



LENTEN SERIES 2021 - FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17. There will not be ashes, but there will be stickers with the sign of the cross for your forehead if you so desire. Each person or family will put their stickers on their forehead. Due to COVID-19 there will be no soup suppers this year. Services are at 6:30 February 17 through March 24. Services will be in person, in parking lot FM and online. Confirmands are required to be at Wednesday worship and attend small group following. Contact your mentors if for some reason you will be doing Lent or virtual small group online.

Freedom in Christ is our Lenten series this year based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians. We are picking up where we left off last season's Lent. Paul reminded the community of believers in Galatia that they were saved through faith alone. There were false teachers saying that faith in Christ was not enough. The Apostle Paul jealously guards the Gospel. Through focusing on this teaching letter, our hope is that you remember that you can't "add" to the gospel without taking away from the freedom that God has for you in Jesus. The pastors, along with members of Christ Lutheran will teach the messages. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. You are encouraged to read Galatians in preparation to more fully appreciate the Gospel that sets us free in Christ.



February 17	Ash Wednesday	Repentance & Communion in person, in car, online	Pastor Steve
February 24	Galatians 1-3:25	No Other Gospel Review/Preview	Owen Hoegh
March 3	Galatians 3:26-4:31	Children of God	Pastor Nirmala
March 10	Galatians 5:1-15	Freedom in Christ	Matt Petersen
March 17	Galatians 5:16-26	Life by the Spirit	Steve Rheingans
March 24	Galatians 6	Carry each other's Burdens	Joyce Graue

I encourage you to watch this video, less than 10 minutes to prepare for the series. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/galatians/>

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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - FEBRUARY

6TH GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION

Pre-Confirmation classes for 6th graders will begin February 14 at 9:40 in the sanctuary. They will last about a half hour. This will incorporate the classes that the 6th graders need as a foundation for Confirmation in 7th and 8th grade. Classes will also be livestreamed. Kids attending this class need to watch The Ten Commandments movie featuring Charlton Heston, by May. It won picture of the year awards (in 1956). The office has several copies that you can check out for a week. Please stop in during our office hours or on Sunday morning to check out a copy. Below is a breakdown of the classes.



Date	Subject	Leader		Date	Subject	Leader
2-14-2021	Commandments 1&2	Owen		4-11-2021	Lord's Prayer - Intro & 1,2,3	Owen
2-21-2021	Commandments 3&4	Owen		4-18-2021	4th & 5th Petitions	Pastor Nirmala
2-28-2021	Commandments 5&6	Pastor Steve		5-2-2021	6th & 7th Petitions Doxology	Owen
3-7-2021	Commandments 7&8	Owen		5-9-2021	1st Article of Creed	Owen
3-14-2021	Commandments 9&10	Owen		5-16-2021	2nd Article	Owen
3-21-2021	Baptism	Owen		5-23-2021	3rd Article	Owen
3-28-2021	Lord's Supper	Owen		4-4-2021 & 4-25-2021	No Class on these Dates!	

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes had been all virtual since mid-November and have now moved to in-person or virtual. The students have been doing a great job of completing service projects. The projects have included bell ringing for the Salvation Army, making decorations for Covid patients, and assisting with the toy drive for the Salvation Army.

THANK-YOU!

Thank-you for the very generous donation of toys from our wish list. Wow!! When your church delivered tonight we were so inspired with the large amount. You have touched our hearts and the families who will receive these great gifts. Your kindness will be remembered. ~ Ronald McDonald House Staff

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Registration forms for Bible Camp Scholarships and Senior Scholarships will be on the kiosk sometime in February.



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 and welcoming all senior high kids. Contact Kim Postier at postier.kim@gmail.com to get connected to this group.

YOUTH/OUTREACH/SOCIAL

MISSION TRIP - TOTALLY NEW TRIP AND DATES!!

JUNE 13-18, 2021 - KANSAS CITY, MO

Due to COVID, our mission trip to a South Dakota reservation in June was cancelled by YouthWorks. Our new location is Kansas City, MO from June 13-18, 2021. We still have 15 spots reserved (13 youth and 2 adult chaperones). Seven of the student spots have been filled and 6 remain open. 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 or the full \$250 payment. This year only: since last year's mission trips were cancelled, YouthWorks is allowing last year seniors to attend next summer.

Please register by March 1 to guarantee your spot. Spots are reserved by the order the checks are received. We are exploring the option of opening up the trip to non-CLC Youth, if spots remain unfilled. New this year, due to COVID, we can release unused spots back without financial penalty, up until May 1.

The total cost of mission trips is around \$6,000 with about \$3,000 covered by the families and \$3,000 raised through fundraising throughout the year.

MASK MAKING UPDATES

Our mask makers continue to be hard at work! This group includes: Sue Briske, Liz Alsbury, Chris Polzin, Jane Cabaya, Gayle Jaben, Elaine Faudskar, Carol Holum, Linda Danielski, and Jill Rheingans. A special thank-you to Joan Skare for coordinating this group. As of January 20, they have sewn almost 1,600 masks with the break-down as follows: 450 Mayo, 420 Samaritan Bethany, 285 Ronald McDonald House, 50 Transplant Houses, 85 Byron Public Schools, 30 MN Care Facility, 276 to individuals and personal groups. Thank-you for all your hard work! Please contact Joan Skare at joanskare@yahoo.com if you need a mask.



