



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE Jesus said “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21

When Jesus first appeared to the disciples as a group after his death and resurrection, they were behind locked doors because they were afraid the authorities might come after them as they had gone after Jesus. Jesus appears to them and greets them. Then he reissues his invitation/command to them. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

The disciples had deserted Jesus and pretended they didn’t know him. Jesus could have started out with “where were you when I needed you?” but he did not. He could have said “because you messed up, I am finding another group of people to go in my name.” He did not, He forgave them and re-sent them.

They transitioned from being disciples (students/learners) to apostles (ones sent forth). Jesus told them “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.) Acts 1:8. This happened on Pentecost which is celebrated May 31st this year.

Each of us followers of Jesus have messed up, yet we too are sent and re-sent by Jesus to bear witness to his resurrection, his love, and his forgiveness. Each of us has a story to tell because others who were sent by God witnessed to us. We are invited to bear witness to this undying life and undying love revealed during holy week on the cross and in the resurrection.

God has gifted each one of us in a unique way that we would make His love and His life known in our families, our communities and beyond. The good news of Easter is that in spite of troubles that may come our way and even the threat and the reality of death, we are people who have life and love to share. There is nothing that can stop God from accomplishing His purposes in the world.

Just as the Father sent Jesus, God the Father, Son and Holy spirit send us to be his witnesses. We are the body of Christ continuing the mission of God in the world. Amidst all the bad news we have been hearing, we have been sent to show and tell this good news.

Please keep praying for all who are at risk of Covid 19. Pray for medical workers, first responders and all whose vocations have been disrupted by this pandemic. Pray for wisdom, discernment and compassion for our leaders, local, state and national. - Pastor Steve

COVID19 IMPACT AT CLC

All activities involving more than 10 people are cancelled until further notice. Sunday worship services are online at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/media/> or on Facebook or YouTube. ROL Sunday School and Confirmation classes are cancelled until further notice. Office hours have been reduced to 9-12, Monday through Thursday.



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YOUTH MISSION TRIP

YouthWorks cancelled all mission trips in the month of June which includes our scheduled trip to Pine Ridge, SD. There are opportunities to reschedule to later in the summer assuming it can be done safely. Discussions are underway. More info will be forthcoming.

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP

Please join the senior high youth along with their leader, Kim Postier, on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm for a virtual meet up. We are using Google Duo. We are welcoming all senior high kids, even if you didn't attend youth group prior to COVID19. Contact Kim Postier at postier.kim@gmail.com to get connected to this group.



SOLSTICE STOMP 5K

In the current world of social distancing, 5ks are evolving as well. The 4th annual Solstice Stomp 5K will be a virtual event this year. Detailed race information can be found on its FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Solstice-Stomp-5K-1158441940942320/>). Sign up by June 21, but run on your own (or with your social distancing group) anytime between June 8 and June 22. All participants will receive a custom medal and have the opportunity to purchase this year's shirt. If you have any questions, contact Tim Meek at timothymeek@gmail.com.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

High school senior recognition Sunday could not be held as originally planned, but this is still an important milestone to celebrate with your CLC church family. A new date will be set for this summer. Watch for more details on submitting your bio and participating in the service. Scholarships will be presented.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS - EXTENDED

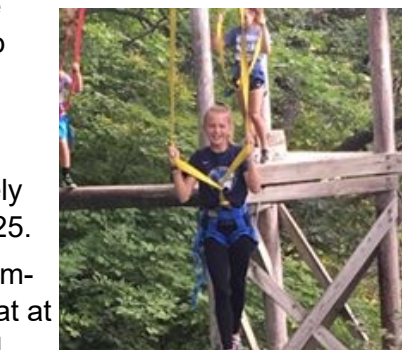
Senior Scholarship Applications for the Youth, Hallaway, and Jamsa Scholarships have been extended until May 14. You can either stop in the office to pick up a scholarship application or contact the office to have one sent to you.



Christ Lutheran Church
Confirmation Class 2016

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SAVE THE DATE - VBS FOR 2020

VBS will be held on August 3-6, 2020 from 6-8pm. VBS is open to kids aged 3 years old thru completion of 5th grade. Contact Sherri Biewer with questions or to volunteer at sdathe@hotmail.com.

MUSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to sing or working with kids? Christ Lutheran Church is looking for a volunteer to assist Kaia Long with the younger kids and another leader for the older kids during ROL music class from 9:05-9:15 on Sunday mornings and for performances during church services. Please contact Francine Kovash at 507-951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out with either of these spots.

