



## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

I hope you have been able to hear the sermon series on Acts this fall. We continue in the book of Acts up to Reformation Sunday, October 25 which is also confirmation Sunday as confirmation was postponed last April. In Acts, the people of God followed Jesus' commission to make disciples of all nations and to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Left to human power, this commission would not be accomplished. Led and powered by the Holy Spirit it was their privilege (and ours too) to be participants and not spectators in what God is up to in the world. Keeping our mission of bearing witness to Jesus' death and resurrection is especially important during a time of Covid. Making Christ's love known is important no matter what else is going on.

In Luther's time, besides all the challenges of leading the protestant Reformation, there was the Bubonic Plague in Europe messing up life. The death rate of those who caught it was around 70 percent.

In August of 1527 the plague struck Wittenberg and numerous people fled in fear of their lives. Martin Luther and his wife Katharina, who was pregnant at the time, remained in their beloved city in order to treat the infected. Despite the calls for him to flee Wittenberg with his family for his own safety, Luther's mind was set on helping the infected. He inevitably came to the conclusion that it was not inherently wrong for one to so value their life that they did not remain in town, but only so long as the sick had someone of greater faith than they to care for them. He balanced this position with the conviction that this one of greater faith ought not condemn the one of weaker faith who fled.

*Yes, no one should dare leave his neighbor unless there are others who will take care of the sick in their stead and nurse them. In such cases we must respect the word of Christ, "I was sick and you did not visit me ..." [Matt. 25:41-46]. According to this passage we are bound to each other in such a way that no one may forsake the other in his distress but is obliged to assist and help him as he himself would like to be helped.*

Martin Luther was able to risk his life to care for others and to remain faithful to the 5 solas of the reformation. Grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone and to God be the glory alone. May we not be distracted from bearing witness to Jesus in our time.

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# EDUCATION/YOUTH

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE ON ROL

Hello everyone! During these unprecedented times of uncertainty, the Christ Lutheran Church Education Committee has decided to postpone the start of River of Life Sunday school to January 3rd, 2021. Here are some resources that provide free activities and lessons to help grow your faith:

<https://www.vibrantfaithprojects.org/vibrant-faith-home.html>

Vibrant Faith @Home provides hundreds of activities for families with children and adolescents, young adults, adults and couples, and just for kids. The activities are short (usually only 5-10 minutes) and in PDF files making them easy to use and download.

<http://goodearthvillage.org/introduction>

Good Earth Village offers Virtual Village as a way to bring a bible camp experience to you. They posted videos of their summer staff leading a variety of camp activities over the summer and have made them available to the public for free. Each week offers activities focused on a different core value and is broken down into 2 age groups; Kindergarten-5th grades and 6th-9th grades.

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

Group Publishing (where we get the curriculum for Sunday School) offers free resources for families, adults, youth, and children to continue growing your faith at home.

<https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>

FAITH5 is a simple faith practice that deeply connects people to God and one another, church to home, and faith to daily life.

<http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bibleverses.pdf>

Bible verses to read, memorize, or discuss. Use these verses during the FAITH5 daily practice.

We are accepting registrations for the ROL school year, but are not asking for registration fees at this time. If the situation with COVID-19 changes our ability to safely provide in person Sunday School in January we will communicate that at a later date. Registration forms can be found on the kiosk or on the website at: [http://www.clcbyron.org/cpt\\_news/sunday-school-registration-forms/](http://www.clcbyron.org/cpt_news/sunday-school-registration-forms/)

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to teach or assist in the ROL program starting in January. If you are interested please contact someone from the Ed Committee. Many hands make light work, so please consider volunteering!

Blessings to you and your family, The CLC Education Committee

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## FIRST COMMUNION

Hello 5th grade and First Communion families. We will be having 1st Communion on November 1st at a separate 11:00 service. We will be having our 1st Communion Lessons on October 4th, 11th, and 25th, time TBD. These will be held in person with an option to attend virtually. We will also be having our bread baking and presentation of projects on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30 in the Sanctuary. Please contact Jessie Brown with any questions or concerns at [jessieandluke@gmail.com](mailto:jessieandluke@gmail.com).

## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

On Sunday, October 4 at the 9am service, CLC will distribute Bibles to 3rd graders in our congregation. Due to COVID restrictions, each family should not bring more than 10 individuals to the service. If you are uncomfortable with attending the service due to COVID or other reasons, the Bibles can be picked up in the church office after October 4th.





# EDUCATION/YOUTH

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

We have kicked off the new confirmation year! This year will be different, but the students will still be guided in their faith journey. On Saturday, September 12th we were at Oxbow Park for the retreat. Though not the same as the ropes course at Eagle Bluff, the kids and mentors had a good time connecting with nature as we opened our lesson on Creation. Confirmation will be meeting in person, but we do have a virtual option for those unable to make it or choose to attend virtually.