JUBELLANCE



Ring in 2021..... If you're a handbell ringer or a "want-to-be"/ interested in ringing, some opportunities for groups of three to six ringers will be opening during this Spring with masks and distancing.

If you're a bell ringer now, watch for emails about music and scheduling. If you have a musical background and are interested in ringing with others, please contact Jane Cabaya at 775-6183 and at traditional services at church on Sundays. We'd love to have new and veteran ringers together.

BOOK LOVER'S LEAGUE

Book Lover's League is not planning to meet until the Fall of 2021, due to COVID.

MAYO CLINIC HOSPICE VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Mayo Clinic Hospice is offering Virtual Grief Support Groups running **March 1 – April 19, 2021** for adults in the community who have lost someone through death. The groups are free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required before **February 8, 2021**. Because these grief groups will be conducted virtually on Zoom, participants will need access to a computer with internet access, a microphone and a camera. If you have any questions please call 507-284-4002 or 800-679-9084 or email RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7

Non-perishable food items and money are being collected during January and will culminate with Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 7th. Members are invited to bring cans of soup or non-perishable food items to church and place in the blue barrel. Food donations will go to the Salvation Army. There are 2 plastic containers in the narthex to collect any cash donations which will go to Channel One.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Worship/Pfaffenbach Baptism - In Church, In Car, Online	1 6:30 PM JuBELLance	2	3 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	4	5 8:00 PM AA	6
7 Souper Bowl Sunday - Food and \$ Collection for Hunger 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:30 AM Annual Meeting of CLC	8	9 6:30 PM Exec.	10 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	11	12 8:00 PM AA	13
14 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade Pre-Confirmation	15 7:00 PM Altar Committee	16 6:30 PM Council	17 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Youth Group	18	19 8:00 PM AA	20
21 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade Pre-Confirmation	22	23	24 6:30 PM Lenten Service 7:00 PM Youth Group	25	26 8:00 PM AA	27
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WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

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/UCAdS22Tn6Epi6yZqzmNKK2g>

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

DONATIONS AND THANK-YOU

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. Donation options include mailing in a donation to Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or dropping off a donation during church services or our office hours from 9 - 1, Monday through Thursday.

DONATE TO CLC THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE!

We are now listed with United Way as a 501C3 which means your employer can direct donations to CLC through United Way. Please contact the office with any questions.

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 1/12/2021 MINUTES

A meeting was held by Christ Lutheran Church council on 01/12/2021 at 6:30pm. Members present: Candee Ostreng, Mark Turany, Jason Pfeilsticker, Randy Holz, Ben Johnson, Lindsey Dickson, Dave Schlobohm, Kaia Long, Linda Danielski, and Pastor Steve. Members Not present: Josh Heinz, Tracy Lermon and Joan Skare.

Motions to approve last month's minutes and the current agenda proposed by Linda and Jason – second by Kaia and Dave. Motions carried.

Treasurer's report was read and reviewed. Income exceeded expenses by \$17,719 at year end. Many thanks to all who helped make this happen.

A discussion was held regarding updating the CLC website. The website is currently being re-designed and it is hopeful it may be completed by next month.

The logistics for the Annual Meeting to be held on Feb 7th was also discussed. All are encouraged to attend. Options for attendance include in-person or in-car in the parking lot. There will be options for questions and voting via the parking lot and volunteers will be available to monitor for questions from the parking lot. A quorum is required for voting at this meeting.

A motion to approve the 2021 Budget was presented by Randy, 2nd by Kaia and the motion passed. A motion to approve the 2021 Ballot was presented by Linda and 2nd by Jason – this motion passed.

Motion made by Dave, 2nd by Kaia to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm – motion passed. Meeting was adjourned with the Lords' Prayer.

Next meeting is February 16th, 2021 at 6:30pm. Council will meet briefly after the annual meeting on February 7th, 2021 to elect new officers.

Minutes submitted by Candee Ostreng for Joan Skare.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE

2020 Annual Reports are printed and ready for pick up during our office hours or on Sunday morning. To access online: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Full-2020-Annual-Report.pdf>

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021, 9:30AM - All active, confirmed members of Christ Lutheran are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision-making process of our church. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to any church council member.

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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.

ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER	Date	In Person	In Car
	12/6/2020	43	12 cars
	12/13/2020	59	13 cars
	12/20/2020	48	13 cars
	12/27/2020	34	5 cars
	12/24/2020	3pm 6 cars,	
	4:30pm 40 cars, 7pm 13 cars		
JANUARY	Date	In Person	In Car
	1/3/2021	43	11 cars
	1/10/2021	54	12 cars
	1/17/2021	39	7 cars
	1/24/2021	46	5 cars
	1/31/2021	no data yet	

“Horace, what are we doing on the same cloud? Our vows said ‘till death do us part.’”

PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH
 Please pray for Dorothy Moen, Tanner Lermon, Cindy Wiebusch, Dennis Damerval, Sue Briske, Betty Kuhlman, Maureen Falor, Arlene Thoreson, Nathan Kvittum, and all who serve and protect our country. Include in your prayers active military, health care workers, first-responders, students, and school staff. Pray for families who have COVID or have lost a loved one due to COVID.