YOUTH RESOURCES - VIRTUALLY

The Sunday School curriculum CLC uses, offers virtual options at home for families to access during quarantine.

<https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/free-resources.do>

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available on the kiosk or use this link on the website: <http://www.clcbyron.org/bible-camperships/> Fundraisers sponsored by the youth committee provide scholarships to cover 50% of camp cost up to \$225. The application deadline is the end of May. Area camps to consider are Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, Camp Omega, and Camp Shetek.

CONFIRMATION

2020 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - 2nd year retreat will tentatively be held on October 10th and the Confirmation Service on October 25.

2020-2021 CONFIRMATION YEAR - Please mark Saturday, September 12, 2020 on your calendar for the mandatory confirmation retreat at Eagle Bluff for both first and second year confirmation students. All first and second year students for the 2020-2021 Confirmation year must fill out a registration form. Students that will be confirmed in October of 2020 do NOT need to fill out a new registration form. To access the registration form online: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Registration-Form-Confirmation.pdf> or you can pick up a form from the kiosk.

THANK-YOU!

Thank you very much for making such a meaningful gift to Channel One Regional Food Bank. We received your donation of \$1,326.92 on March 20, 2020 and would not be able to distribute over 10 million pounds of food annually to the 58,390 individuals facing food insecurity in our 14-county region. Thank you for being a hero to these families and individuals in need. With gratitude, - Virginia Merritt, Executive Director, Channel One Food Bank

ROL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for the 2020-2021 ROL Sunday School year is underway. Registration forms can be found on the kiosk or on the website at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-2021-ROL-Registration-Forms.pdf>

FAMILY PROMISE - IHN

The Family Promise (IHN) program that Christ Lutheran supports as a mission program has been affected drastically by the Covid-19 pandemic. Families continue to need housing. The IHN families have moved to the old Minnesota Bible College campus owned by Bear Creek Church. New families that need to come into the program are quarantined for two weeks in a hotel setting before they can move to the Bear Creek campus. All of this costs money. The program operated before on a 'shoe string' budget. Churches, church members, and organizations provided much of the facility and food expenses for the families. As our scheduled host week of May 3-10 approaches, we are suggesting that cash donations be made to the Family Promise program to help pay for the food and other general expenses of the program. Those donations may be made directly at familypromiserochester.org. Thank you for everything you do.

The Family Promise team of CLC is Bob Brekke, Elaine Meek, Hertha Lange, and Pastor Steve.

The following article excerpts are from a communication from Brigitte Bednar, the Family Promise of Rochester Executive Director.

We care about our volunteers and we are working to keep as many people safe as possible, but we can't do this alone. We are asking you to help us ensure the most vulnerable families get through this crisis safely. In an effort to make this work, we've partnered with Bear Creek to rent the three-story, 6 bedroom complex on a month-to-month basis.

What we will do with your donations:

- Pay \$2,000/month for Bear Creek housing space.
- Purchase food, medicine, cleaning supplies, and other personal needs for our families.
- Purchase activities for kids during isolation.
- Work with our IT Specialist to make remote learning accessible for the youth.
- Ideally, hire temporary/interim staff to provide oversight and supervision if we are able to expand the number of families served.
- Hire third-party cleaning for the Day Center so it can be utilized as a quarantine space if any families become infected with COVID-19 and/or for 2-week isolation space for new families admitted prior to transitioning to Bear Creek housing.
- Continue to maintain general operations and Family Promise Rochester overhead costs during the coming months.

Brigitte Bednar, Executive Director, Family Promise Rochester

SAMARITAN BETHANY

Needs at Samaritan Bethany: Masks and greeting cards to the residents. The residents enjoy getting mail. Contact Rita at 923-4723 with questions. The masks Samaritan Bethany has are starting to wear out and more would be appreciated.

MASKS ARE IN GREAT NEED AND VOLUNTEERS

Joan Skare is the CLC contact for masks and volunteers (507-624-0330, 507-990-8946, joanskare@yahoo.com). If you need a home made mask or would like to make masks to donate to others, contact Joan. If you would like to volunteer to help others, contact Joan Skare and she will let you know if there is a current need. Contact the office or look online for a pattern on mask making. Cotton sheets work well with a minimum of 180 thread count. Joan will be getting 140 yards of elastic if you need more.

THANK-YOU!

Many thanks to Doris Jensen and Larry Oelkers for making 20 masks that were sent to Madonna Summit!!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 8, 2020

A special meeting was held by CLC council members on 04/08/2020. This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom – media.

