

Making Christ Known

March 2019



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NIRMALA

LIVING HOPE

Lent marks a 40-day period on the church calendar leading up to the celebration of Easter. During Lent, Christians have traditionally engaged in practices of self-denial, like fasting, prayer, alms giving to orient their hearts and minds to the sufferings of Christ, who spent 40 days in the desert fasting and enduring temptations from Satan.

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes. In the Lutheran Church, the purpose of the imposition of ashes is to remind ourselves that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

It has been a tradition to have a mid-week worship to reflect upon the suffering and death of Jesus. This year our mid-week theme is “Living in Hope” based on the New Testament Book of 1st Peter. This series will help us get through sufferings of life with hope.

Also, a Lenten devotional booklet is available to enhance our devotional life. They are available to pick up by March 3rd in the Narthex.

May our Lord richly bless our contemplation on the penitential and contrite character of the Lenten season, even while we reflect on God's great love for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace
Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

LENT SERIES

March 6th - Ash Wednesday - imposition of ashes and Communion

The following five Wednesdays in lent will be based on the letter of First Peter “A Living Hope”. Peter wrote this letter to encourage communities who were facing persecution. Services will be 30-35 minutes using the Holden Evening prayer. Each Wednesday we will explore a chapter of First Peter to understand more fully our reasons for hope.

March 13th A Living Hope
March 20th..... A Living Stone and a Chosen People
March 27th.... Suffering for Doing Good
April 3rd..... Living for God
April 10th.....Cast Your Anxiety on Him

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The soup suppers begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continue weekly on Wednesdays through April 10. The soup suppers are a free-will donation supporting youth Bible camp and youth mission trips.

Below is the schedule for committees providing food for the Lenten Soup Suppers:

March 6	Worship and Music Committee/ JuBELLance/Chancel Choir
March 13	Education/Family Promise (IHN)
March 20	Church Council
March 27	Altar/Memorial/Wednesday AM Bible Study
April 3	Evangelism/Stewardship
April 10	Building & Grounds/Youth Committee

If you find you do not have enough members of your group who are able to donate soup and/or bars, please contact Martha Gehrking. Help will be found for you.

Please assign members of your group to bring the following:

- 7 containers of soup, 5 quarts or more
- 7 pans of bars, kids' kinds are great.

The food needs to be at the church by 4:00 PM. If your soup is cold, please bring to the kitchen by noon and plug it in. If hot, 4:00 PM is fine. Serving by the confirmands is from 5:00-6:00 PM. The Lent Service starts at 6:30 PM. The confirmation classes will set up and clean up.

During this time of Lent, may we all enjoy our fellowship together, support our youth, and renew our spirit of Christ the Lord and Risen Savior.

Contact Martha Gehrking, Worship and Music Chair, with any questions.

Home: 775-6274

Email: tgehrking@citlink.net

CHANCEL CHOIR & JUBELLANCE

Volunteers are welcome for the Lent and Easter services. Please contact Terry Bird at tbird@vacava.com or Jane Cabaya at libbugjane@frontiernet.net.

EASTER BAND

If you are interested in playing in the band for the Easter service please contact Terry Bird at tbird@vacava.com or Jane Cabaya at libbugjane@frontiernet.net.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN OFFERINGS

The Ash Wednesday offering will go into regular giving in the general account. Offerings from the five Wednesday night Lenten services will be sent to Channel One unless it is placed in your Sunday offering envelope.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. The church hosts a soup supper before each Wednesday's service leading up to Holy Week. It is mandatory for confirmands to attend all of the services and to participate with their group at their designated station each week. **Each student must have at least 1 parent or guardian serve along with them during Meal Prep and Serve/Cleanup weeks.**

Meal preparation starts at 4:30, and is the earliest time you will need to be here. Soup supper serving begins at 5:00. Church service begins at 6:30 and all students must attend the service. Sometimes parents are needed to stay back and finish dishes. All small groups meet in the Sunday school room next to the kitchen and are welcome to eat at that time. Please clean up after yourselves.

