



The Apostle Paul writes...

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures... 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

During the month of April we will hear again how God entered and changed the spiritual geography of the world. We will remember his entry into Jerusalem, where he enters with a hero's welcome, hosts the last supper with his friends, is betrayed by his friends, the religious authorities, and the secular authorities. We will consider the depth of God's love for us that Jesus was willing to go even to the humiliating death on the cross. Finally we will celebrate together Christ's victory over sin, death and the power of the Devil on Easter morning.

We have a story to tell. We have good news to share. Perhaps you know someone who is waiting for an invitation to come to or to return to a place to worship. Invite them to reflect together with us on these events of Holy Week that reveal God's love for the world and his ultimate victory over all the powers that threaten to destroy us, our loved ones, and the world.

From the book of Acts we will hear the story of the work of God through His people spreading the good news. Empowered by the Holy Spirit the disciples (learners/students) make the transition to being apostles (ones sent forth) to bear witness to the teachings, miracles, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We are a part of the community created by God to bear witness to what God has done, is doing and will do in the world. We join with over five million other gatherings of Christ's witnesses (the church) to make Christ's love known through word and deed. His love for us was clearly shown, in His death on the cross. His power was clearly revealed in the resurrection. Nobody does resurrection like Jesus. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Steve

It has been over a year since we have asked the congregation not to sing because of Covid. Starting April 1 we will allow singing with masks on. I encourage everyone to get a vaccine when you can so we can make this community, our country and our world a safer place.



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EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - APRIL

We are planning on having Sunday School this fall! Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2021-2022 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. 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

Sunday School money left in the globe will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief through June 30. Globe money from July to December will be sent to Channel One.

6TH GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION - Pre-Confirmation classes for 6th graders begin at 9:40 in the sanctuary on Sundays, and last about a half hour. This incorporates the classes the 6th graders need as a foundation for Confirmation in 7th and 8th grade. Classes are also livestreamed. Kids attending this class need to watch The Ten Commandments movie. 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
4-4-2021	No Class!!		5-2-2021	6th & 7th Petitions, Doxology	Owen
4-11-2021	Lord's Prayer - Intro & 1,2,3	Owen	5-9-2021	1st Article of Creed	Owen
4-18-2021	4th & 5th Petitions	Pastor Nirmala	5-16-2021	2nd Article	Owen
4-25-2021	No Class!!		5-23-2021	3rd Article	Owen

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Though not a normal year our confirmation students have done a wonderful job of being engaged through lessons, service projects, and sermon notes. It has taken some creativity to stay on track, but these kids and the mentors have been up to the task. Special thanks to Amy Blank for leading the virtual small group each week, Dawn Boynton for tracking the sermon notes and services projects, and Brenda Bendix for scheduling our acolytes. Each mentor is an invaluable asset and has contributed to the success of this year.

The second year retreat is planned for Saturday, April 17th at the church. This is a valuable experience to wrap up their time in confirmation. Confirmation Sunday will be April 25th. The service times are still to be determined.

Kristine Ihrke, Confirmation Coordinator

THANK-YOU

Thank-you to all who contributed to the Operation Hometown Gratitude supply service project. It was a huge success. We were able to fill 12 boxes!



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Education Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th outside at the church. It is open to all CLC youth. We will have 2 groups, 9:45 AM will be 2nd grade and younger and 10:10 AM will be 3rd grade and up. Meet Education Committee members on the back lawn. It will be a hopping good time!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School planning for the summer is underway! The dates for VBS will be August 9th-12th. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with planning, teaching, or assisting, please contact Sherri Biewer at sdathe@hotmail.com or (701)261-9110. Stay tuned for more info!



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). Eight of the student spots have been filled and 5 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 soon 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. We try to keep out of pocket costs to \$250/youth.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

One scholarship will be awarded for each of the three scholarships below. All scholarship applications can be found on the kiosk or we can mail the applications out by request. Please submit scholarships individually in sealed envelopes marked with the scholarship's name. Scholarships must be turned in by April 26th, 2021.

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 2021 graduating seniors, who are members of Christ Lutheran may apply for this \$300 scholarship.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

High school senior recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16 at the 10:30am service. Families should have now received letters with details on submitting your bio and participating in the service as your CLC church family congratulates you on completing another important milestone. Scholarships will be presented. If you haven't received your letter, please contact the church office.

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.

MISSION TRIP SHARES

Forms can be found on the kiosk. Shares are \$25 each and help cover youth and chaperone expenses on the mission trip. There will be a presentation following the trip in June.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Registration forms for Bible Camp Scholarships are on the kiosk or on our website. CLC will pay 60%, up to \$225, of the registration fees at Good Earth Village, our congregational supported camp. For other Christian Bible Camps we will pay 50%, up to \$225 or 1/2 of the camp cost, whichever is less. Some area camps to consider are Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega. To access the scholarship form online: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Biblecampedcom.pdf>

CHURCH LIFE

CLC COUNCIL MEETING - 3/16/2021

Members present: Pastor Steve, Mark Turany, Randy Holz, Jason Pfeilsticker, Candace Ostreng, Kaia Long, Joe Biewer, Naomi Meek, Lindsey Dickison, and Linda Danielski.

