



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NIRMALA - CALM IN THE STORM

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

What a strange time we live in. Our lives have been disrupted for the past three months. As I chat with various people across different periods and lines of work, it saddens me to see how this COVID-19 virus has affected people in different ways. Now we are about to enter into summer and we have to make so many adjustments. One of our members described the situation by saying the world is in the midst of a storm but we are all in different boats.

We are all learning to live a new normal: online church and school, working from home, wearing masks, curb side pick up, and on-and-on. Will there be an end to all of this? Nobody has an answer at this time.

So we turn to the scriptures and the story of Pentecost in particular for comfort and hope. When the disciples experienced the loss of Jesus' presence after he ascended to heaven, the lives of the disciples were turned upside down. They asked the same question as we ask today: what do we do now? The answer came to the disciples on the day of Pentecost. They were filled with new power, new courage, new wisdom. They all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Even Peter who had recently denied knowing Jesus, was able to preach a great sermon and many who heard became believers.

As people of the Spirit, let us continue our faith journey remembering every day that the Lord is with us and will carry us through this crisis. Pastor Steve and I are grateful for your generous support to the mission and ministries of Christ Lutheran Church. We also thank our musicians, scripture readers, and our tech team, and adult education leaders who are helping to provide meaningful virtual worship. We also want to thank others who serve their neighbors and people who are in need and those who are making masks to distribute to the nursing homes and hospitals.

Let us make use of this time to come closer to God and closer to one another. Let us examine our life priorities and put God first by seeking to know Him more and more and to commit ourselves to bringing honor and glory to Him through lives of love and service.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will heal us, transform us and heal our land, and may the peace of God abide with you all. - Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt



Steve Rheingans
Senior Pastor

clcpastorsteve@gmail.com



Pastor Nirmala
Reinschmidt

clcreinschmidt@gmail.com

Inside This Edition:

Solstice Stomp
5K/ ROL/
Confirmation/
Senior Sunday

Worship Info/
Council Minutes/
COVID19 News

Crisis Info/ Masks

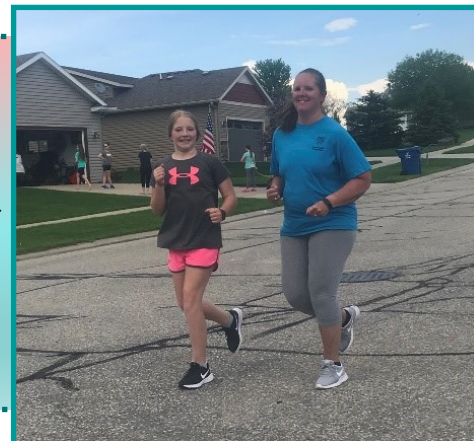
YOUTH/EDUCATION

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - CANCELLED FOR 2020

YouthWorks has cancelled all mission trips for 2020. We will lose a \$750 deposit and YouthWorks will retain an additional \$750 as a credit for next year's trip. All families will be refunded their amounts paid to date. Planning will begin for next year's mission trip.

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.



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. The Youth Group recently met at the church for a socially distanced campfire.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES!

Aaron Anderson	Dalton Bahr	Alex Black	Devon Bond	Jakob Bruske
Abigail Brytowski	Benjamin Deyle	Kaleigh Dickison	Tristan Fairchild	Talon Freerksen
Logan Gauthier	Devyn Gowlland	Tessa Harmon	Joshua Heinz	Cassidy Ihrke
Annika Johnson	Sean Kerns	Kaleb Kraetsch	Tianna Magnuson	Brenden Postier
Gunner Ramthun	Payton Sampson	Carter Thaldorf	Mackenzie Wannarka	Emma Ward

KEEPING COLLEGE STUDENTS CONNECTED

If your college student would like to stay connected to what's happening in the church, please give the office their contact information including address or email address and we can mail or email them newsletters or the weekly Constant Contact updates.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, August 2. A letter will be coming to families with more details on submitting your bio and participating in the service. Scholarships will be presented at this service.