8th grade mixed - mentors: Lynette Magnuson and Sherry Bjelland
 8th grade girls - mentors: Roger Mittelstadt and Joy Johnson
 7th grade girls - mentors: Matt Petersen, Stacy Kraetsch and Diane Theobald
 7th grade boys - mentor: John Bausman

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 2019 SCHEDULE

	Meal Preparation	Serve/Cleanup	Service/Ushering	Small Group
Report Time	4:30	5:00	5:45	6:00
	Serve 4:30-5:30, then meet for small group/eat at 5:30	Small group/eat at 5:00, then serve 5:25-6:25	Small group/eat at 5:45, then start welcoming at 6:15	Small group/eat before attending service at 6:30
March 6th	8th-mixed	8th-girls	7th-girls	7th-boys
March 13th	7th-boys	8th-mixed	8th-girls	7th-girls
March 20th	7th-girls	7th-boys	8th-mixed	8th-girls
March 27th	8th-girls	7th-girls	7th-boys	8th-mixed
April 3rd	8th-mixed	8th-girls	7th-girls	7th-boys
April 10th	7th-boys	8th-mixed	8th-girls	7th-girls

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
 and the Word was God*

John 1:1



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 or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for March will be:

- 3/3 - John 13:1-17- Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet
- 3/10 - John 14:1-15 - Jesus Shows Us the Way
- 3/17 - John 15:1-17- Jesus Is the Vine and Branches
- 3/24 - Matthew 26:36-46 - Jesus Commits to God's Will

3/31 - Luke 23:26-43 - Jesus Forgives His Enemies

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 Africa Drought crisis. July through December money collected will go to the Channel One Food Shelf.

Thank you!
Francine Kovash

MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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|----------|------|----------------------------------|
| 03/03/19 | 8am | Kassie Theobald, Greer Tiegen |
| | 10am | Haley Kerns, Austin Hart |
| 03/10/19 | 8am | Abby More, Ethan More |
| | 10am | Kyra Kraetsch, Austin Hart |
| 03/17/19 | 8am | Olivia Witts, Gabriella Cornejo |
| | 10am | Willy Blood, Tyler Bausman |
| 03/24/19 | 8am | Tyler Magnuson, Carter Geerts |
| | 10am | Luke Bjelland, Mindy Mittelstadt |
| 03/31/19 | 8am | Ava Johnson, McKenzie Sauter |
| | 10am | Finnley Klunder, Briella Olson |
| 04/07/19 | 8am | MaKana Schroeder, Abigail Hall |
| | 10am | Nathan Matter, Abbi Dodge |

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

YOUTH GROUP

During Lent, starting on Wednesday, March 6th, the youth group will not have a lesson each week. Instead we encourage the youth to attend the soup supper that starts at 5pm to enjoy a meal together in the youth room. Then we will worship together at 6:30pm for the Lenten Service.

MOVIE TIME - MARCH 24TH AT 2:00 “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”

This movie tells the life affirming story of Tevye, a poor milkman whose love, pride and faith help him face the oppression in turn of the century czarist Russia. Fiddler on the Roof is a universal story of hope, love and acceptance, a stunning, joyful and jubilant musical masterpiece.

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:

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 or call 775-2061.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open. Contact information is 507-346-2494 or www.goodearthvillage.org/summer. Good Earth Village is our congregational supported camp.

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart

Ps. 37:4

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All scholarship applications can be found on the kiosk. Please submit scholarships individually in sealed envelopes marked with the scholarship's name. All applications are due in the church office by Sunday, April 28, 2019.

BRENDA HALLAWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Brenda Hallaway Memorial Scholarship will award \$200 to assist any person entering or continuing in an educational program. His/Her goal should be to enhance his/her skills.

GEORGE JAMSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jamsa Scholarship will award \$250 to a student who has contributed to the music ministry at Christ Lutheran and who plans to incorporate music education while continuing studies beyond high school.

YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP

All 2018 graduating seniors, who are members of Christ Lutheran, may apply for this \$300 scholarship.

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, 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 Bible Camp Sponsorship Application forms can be found on the church website at clcb Byron.org/bible-camperships/ or on the kiosk. Please use one form per child. Forms are due by May 15.

MISSION TRIP SHARES

Mission trip shareholder forms can be found on the kiosk by mid-March. Shares are \$25 and help cover youth and chaperone expenses for the mission trip. There will be a shareholder dinner and presentation following the trip in August.



Notes of THANKS

Confirmation Class of Christ Lutheran -

Thank you so much for everything! We have been enjoying all kinds of cooking fun, doing puzzles, and are very excited for our daughter to start using her new high chair in particular. We appreciate all that you've done and hope you had a good holiday season.

A, J, and T

Thank you to all who wrote Lenten devotions.

Thank you to Julie for compiling all the devotions and putting together a booklet.

Thanks to our confirmation students and parents for distributing welcome baskets to our new neighbors.

Thanks to Liz Alsbury, Joanne Lipke and June Hart for providing bread and cookies for the welcome baskets.

Thanks to you all!

Pastor Nirmala

Christ Lutheran Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day! We love our church partners, especially you!