Members not present: Ben Johnson, David Schlobohm, and Anna Palmer.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kaia Long and seconded by Randy Holz.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Linda Danielski and seconded by Jason Pfeilsticker.

Jason Pfeilsticker submitted the treasurer's report. February 2021 ended with \$1488.43 in the red. However, income exceeds expenses for the year by \$31,625.48 because of the PPE loan forgiveness.

Jason Pfeilsticker reported that we will be getting more estimates on the roof. There is currently about \$60,000.00 in the memorial fund for the roof.

Personnel is currently working on a job description for the social media position.

Pastor Steve reported that there will be three Easter services this year. They will be held at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am. Families are still limited by seating 6 feet apart. It is felt our maximum capacity is 130 per service. Preregistration is required. Either contact the church office or click on the following link:

https://selfservice.na.rapidbiz.com/cloud/login.do?mode=loadLoginScreen&appld=99&orgld=28&screenName=Easter_Sunday

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski, council secretary

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE...



ROOF FUND FUNDRAISER AND SUPPORT EARTH DAY



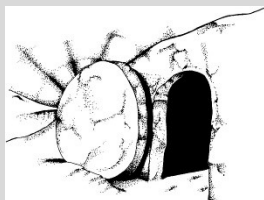
Earth Day is April 22 with the theme "Restore Our Earth." One of the main focuses is reducing plastic dependency. The CLC seamstresses made reusable cloth bags BC (before covid) to distribute to those wanting to replace the use of plastic bags with these. Covid happened and the use of plastic bags soared. Our local grocery store now allows their customers to use reusable bags. In April these bags will be available on tables inside CLC for you to pick up. They are sturdy bags with many possible uses. They are good for carrying groceries, library books, athletic shoes or gear, and whatever you want. There is no charge for the bags. If you feel inclined to make a donation, the monies collected will go to the church's roof fund.

Happy Earth Day and each one of us can make of difference!



WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

HOLY WEEK DETAILS - ALL SERVICES ARE IN CHURCH, IN CAR, ONLINE



April 1 - Maundy Thursday with Communion, 6:30pm service

April 2 - Good Friday, 6:30pm service

Easter Sunday Services with Communion, April 4

7:30am - Traditional

9:00am - Traditional

10:30am - Blended

PREREGISTRATION FOR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES IS REQUIRED

Due to COVID we are limited on the number we can have in a worship service. If attending in person on Easter Sunday, you must pre-register by either contacting the office or clicking here:

https://selfservice.na.rapidbiz.com/cloud/login.do?mode=loadLoginScreen&appId=99&orgId=28&screenName=Easter_Sunday

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

You can direct your Thrivent Choice dollars online or call 800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice", Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice programs Terms and Conditions. If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars. Thrivent is no longer sending out emails indicating you have money to direct.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Pastor Steve recently dropped off our barrels full of food to the Salvation Army. The barrels are back in the narthex, ready for more collections.



CURRENT MILITARY

We would like to recognize our current members who are in the military in future issues of the newsletter. If you could email the office your service member's branch of the armed forces they are in, where they are located, and any other information you want to share. If you want to submit a picture that would be welcomed.

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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*

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 1 - 6:30pm
 Good Friday, April 2 - 6:30pm
 Easter Sunday, April 4
 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am
 Preregistration Required for Easter



CONTACT INFORMATION

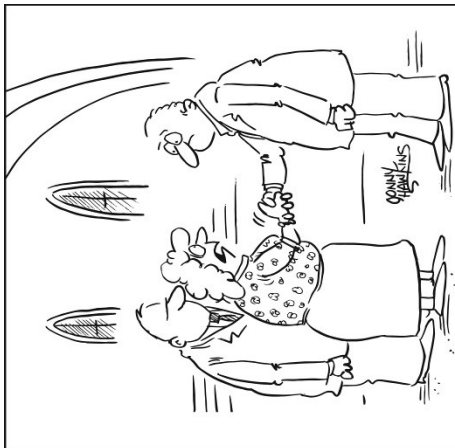
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 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
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 If you would like to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.
 Watch FaceBook at CLCbyron and CLCbyron.org/media/

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY		In Person	In Car
Date			
2/7/2021		75	6 cars
2/14/2021		58	2 cars
2/17 Ash Wed	94		4 cars
2/21/2021	74		10 cars
2/24/2021 lent	62		2 cars
2/28/2021	47		9 cars
MARCH		In Person	In Car
Date			
3/3/2021 lent	71		1 car
3/7/2021	82		13 cars
3/10/2021 lent	67		0 cars
3/14/2021	39		6 cars
3/17/2021 lent	65		0 cars
3/21/2021	92		13 cars
3/24/2021 lent	39		1 car
3/28/2021	83		12 car

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



PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH

Please pray for Howard Olson, Dorothy Moen, Tanner Lerman, Cindy Wiebusch, Dennis Damerval, Sue Briske, Betty Kuhlman, Maureen Failor, 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.