YOUTH/EDUCATION

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 for families to access during quarantine. <https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/free-resources.do>

JUNE RIVER OF LIFE NEWS

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2020-2021 ROL year! If there are at least 4 teachers for each room, then the time commitment will be only 1 or 2 Sundays per month. Another volunteer option is helping out with music for the 3 year old - 2nd graders or the 3rd - 6th graders. Students in 7th grade and up are also needed to help out in the younger classrooms and with music. Let me know if you would like to volunteer! Fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234 - Francine Kovash, ROL Coordinator



ROL REGISTRATION FORMS

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>

CONFIRMATION NEWS

2020 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS GETTING CONFIRMED IN OCTOBER

3rd year retreat will tentatively be on October 10th. Pictures and practice are planned for Sunday, October 18 at 1pm. The Confirmation Service will be held on October 25.

1st and 2nd YEAR STUDENTS - Confirmation will begin in early September for first and second year confirmation students. Both years must register. Registration forms are on the kiosk at the church or online at <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Registration-Form-Confirmation.pdf> Students getting confirmed in October do not need to fill out another registration form.

Mark your calendar! All first and second year confirmation students must attend the mandatory retreat on September 12 at Eagle Bluff.

Confirmation mentors are needed for first year students. Lesson plans are provided to guide the mentors. It does help to have two people for each group to provide lighter work and a sub when needed. Being a mentor is a rewarding experience to share with your child.

The duties for the organization of confirmation will be divided for the 2020-2021 year. Kristine Ihrke will oversee the organization and communication, but is looking for mentors to help in other areas.

- * Organization, collection, and recording of sermon notes and service projects
- * Plan the retreat to Eagle Bluff
- * Plan the end of year retreat for 2nd year students
- * Organize Lenten Soup Suppers

Please contact Kristine Ihrke at ckihrke@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any of the above areas. We will plan to meet in late August or early September as a mentor group. - Kristine Ihrke



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available on the kiosk in the narthex or use this link on the website: <http://www.clcbyron.org/bible-camperships/> The application deadline has been moved to the end of August. Area camps to consider are Camp Victory, Camp Omega, and Camp Shetek. *Camp Good Earth Village has cancelled their summer programming.*

WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - MOVING TO WEDNESDAYS AT 8PM

Time: 8pm on Wednesday evenings Topic: There will be a discussion about the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Join zoom meeting at

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/469954510?pwd=YVphRINDZE9nN2w4aUhNTHdSMmwvdz09>

or meeting id: 469 954 510 password: 8rmUy7 The discussion will be guided/facilitated by a pastor or Owen Hoegh. Discussion is 40 minutes long. All are welcome!

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

FAITH AT HOME

With the upset in schedules we have all been going through and with classes from school winding down, I encourage you to continue/begin having intentional faith discussions at home. If you are interested but don't know where to start, one good resource is <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps> or www.faithink.com Pastor Rich Melheim has been focusing on faith conversations at home for quite a while and has practical advice and suggestions for families.

Briefly the five steps for faith discussions at home are:

1. Share Highs and Lows
2. Read a Bible verse or story
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another

There is a list of favorite Bible verses on the kiosk near the church office that you could use as a resource.

Pastor Steve

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH CHILDREN'S SERMONS

If you would like to assist with a Sunday children's sermon, please contact Pastor Nirmala for ideas.

DONATIONS

Though we are not currently meeting for public, in person worship, 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 through Thursday. Please contact the church office at 775-6646 or office@clcbyron.org with questions or comments.

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!



WORSHIP/COVID19 NEWS

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 5/27/2020 MINUTES

A meeting was held by CLC council members on 05/27/2020 at 6:30pm outside the church due to social distancing. Members present: Linda Danielski, Candee Ostreng, Randy Holz, Mark Turany, Dave Schlobohm, Jason Pfeilsticker, Pastor Steve, Kaia Long, Tracy Leron, Ben Johnson, Lindsey Dickson and Josh Heinz. Motions were made and approved for the meeting agenda, last month's minutes, and the treasurer report.

A discussion regarding Parking Lot services to begin on June 7th was the majority of the meeting. Several items of discussion were brought forward including times/ number of services/ current on-line services and communion and fellowship. A motion was made by Randy and 2nd by Kaia to begin outdoor, in-car services on June 7th at 9am in the church parking lot. This service will last less than 30 minutes and be broadcast on 87.9 FM radio so all attending can safely remain in their cars while social distancing. Communion will be presented as worshippers enter the parking lot and they will be able to receive in their cars at the end of the service or take communion home and receive it there. The audio of the internet posted video is what will be played. Members can watch video at home and come for drive in communion from 9:45-10:30 if they prefer. The Parking lot service will be available for those who wish for communion and fellowship – in their cars, and for those who wish to have communion after watching the on-line service.