Dean and team, Samaritan Bethany Foundation

BIBLE TALK

Whether part of the Sunday readings from that day, or part of your Bible reading plan during the week, we all have questions about the Bible. The aim of "Bible Talk" will be to share our questions, thoughts, and a-ha's with others in an effort to know Christ better, glorify God, and learn about His Word. Anyone (including Youth) is invited to attend on Sundays at 9:20 in the Chapel.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Order forms for Easter lilies for the church altar are on the table by the office. Please have your order and payment in by April 8th.

PALM SUNDAY FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

April 14, 2019 ~ 7:00–11:30am

The profits from this 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!

French Toast Breakfast volunteers needed!

Campers and Mission Trip youth & families are expected to volunteer in the kitchen/dining room, although all are welcome to come help.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS ~ IHN

The next host week for Family Promise is just around the corner - March 10 to 17. Please say yes if you are able when our coordinators contact you to help with driving, fixing and serving meals, and staying overnight.

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

CHARITABLE GIVING AFTER AGE 70 ½

Individuals age 70 ½ and older may distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to certain charitable organizations without including the amount of the charitable distribution in gross income when filing their tax return. The entire distribution must otherwise be deductible as a charitable contribution.

Why does this provision in the Internal Revenue Tax Code take on more importance in 2018?

The recently passed income tax act passed by Congress increases the standard deduction for individuals to \$12,000 and to \$24,000 for married couples (\$26,500 for couples who are both over age 65). It is estimated that only 15% of federal tax returns filed for 2018 will itemize deductions.

The provision referenced in the first paragraph will allow taxpayers who have reached age 70 ½ to direct the custodian of their IRA account to make a direct distribution from their account to a designated charity. This results in reported taxable income being reduced to the extent of the charitable distribution and achieving a result similar to prior years when they would have itemized deductions.

An added benefit is this method of giving also reduces gross income for the calculation determining the amount of Social Security benefits that may be taxable.



JANUARY MEMORIALS 2019

IN MEMORY OF LAVON LENOX

Undesignated....Wayne and Diane DePeppe
Undesignated....LaVon Lenox Family
Roof Fund.....Dave and Rose Gottschalk
Roof FundHoward and Bev Olson

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD FUCHS

Roof Fund.....Neva Ladin-Fuchs

BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FAMILY

Riley Ann Glasrud was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 10th. Riley is the daughter of Michael and Megan Glasrud. Grandparents are Steven and Lisa Glasrud and Debra Krenzer. Riley's sponsors are Sarah Krenzer and Tara Bigelow. We welcome Riley into the family of Christ Lutheran Church.

Mae Katherine Ternus was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 17th. Mae is the daughter of Brad and Jessica Ternus. Mae's sponsors are Matt Pieper and Jackie Ternus. We welcome Mae to the family of Christ Lutheran Church.

Abigail Elizabeth Bjerke was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 24th. Abigail is the daughter of Jacob Bjerke and Meggan Murphy. Abigail's sponsors are Kelsey Murphy, Jason Kruger, Erin Olson and Darwin Olson. We welcome Abigail into the family of Christ Lutheran Church.

POBLO CONCERT ~ MARCH 10TH ~ 3:30

Ramy Adly will be playing for a Poble Concert with an 11 stringed instrument which originated in the Middle East. The oud may be the earliest stringed instrument in history. Appearing by 3000 BC, King David was an oud player, while Martin Luther played its cousin, the European lute. The concert is at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester on Sunday, March 10th at 3:30. There will be a free will offering and refreshments will be provided after the concert. Poble offers English language assistance and other help in Rochester. Hope you will be able to attend.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Save the Date! Saturday, April 27th, 11am-12:30pm. Watch for more fun filled details!

Go GREEN!

Did you know the office prints and mails out 300 newsletters each month? The office also emails the newsletter out to over 400 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@clcbyron.org or 775-6646 or sign up on the clipboard on the table outside the church office.

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.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

If there is heavy snowfall/wind on Sat evenings, please check with KTTTC, CLC Facebook page, clcbyron.org or look for an email from Constant Contact for worship service announcements.



*I can do
everything
through
him who
gives me
strength.*

Phil 4:13

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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

CAN YOU GIVE A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Please sign up at the welcome center. We will try to match you with someone on your route to church.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	2019	2018
Total Attendance	1,003	944
Avg Sunday Attendance	251	236

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	2019	2018
1st Sunday	227	240
2nd Sunday	229	262
3rd Sunday	221	196
4th Sunday	no services - weather	<u>195</u>
Total Attendance	677	893
Avg Sunday Attendance	226	223

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.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY - MARCH

During the month of March, Pastor Steve will be leading the Wednesday Morning Bible Study which will look at the upcoming Gospel Lessons for Sunday.

