; they are content to leave everything to chance. However, as followers of Christ, we are doubly blessed because we know both our purpose and our goal. However, we must dedicate ourselves because our goal cannot be achieved by accident or coincidence.

That is why it is crucial for us to be specific in setting goals that will bring us into a right relationship with God:

- A. Be more God-like (live a life of love).
- B. Recognize the value of time (Do more for God).
- C. Do not become a slave to the past (Let go and let God).
- D. Establish Godly priorities (Big things first).
- E. Shun the evil of this world (Let your light shine).

To be a committed Christian is to make the above resolutions and to have a mind set to resolve them. We are doubly blessed because we have Christ as an example and God's inspired word to guide us in our resolve.

We pray that all of us will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and receive God's blessings of a happy and prosperous New year!

God Bless ~ Pastor Nirmala

## **END OF DECEMBER SERVICES**

12/23 - One service 9:00 - blended service

12/24 - Candlelight Services with Communion at  
3:00, 4:30, and 7:00

12/30 - One service 9:00 - traditional

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## **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:**

Last year, a Lenten devotional booklet was written and compiled by members of Christ Lutheran and other friends in hope of encouraging us to walk closer to God throughout this season. Because the devotional was so meaningful for the congregation, we are going to do another booklet for this Lenten season as well. If you are interested in contributing to this booklet, look for the signup sheet in the church office the first week of January. You are welcome to sign up for one daily devotional or multiple devotionals.

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## **SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION**

"Christianity Explored" The 7-session series is an introduction to the identity, mission, and call of Jesus, grounded in the gospel of Mark. All ages are welcome to join together in the chapel at 9:20am.

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## **BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FAMILY**

Silas Brent Hoegh was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 16th. Silas is the son of Owen and Leah Hoegh, his grandparents are Brent & Nancy Hoegh and Earl & Judy Enstad. Silas' sponsors are Lisa and Mitch Lunning and Jennifer and Joel Eggert. Welcome, Silas, to the family of Christ Lutheran Church.

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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

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

January Schedule

02 - King David

09 - Psalms of Help and Trust

16 - Guest Speaker

23 - Proverbs and Wisdom Writings

30 - Israel

All students must complete 12 sermon notes, 3 service projects and have them **turned in** by April 10th, 2019. We will plan something fun for those who have everything done and turned in by January 23rd, 2019.

You can visit [www.clcbyron.org/confirmation](http://www.clcbyron.org/confirmation) to view the acolyte schedule, see service project opportunities, and view your child's progress report.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,  
Lynette Magnuson  
[dalymagnuson@gmail.com](mailto:dalymagnuson@gmail.com)

## JANUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

01/06/19	8am	MaKana Schroeder, Kyra Kraetsch
	10am	Briella Olson, Olivia Witts
01/13/19	8am	Haley Kerns, Willy Blood
	10am	Abbi Dodge, Briella Olson
01/20/19	8am	Abigail Hall, Austin Hart
	10am	Anna Splinter, Greer Tiegen
01/27/19	8am	Mindy Mittelstadt, Olivia Yennie
	10am	Tyler Magnuson, Carter Geerts
02/03/19	8am	Luke Bjelland, Finnley Klunder
	10am	Ava Johnson, McKenzie Sauter



ROMANS 8:16

## RIVER OF LIFE NEWS

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

### The lessons for January will be:

01/06 - 2 Kings 6:8-23 - God Surrounds Elisha with an Army

01/13 - Jeremiah 18:1-6 - God is Our Creator

01/20 - Zephaniah 3:16-17, Luke 15:8-10, Psalm 18:19, Psalm 37:23, Psalm 149:3-5 - God Delights in His People

01/27 - Matthew 9:9-13 - Jesus Calls Matthew to be His

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

Thank you!  
Francine Kovash

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## YOUTH GROUP

January 9th is our next meeting. Mark your calendars, we look forward to seeing you!

Youth group will not meet December 26th or January 2nd.

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*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.  
Always be prepared to give an answer for the  
hope that you have. But do this with gentleness  
and respect.*

*1 Pet 3: 15*

## **CABIN FEVER DATE NIGHT**

Cabin Fever Date Night is here!! The 2019 Mission Trip students and Confirmation students are offering their child care services on Fridays:

Jan. 11th, 2019

Feb. 8th, 2019

Mar. 8th, 2019

Apr. 26th, 2019

Kids can be dropped off at church beginning at 6:00pm and need to be picked up by 9:00pm. No meals will be provided but snacks will be served - along with games, movies, and a good time. Parents can enjoy a date night together while kids enjoy playing with church friends. We will have adult supervision at this event. Donations for the Mission trip and Bible Camp Scholarships will be greatly appreciated!

Questions, contact Tim Meek at [timothymeek@gmail.com](mailto:timothymeek@gmail.com) or call 775-2061.