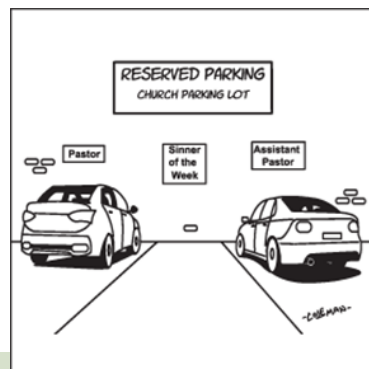
Members present: Linda Danielski, Candee Ostreng, Joan Skare, Randy Holz, Mark Turany, Dave Schlobohm, Jason Pfeilsticker, Pastor Steve, and Kaia Long.

A meeting was held to discuss the CARES ACT put into effect recently as a result of the COVID 19 epidemic. The CARES ACT allows businesses to borrow funds to use for payroll protection. If used/dispersed appropriately, this loan can be changed to a grant with proper documentation to the lending institution. The church council unanimously approved the motion to pursue a loan from the CARES ACT through First Security Bank in Byron. Jason will be the contact person for this request.

As a reminder, services for Thursday, Friday and Easter Sunday will have special music as part of the service on the website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason and 2nd by Kaia Long. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Candee Ostreng for Joan Skare



CHRIST IN OUR HOME - DEVOTIONAL

We have the April - June Christ In Our Home devotional booklets available at CLC. Please stop in during office hours to pick one up or they can be mailed out on request.

DONATIONS

Though we are not currently worshipping in person, the church is still in mission locally and globally, and has expenses for utilities and temporarily reduced staff. Donation options include online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, mailing in a donation to Christ Lutheran Church 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, or dropping off a donation during our office hours from 9 - noon, Monday thru Thursday. Please contact the church office at 775-6646 or office@clcbyron.org with questions or comments.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS

After age 70 1/2 and older, individuals may distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from their IRAs to certain charitable organizations without including the amount of the charitable distribution in gross income when filing tax returns. 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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorials given in 2020 will not be posted in the newsletter but can be found on the kiosk.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the many members that have recently dropped off donations, mailed in donations, or set up online giving. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

MARCH FINANCIALS

Monthly Budget \$30,016

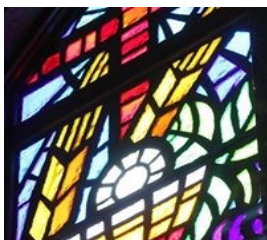
March Income	\$31,110	YTD 2020 Income	\$74,624	YTD 2019 Income	\$68,007
March Exp	\$27,894	YTD 2020 Exp	\$81,126	YTD 2019 Exp	\$84,690
Difference	\$3,216	2020 YTD Diff	-\$6,502	YTD 2019 Diff	-\$16,683

MOTORCYCLE RIDE WITH PASTOR STEVE

Join Pastor Steve on Saturday, May 16 at 1pm in the church parking lot to enjoy a COVID19 friendly motorcycle ride. RSVP to Pastor Steve at clcpastorsteve@gmail.com

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In person worship suspended,
 check out our online worship and
 education options.

Adult Ed - Sundays at 9:00 AM

Zoom: 469 954 510



Worship/Contact Information

CLC CRISIS TEAM

Pastors will do homebound visits, outdoors only.
 Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646
 Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com
 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
 Joan Skare 507-624-0330 or joanskare@yahoo.com
 Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net
 Feel free to call above numbers any time if you just want to talk
 with someone or if you need help.
 If you would like to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.
 Watch facebook (CLCbyron) and CLCbyron.org sites for some digital
 worship resources.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday worship is available on Facebook (CLCByron) or on the
 church website. <http://www.clcbyron.org/media/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ENHANCE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Families, couples, and singles are needed to do scripture readings
 for Sundays from home and to pray the Lord's Prayer at home for
 our online worship services. Please contact Pastor Steve at [clcpas-
 torsteve@gmail.com](mailto:clcpas-

 torsteve@gmail.com) if interested. MP4 is preferred format and 720p
 the preferred resolution. Iphone videos will most likely work.

THANK-YOU FROM THE CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to our fantastic mask makers: Sue B, Chris P, Jane C,
 Gayle J, Elaine F, Liz A, and Jill
 R. Total masks given out is 101.

We have made tote bags and Japanese
 Knot bags for sale at \$10 each when
 church opens for
 services.

Proceeds will benefit
 the roof fund.

Please call Joan
 Skare if anyone needs
 groceries, supplies or
 masks.

Stay home and stay
 healthy, Joan Skare