3/6 Luke 4:1-13, 3/13 Luke 13:31-35, 3/20 Luke 13:1-9, 3/24 Luke 15:1-32.

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

BOOK CLUB

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.

JOY COFFEE HOUR

Our next coffee hour will be at the church on Monday, March 4th at 9:30AM. Joan Skare will serve as hostess assisted by Lois Hjellming.

JOY Coffee Hour is a group of women who gather monthly for a social hour of conversation and coffee time. We take turns furnishing the treats. An annual picnic is planned in July at a park in Byron. A noon Pot Luck is planned in December. Anyone interested, we welcome you to join us. We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:30am at church. Occasionally, we plan lunch outings, visits to museums, or attending plays/concerts in the area. It has been a lot of fun for all of us who currently belong. Three new ladies joined late in 2018 and one in 2019. We welcome all newcomers. Think about becoming a JOY Club member!

SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPER

You're invited to the annual Salem Sailors 4-H Club Senior Citizen Supper

When: Sunday March 3rd, 2019

Where: Byron United Methodist Church

Time: Serving supper at 5pm

Join the local 4-H club for a free meal (hot dish, sides, and delicious desserts)

4-H Talent show to follow meal

Door Prizes

Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends

John 15:13

PRAYER REQUESTS

CLC believes strongly in the power of prayer. When contacting the church office with prayer requests, be clear if you are requesting the prayer email list or Sunday morning prayers. It is best if you have permission from those who need prayer for us to be public with their concerns. Priority will be given to members/family or relatives of members, it is also helpful if non-members are local or known by the congregation. Non-member prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for two weeks unless the office is updated. Remember, most first Sundays of the month there is confidential prayer at the altar railing after service.

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.

March and September.....T- Z Diane Theobald 507-624-0047
Cristina Zabel 507-775-6385

2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President.....Joe Biewer motion by Randy, 2nd by LeAnn
Vice PresidentRandy Holz motion by Jason, 2nd by LeAnn
Treasurer.....Jason Pfeilsticker Motion by Ben J. 2nd by Dave
Secretary.....Joan Skare motion by Randy, 2nd by Jason
Youth Representative.....Joshua Heinz

Motion to Adjourn by Joan, 2nd by Dave

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 15:13

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order at 6:30 ~ Joe Biewer

Members Present: Steve Rheingans, Joshua Heinz, Aaron Anderson, Jason Pfeilsticker, Kaia Long, LeAnn Bieber, David Schlobohm, Candee Ostreng, Randy Holz, Joan Skare

Motion to approve of elected members: Candee Ostreng, 2nd by LeAnn Bieber. Motion Carried. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Randy Holz, 2nd by Candee Ostreng. Motion Carried. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kaia Long, 2nd Jason Pfeilsticker. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

January 2019 was a down month ending \$1,744.86 in the red.

January Income.....	\$25,272.25	YTD Budget....	\$29,274.00
January Expense...	\$27,017.11	YTD Income....	\$25,272.25
January Difference...	-\$1,744.86	YTD Expense..	\$27,017.11
		YTD Difference...	-\$1,744.86
		2018 YTD Difference	-\$3,517.17

Discussion:

Katie Livingood ~ one meeting with staff

Pastor's Lesson ~ Who influenced each of us for shaping our faith

Welcome to Joshua Heinz ~ new youth representative

Devotion Schedule for 2019

Jan ~ Joe	Aug ~ Kaia
Feb ~ LeAnn	Sept ~ Ben
Mar ~ Aaron	Oct ~ Jason
April ~ Randy	Nov ~ Stephanie
May ~ Dave	Dec ~ Joshua
June ~ Joe	Jan ~ Joe (2020)
July ~ Candee	

Soup sign up for Lent -3rd week March 20th

Kaia ~ soup and bars	Dave ~ bars
Joan ~ soup	Aaron ~ soup
Randy ~ soup	LeAnn ~ soup
Candee ~bars	Joe ~ bars
Jason ~ bars	Ben ~ soup
	Stephanie ~ bars

Have food at church at 4:00

Move to Adjourn:

Motion by Candee, 2nd by LeAnn

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Next council meeting will be March 19th, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Skare

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8:00AM –TRADITIONAL

9:05AM ROL

9:15AM ADULT ED

10AM—BLENDED

OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM- 4:00PM MON-THURS

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