Also brought forward, adult education will happen on Wednesday nights from 8-8:40pm until July 15 – watch for additional information and announcements.

April Financials - approved by the council: Monthly Budget \$30,016

Apr Inc \$36,522 YTD 2020 Inc \$111,147 YTD 2019 Inc \$98,839

Apr Exp \$24,156 YTD 2020 Exp \$105,282 YTD 2019 Exp \$117,156

Diff \$12,367 2020 YTD Diff \$5,865 YTD 2019 Diff -\$18,317

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave and 2nd by Jason.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm. Minutes submitted by Candee Ostreng for Joan Skare



OUTDOOR IN CAR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION - JUNE 7 AT 9:00-9:30AM

We have two options on Sunday morning. The first option is in-car worship with communion from 9 - 9:30. The second option is drive through communion only, available anytime between 9:45-10:30. Please enter from the Frontage Road if coming for the second option.

If you are sick or have symptoms please stay home.

The same worship service that will be available on the internet by Sunday morning at 6am will be broadcast on 87.9 on your FM radio which covers the church parking lot only.

If you need help finding the FM station on your car radio, ask a parking lot attendant.

If you have windows down you should park 6 feet from nearest cars.

Masks are encouraged, and required for the drivers as they enter the lot as they will be the ones receiving the self contained communion kits by gloved and masked servers for communicants in the car.

If you need a mask call Joan Skare. The communion kit is much like a coffee creamer packet. The wafer is under the top cellophane layer. The grape juice is under the next foil layer. It is a bit tedious to open.

There will be a receptacle available as you drive in for offering.

You can either take communion in the car in the parking lot after the words of institution are spoken or you can take it home and have it around your table.

Church restrooms will be closed, it is a 30 minute service.

No singing for the benefit of your neighbor's health.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MN DEPT OF HEALTH CONCERNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

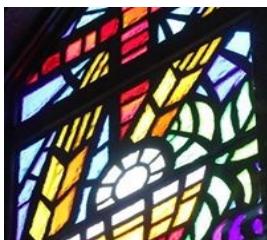
Remember the safest option right now is for everyone to stay home. ▪ Consider whether having a parking lot service encourages people in high-risk groups (particularly older adults and people with underlying health conditions) to come out rather than stay at home.

If your community decides to host a service in a parking lot: ▪ Each household should be in a separate car; carpooling does not comply with social distancing. ▪ Make it clear that people with COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, etc.) should not attend. ▪ Attendees should remain in their cars. ▪ If attendees are in cars with the windows up, cars may park immediately adjacent to one another. ▪ If attendees are in cars with windows down, cars should park 6 feet apart. ▪ Make the event brief. ▪ Do not serve food or beverages at the event. ▪ There should not be passing of objects or physical contact between households. ▪ Do not provide public or portable bathrooms; this creates a risk of transmission.

EXCERPTS FROM MN DEPT OF HEALTH'S 12 PAGE DOCUMENT ON HOSTING FAITH-BASED SERVICES - TO READ ARTICLE IN FULL, ACCESS AT: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/worship-guidance-ACC_tcm1045-433301.pdf

Christ Lutheran Church
 201 Frontage Road NW
 Byron, MN 55920 www.clcbyron.org
 Office Hours: 9:00am - 12:00pm Mon - Thurs
 507-775-6646 office@clcbyron.org

Non-Profit Organization
 US Postage Paid
 Byron, MN
 Permit Number 17



June 2020

Outdoor, in-car worship begins
 June 7 at 9am



CONTACT INFORMATION/OUTREACH

CLC CRISIS TEAM

Pastors will do homebound visits for emergencies only.
 Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646 or
 Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com
 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
 Joan Skare 507-271-0330 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 at CLCbyron and CLCbyron.org sites for some
 digital worship resources.

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. We are looking specifically for more child sized face masks. A batch of child sized masks were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. The Salvation Army has requested child sized masks also. Joan has 140 yards of elastic if you need some for the masks. Stay home and stay healthy. Joan Skare



PASTOR VISITS

Pastors will do home-bound visits, outside only. Feel free to call above numbers any time if you just want to talk with someone or if you need help.

SCAMS

Beware of scammers and fake emails even pretending to be from the church or Pastors especially if asking for money or any details.