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## **NOVEMBER MEMORIALS**

### **IN MEMORY OF EARL YOUNG**

Roof Fund.....Glen and Carol Meyer

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## **CHRISTMAS GOODIES SALE**

Thank you to all bakers, crafters, and buyers who contributed to the Christmas Goodies Sale on December 1st. The sale raised \$1,000 for the Faith Chest Fund.

Memorial Committee

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isa 41:10



# *Notes of* THANKS

Thank you to Lindsey Dickison and Naomi Meek for helping with the liturgical dance for the Christmas program.

Pastor Nirmala

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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you to this fantastic team for staging this wonderful performance.

Sherri Biewer and Tina Jordahl - Program Coordinators  
MarJean Damerval and Kaia Long - Music Directors  
Pastor Nirmala - Liturgical Dance Coordinator  
Dani Esser, Diane Theobald, Francine Kovash and Cristina Zabel - helped with practicing lines, directing traffic during the program and costuming.  
Jeremy Wies and Ben Johnson - Stage hands and program help.

Brent and Nancy Hoegh - Technical Directors

Parents - thank you for sharing your children with us

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## CHRISTMAS ADULT CHORAL PROGRAM

Thanks to all the singers, bell ringers, Clara Hoegh (playing a piano piece), readers (Rick, Martha, Ava, MaKana), MarJean, and Terry and Jane for organizing the lessons and carols.

Thanks to all the families who helped with advent wreath candle lighting, and helping with Christmas Eve services.

Pastor Nirmala

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## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Chancel Choir is trying something new this year. Our goal is to encourage participation in the choir by decreasing the singers' time commitment. Chancel Choir will be providing music at both services only for the major Christian holidays like Reformation, the Christmas choral program, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Easter, etc. Consequently, with fewer scheduled Sundays, there will be fewer songs to prepare and fewer practices—2 per month instead of every week. So that means if you want to sing just for the fall or Christmas or Easter, then join us for those 2 scheduled monthly practices.

The other Sundays will still have special music, but it will be either solos or small groups. These small groups will practice on the Wednesday evenings the larger choir does not practice. Therefore, if you still feel you are too busy to join the choir, maybe you would be more interested in sharing your musical talent during special music on whichever Sundays are convenient for you.

Or if you're more interested in providing music for special music, contact Terry Bird at [tbird@vacava.com](mailto:tbird@vacava.com), who will be scheduling all the special music this year.

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## **YOUTH CHOIRS FOR 3RD - 6TH GRADERS**

Wednesday nights are filled with the joyful sounds of the youth tone chime choirs and the Good News Kids practicing to use their musical talents to the Glory of God.

### **TONE CHIMES**

5:15 PM Junior Chimers: 3rd & 4th Graders

5:40 PM Praise Chimers: 5th & 6th Graders

### **SINGING CHOIR**

6:00 PM Good News Kids: 3rd - 6th Graders

The choirs sing/ring once a month at our worship services. The upper elementary age is a great time to start using their musical skills to enhance their faith life. And besides - it's fun! (Just ask some of your church friends; they'll tell you!)

Questions? Ask MarJean Damerval  
[madamerval@charter.net](mailto:madamerval@charter.net)



## **GO GREEN!**

Did you know the office prints and mails out over 325 newsletters each month? The office also emails the newsletter out to over 380 email addresses, monthly. To save a tree, as well as the cost of printing, time for assembling, and mailing, consider receiving the newsletter via email only. This can be done by contacting the church office at [office@clcb Byron.org](mailto:office@clcb Byron.org) or 775-6646 or sign up on the clipboard on the table outside the church office.

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## **ELECTRONIC GIVING FORMS**

To give to the mission of Christ Lutheran Church electronically, please complete an electronic giving form found on the kiosk in the narthex, or access the website and click on "Online giving" to set up an account with your own password. Thank you for supporting the future of Christ Lutheran.

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## **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, and tell her when you will provide treats and if you are willing to 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. If your last name starts with these letters it means it is your month. Thank you so much for contributing cookies to go with the coffee.

January & July.....LMN Deb Linbo (259-7223)  
Carol Meyer (775-6229)

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Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Gen 1: 26

## **COMMUNION**

If you are unable to come to the altar for communion please let our ushers know and communion will be brought to you.

## **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 contact 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

## **501(C)(3) FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION NUMBER**

Christ Lutheran Church now has a 501(c)(3) number for federal income tax exemption for members that wish to donate funds through United Way or another donation program that needs a tax exempt number. Please contact the office if you have questions or for more information.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

Please submit your committee reports to the church office by Sunday, January 6, 2019.

The annual congregational meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 9:05am in the sanctuary. All confirmed members of Christ Lutheran are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision-making process of our church.