Service projects for this year will be outdoor, individual, or family activities. Since this is a change from past years we are welcoming suggestions. If you have an idea for a service project that the students can complete please contact Kristine Ihrke at [ckihhrke@gmail.com](mailto:ckihhrke@gmail.com).



## OCTOBER ACOLYTES

10-4-2020	10-11-2020	10-18-2020	10-25-2020 Confirmation
9AM	9AM	9AM	10AM
Joslyn Deutz	Leah Bendix	Averie Rolland	Connor Cornejo
Emma Clark	MaKenna Scheerer	Amara Weis	Alex Hoerle

2020 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL BE CONFIRMED ON OCTOBER 25 AT 10AM

The 3rd year retreat will be on Saturday, October 10 at CLC from 9-2. Parents, please turn in your robes/retreat fees of \$33 to either Diane or the office by October 10. Pictures and rehearsal are Wednesday, October 21 starting with individual pictures at 5:30pm and the group picture at 6:15pm. Rehearsal follows the pictures.

## MISSION TRIP - PINE RIDGE, SD, JUNE 20-25, 2021 - REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1

Christ Lutheran has reserved 15 spots for the mission trip (13 youth & 2 adult chaperones). To register, please submit a registration form located on the kiosk or at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2021-Youth-Mission-Trip-Registration-Form.pdf>

along with the \$125 down payment by December 1, 2020. Space is limited so priority will be based on when checks are received. With fundraisers, our goal is to keep the cost to a maximum \$250 out of pocket, per youth. The total cost of mission trips is around \$6,000 with about \$3,000 covered by the families. Students attending should assist with the Youth Committee sponsored fundraisers such as Cabin Fever Babysitting, Shareholder Dinner, Palm Sunday French Toast Breakfast, and the Solstice Stomp 5K. The mission trip is open to youth that complete 8th thru 12th grade by June of 2021. This year only: since last year's mission trips were cancelled, YouthWorks is allowing last year seniors to attend next summer.



## YOUTH GROUP - WELCOME TO NEW 9TH GRADERS

Please join the senior high youth along with their leader, Kim Postier, on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm for a virtual meet up or a socially distanced get together. This summer they had campfires, hiked at Oxbow, and had an outdoor movie night. We are using Google Duo and welcoming all senior high kids including new 9th graders. Contact Kim Postier at [postier.kim@gmail.com](mailto:postier.kim@gmail.com) to get connected to this group.

## FAITH CHEST BLANKET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers willing to make baby blankets for our faith chests. If you have an interest in assisting with this mission, please contact the office for more details.



# FELLOWSHIP/ WORSHIP NEEDS

## NOTES OF THANKS

People of Christ Lutheran Church - Thank you for your partnership in ministry! We give thanks for the many ways you are extending the love of Jesus in Byron and beyond. - SE ELCA Synod office

Thank you to Jerry Rieser and Tom VanHueklom for repainting the parking lot striping.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TIME ADJUSTMENTS



Sunday, October 25

9am Reformation Service *In Car/Online only*

10am Confirmation Service

Sunday, November 1

9am Regular Service

11am First Communion Service

## DINER'S SMALL GROUP

The Diner's small group is open to new members! The purpose of this small group is to provide support and care for one another while enjoying a meal together. We meet once a month at a location to be determined each month and a day that works for most members. If interested in joining or just finding out more about this small group, contact Gayle at [bikeclearlake@gmail.com](mailto:bikeclearlake@gmail.com) or call 641-430-5324. Please leave name, contact

## DONATIONS AND THANK-YOU

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity and faithfulness to CLC's mission. 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 - 1, Monday through Thursday. Please contact the church office at 775-6646 or [office@clcbyron.org](mailto:office@clcbyron.org) with questions or comments.

## WORSHIP OPTIONS AT CLC

We have three options on Sunday mornings, with blended and traditional style alternating, every other week.

- In-church worship at 9am (communion offered the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month).
- In-car worship on Sunday mornings at 9am in the parking lot on 87.9 on the FM radio (communion offered the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month).
- Watch the Live Streamed service at home using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAAdS22Tn6Epi6yZqzmNKK2g>

To preregister for the indoor Sunday service, use this link: <https://selfservice.na.rapidbiz.com/cloud/login.do?mode=loadLoginScreen&appId=99&orgId=28>

## EMAIL SCAM ALERT

You may have recently received an email from someone claiming to be Pastor Steve, Pastor Nirmala or the Bishop, that was in fact a scam. These emails usually come from a Gmail (or other free email service) account using some configuration of the Pastor's or the Bishop's name. These imposter email addresses are intended to fool you into thinking the messages are indeed from the Pastor or the Bishop.

To keep yourself safe, we suggest taking the following measures:

1. Always check the sender's email address. You can usually do this by hovering over the sender's name (without clicking on the address).
2. Delete any suspicious emails. Do not reply to them. Several of the scammers ask for gift cards or money in a second follow-up email, after an initial vague request for an immediate favor.
3. When in doubt, don't reply or respond. You can always call the office to follow up on an email in question.
4. Don't ever click on any links in a suspicious email.
5. Never include personal or financial information in an email.