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Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.  
1 Pet 5:7

## SAMARITAN BETHANY

Did you know that Christ Lutheran is one of seven local churches sponsoring Samaritan Bethany? As a non-profit organization, representatives from these churches make up the majority of the Samaritan Bethany board of directors. (Terry Bird is currently our board representative.) There is no formal financial relationship between Samaritan Bethany and the sponsoring churches. Volunteers from these organizations participate in a number of ways – medical escorts, escorts for church services and other areas as requested during the course of the year.

Christ Lutheran volunteers have participated as volunteers to help decorate for Christmas on each floor; volunteers supported the fund raising Golf Tournament; annually we budget \$500 to the Samaritan Bethany foundation, and have provided anonymous Christmas gifts to several children (4) of families that work at Samaritan Bethany that were struggling to make ends meet this Christmas. Samaritan Bethany provides Long Term Care, Independent & Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Short Term Rehabilitation. Please refer to their website for more information.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer occasionally, please contact Terry Bird.



## **MOVIE TIME - JAN. 13TH AT 2:00**

### **“ORPHAN HORSE”**

A young runaway girl hides out in the barn of a retired horse trainer and forms a bond with his troubled filly.

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### **NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Total Attendance	1,216	1,087
Avg Sunday Attendance	304	272

### **DECEMBER ATTENDANCE**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
1st Sunday	167	255
2nd Sunday	476	468
3rd Sunday	313	232
4th Sunday	no data	733 (Christmas Eve)
Christmas Eve	no data	---
5th Sunday	no data	125
Total Attendance		1,813
Avg Sunday Attendance		363

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## **RIDES TO SUNDAY WORSHIP**

We are looking for volunteers to help members of our church with transportation to get to Sunday services. If you have room in your vehicle, and would be interested in helping, please sign up at the welcome center. We will try to match you with someone on your route to church.

If you are someone that cannot get to church and need a ride, also sign up at the welcome center, or call LeAnn Bieber at 507-421-5862 to get added to the list.

## **BOOK CLUB**

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	- undecided	

The book club typically meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church. We often get "Books in a Bag" so the next month's 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.

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## **JOY COFFEE HOUR**

JOY Coffee Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 7th at 9:30 am at the church. Come join us, everyone is welcome.

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## **PICTURE DIRECTORY**

The 2013 Picture Directory is available for free if anyone would like to have it. They are located on a table near the office. The new 2018 Picture Directory is also available for anyone who would like one or a spare. The 2018 directory is \$10 and is available in the church office.

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## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Christ Lutheran is responsible for distributing meals in Byron for the months of Dec, March, June, and Sept. Additional drivers are needed for weekdays only from 10:30am to Noon. Please contact Ruth Brooks at 775-2725 with questions and if you are willing to help

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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

# DECEMBER 18TH, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

**Call to order at 6:30** ~ Joe Biewer

Members Present: Dave Schlobohm, LeAnn Bieber, Ben Johnson, Candee Ostreng, Kaia Long, Randy Holz, Joan Skare, Pastor Steve

Agenda Approved: Motion by Randy, 2nd by LeAnn

Minutes Approved: Motion by Candee, 2nd by Ben

## Treasurer's Report

November 2018 was a good month ending \$1,241.81 in the black. Income exceeds Expense for the year by \$2,380.21.

November Income	\$26,262.10	YTD Budget	\$309,067
November Expense	\$25,400.29	YTD Income	\$289,704
November Difference.	\$1,241.81	YTD Expense	\$277,155
		YTD Difference	\$2,380
		2017 YTD Difference	\$4,580.95

## Discussion:

Approval of 2019 Budget with the option to update if needed at Jan. council meeting. Motion by Randy, 2nd by LeAnn

Inactive list for removal. Motion by Kaia, 2nd by Dave

## Information:

One of our 2 roof top furnace/AC is no longer useable. The estimate to replace it is \$15,260. The plan is to have the broken unit replaced in March or April in order to seal properly on the roof.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Candee, 2nd by LeAnn

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting will be January 15th at 6:30

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Skare

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## WEATHER AND WORSHIP:

If there is heavy snowfall/wind on Saturday evening, please check KTTTC, CLC Facebook page, clcbyron.org or look for an email from Constant Contact for worship service announcements. It's possible that the first service could be canceled and not Sunday School or the second service. Please keep checking the above sites to see any and all updates.

## **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, Bells Director
Sarah Palmer	Praise Team Director
MarJean Damerval	Youth Chimes/Music Director
Rose & Dave Gottschalk	Custodians

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Pastor Nirmala Email	clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
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## **2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joe Biewer	President/Personnel/Stewardship
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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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00AM –TRADITIONAL  
9:05AM ROL  
9:15AM ADULT ED  
10AM—BLENDED

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9:00AM- 4:00PM Mon-Thurs

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WITH COMMUNION  
3:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