## CHRISTMAS GOODIES SALE

Due to COVID19, the Christmas Goodie Sale will not be held in 2020. We look forward to the Goodie Sale in 2021.



## OUTREACH/COUNCIL MINUTES

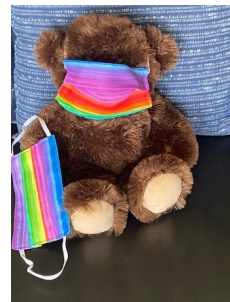
### MASKS AND VOLUNTEERS

Joan Skare is the CLC contact for masks and volunteers (507-990-8946, [joanskare@yahoo.com](mailto:joanskare@yahoo.com)). If you need a home made mask, would like to make masks to donate to others, or would like to volunteer to help others, contact Joan Skare and she will let you know if there is a current need. Stay home and stay healthy. - Joan Skare

### DONATED MASKS

Here is the breakdown of where the donated masks went so far.

Mayo 230	Ronald McDonald House 130
Samaritan Bethany 280	CLC adults 30 youth 39
Care Facility in Cities 20	Personal 75



### CHANNEL ONE

CLC has a Channel One food donation barrel located by the front doors if you would like to drop off any non-perishable food items.

### SHARING TREE 2020

Altar Committee will be sponsoring the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester this upcoming holiday season. The mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota is that it provides a home-away-from-home and gives support to families seeking medical care for their ill children. They are a place of comfort, compassion, support and convenience. Many families staying at the House are undergoing one of the most stressful situations they will ever encounter – dealing with the fear and anguish of a critically ill child. They're trying to keep things as normal as possible for their children when in fact their lives are in upheaval. Families travel great distances to the House – often after exhausting every medical resource available near their homes, uprooting their day-to-day lives.



A list of the specific needed items will be available by the time the Sharing Tree is put up mid-October. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Thank you in advance for helping those in need. - Chris Polzin, Altar Chair

### CLC COUNCIL MEETING 9/22/2020 MINUTES

A meeting was held by CLC council on 09/22/2020 at 6:30pm. Members present: Linda Danielski, Candee Ostreng, Randy Holz, Mark Turany, Jason Pfeilsticker, Pastor Steve, Ben Johnson, Lindsey Dickison, and Joan Skare.

Motions were made and approved for the meeting agenda, last month's minutes, and the treasurer report.

Randy asked each council member present to give a brief update on the committee that they represent. This gave everyone an update on which committees are able to meet and the progress being made on those committees.

A discussion centered around the need to bring CLC a more digital/media presence and how to keep that presence updated. Also discussed was a new web page presence as our current web page is outdated and has problems getting updated.

The council also had a discussion on the current methods that we are providing services for our congregation. This being through in-person service; in-car service via the parking lot and FM radio; and web-based service on the CLC website and Facebook. Many positive comments were brought forward that parishioners were pleased that there were options to suit their individual needs.

There have been a few requests from community groups desiring to use CLC building for meetings. A discussion ensued on how to keep everyone safe and to allow the use of our building for the community needs. It was decided that we need to compose a COVID building usage policy – similar to our Wedding and Funeral Guidelines and ask for a donation from these groups to help cover the extra costs of cleaning/sanitizing. It was also suggested that each group only occupy 1 room in the building. The Exec group will meet separately to compose these guidelines and notify the community groups.

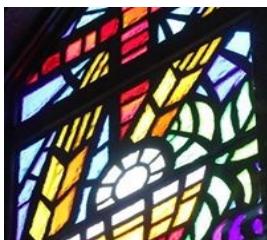
A motion to adjourn the meeting and was passed by majority vote. Next meeting is October 20, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Candee Ostreng for Joan Skare



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## October 2020

### Fall Worship Schedule

In Person Worship Sundays, 9am

In Car Worship Sundays, 9am

LiveStream Worship

*Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd*

*Sundays at in person and in car worship*



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 If you would like to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.  
 Watch FaceBook at CLCbyron and CLCbyron.org/media/

**PASTOR VISITS** - Feel free to call above numbers any time if you want to talk with someone or need a visit from a pastor.

### ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS - SCHEDULING

Please let the office know when your committee will be meeting so we can get the dates on the church calendar.

### FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Fall clean up day will be Saturday, October 17 starting at 9am. The focus will be on outdoor things.



### ATTENDANCE

#### AUGUST

Date	In Person	In Car
8/2/2020	70	12 cars
8/9/2020	44	14 cars
8/16/2020	46	14 cars
8/23/2020	36	12 cars
8/30/2020	34	7 cars

#### SEPTEMBER

Date	In Person	In Car
9/6/2020	25	10 cars
9/13/2020	79	10 cars
9/20/2020	55	17 cars
9/27/2020	43	11 cars



**PLEASE NOTE** - Sunday, October 25 will NOT have a 9am, in person service. A previous year's recorded Reformation service will be played at 9AM in the parking lot and on the internet.