



On Sunday, May 23th, we celebrated Pentecost when the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to share the good news of Jesus Christ for all the world to all the world. The global Christian church was born on that day and now there are close to five million churches or witness centers scattered globally. Below is an excerpt for a sermon Luther preached on Pentecost 487 years ago which helps explain the significance of Pentecost.

“On this holy and joyful feast of Pentecost, we give thanks to our Lord God as we celebrate the great unending mercy that he manifested on earth. He revealed from heaven to us poor mortals his holy Word, which is not a plain and common word, but a special and a different Word, compared with the Law of Moses. For on this day the kingdom of Christ began through the apostles and was manifested through the gospel for all the world. Certainly, in his person, Christ possessed his kingdom from eternity, but today, on Pentecost, it was made manifest by the Holy Spirit through the apostles to all the world, and this revelation was accompanied by the great courage, daring, and joy of those wretched fishermen, the apostles, who had previously denied Christ and deserted him, because their minds were stupid and afraid and in despair. Today, on the day of Pentecost, we celebrate the joyous, blessed, and precious kingdom of Christ, which is full of joy and confidence and courage.” Sermon for Pentecost, 1534 WA 37:399f

We have been gathered and sent to share the life and love of Christ with everyone. May the Holy Spirit grow your joy, confidence and courage this Pentecost season.

Pray for your leadership as together we navigate covid protocols for worship and activities at our church building. I encourage you to get your vaccine for yourself, your family, our church community and our country. The exec committee will continue to discuss protocols. Watch for updates in the newsletter or weekly email. We will continue live streaming on the internet and will continue drive in fm radio simulcast at least through the summer. Thanks for your patience as we continue to mask in the building.

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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - JUNE & JULY

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2021-2022 Sunday School 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 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 Thanks! Francine

Sunday School money left in the globe, which is now located on the registration table, will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief through June 30. Globe money from July to December will be sent to Channel One.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on August 9th-12th from 6-8pm. Please register online at <https://www.myvbs.org/clcbyron/> or pick up a form at the kiosk.

Children from age 3-completion of 6th grade are welcome to attend. Anyone older is welcome to volunteer. Please email Sherri at sdathe@hotmail.com or call 701-261-9110 if you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 Sunday School year is underway. Registration forms can be found on the kiosk or on the website at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/sunday-school/>

CONFIRMATION NEWS AND REGISTRATION

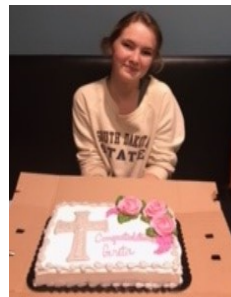
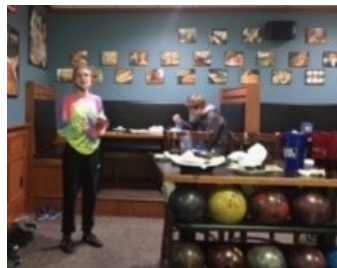
2021-2022 Confirmation registration forms for 1st and 2nd year students are on the kiosk at church and online at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/confirmation/>

Please mark Saturday, September 11, 2021 on your calendar for the mandatory confirmation retreat at Eagle Bluff for both first and second year confirmation students. If you are willing to be a mentor for the first year students, please inform the office.

BLESSINGS AND BONFIRES 2021



YOUTH GROUP - BOWLING EVENT The Youth Group ended the season with an evening of bowling. To get connected with this group, contact Kim Postier at postier.kim@gmail.com



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>

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY WAS MAY 16



Annika Anderson was the Youth Scholarship recipient.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 SENIORS!

Annika Anderson	Morgan Bausman	Avery Blank
Taylor Borgschatz	Jake Braaten	Tyler Brossard
Austin Freerksen	Tiffani Harmon	Evan Hart
Nicholas Hoerle	Isaac Hughes	Easton Hulke
Elle Prigge	Darin Schoenrock	Alex Schoeppner
Hailey Thomforde	Sacia Vanderpool	Please let the office know if we missed anyone

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

New member orientation will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm. The new members will be received on Sunday, June 27 at the 9am service.

If you need a new member form to fill out, please contact the office at office@clcb Byron.org. We are happy to have new members joining our church family!

ZOOM INFORMATION: Topic: New Member Orientation; Time: Jun 23, 2021 06:30

PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 736 6290 9610 Passcode: 5J4c4Z

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73662909610?pwd=VXNVS3pvanBtV3lrZWQ0Y1V0cm9aZz09>



New Members Are Joining

BOOK CLUB IS BACK IN SEPTEMBER!

We will meet monthly, September 2021 - May 2022 at 7:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church on the first Tuesday of the month. Our September book is a little tougher to distribute, but after that I will have picked up the book bag prior to us meeting so I can pass out the next month's book when we get together.

Each month, we need a host. That person brings a dessert and/or snacks and leads the discussion. Each person brings their own beverage. I will take September and we can decide when we meet about subsequent hosts. Below are the books I have reserved so far. Starting Aug 1, you can pick up the Sept. book in the church office - "The Story of Arthur Trulov". If you are interested in joining this group contact Kristie Nelson.

Tuesday, Sept. 7	"The Story of Arthur Trulov" by Elizabeth Berg	7:00 at CLC	Kristie hosts
Tuesday, Oct. 5	"The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan	7:00 at CLC	
Tuesday, Nov. 2	"The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel	7:00 at CLC	
Tuesday, Dec. 7	"The Geography of Bliss" by Eric Weiner	7:00 at CLC	

Let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone again! - Kristie



CHURCH LIFE/FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY REUNION - JULY 7

Please join us for a social get together on Wednesday, July 7th at 10am. This event could be indoors or outdoors depending on the weather and how many attend. It will be COVID friendly.



MOTORCYCLE RIDE AND BERNE PIZZA WITH PASTOR STEVE - JUNE 9

The ride will occur on Wednesday, June 9. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30pm and return to the church at 8:30pm. Send Pastor Steve an email to confirm space. Currently there is room for 5 guests. Two pizzas have been ordered at Berne wood fired pizza. We are limited to motorcyclists. There will be classic cars and music at the outdoor event.

Event by [Berne Wood-Fired Pizza](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/150910087133) www.eventbrite.com/e/150910087133

EVENING CANOE TRIP - WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 FROM 6:30-9PM

The Youth Committee is sponsoring a Canoe Trip at Camp Victory (about a half hour away) on Wednesday, July 21 from 6:30-9pm. This is open to all members of CLC. The cost is \$20/canoe and includes a 45 minute canoe run. Camp Victory staff picks canoers up and transports them back to camp. After the ride we will have smores around the campfire and there will be the option to participate in mini golf, disc golf, or volleyball. Please RSVP to the office by June 21.



THANK YOU to all the church members who donated baked goods, prayer shawl, phone calls, cards, well wishes, and prayers during Howard's illness. - Bev Olson

PASTORS ON VACATION OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS

Pastor Steve and Pastor Nirmala both have vacation time scheduled over the summer months. If there is an emergency, here is their contact information: Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com
Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com

UPDATED WEBSITE

Please check out our new website! www.clcbyron.org

MASK USAGE AT CLC

Please continue to wear masks in the church building until further notification.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY IN JULY

Pastor Nirmala would like to offer a Bible Study during the month of July on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Some possible topics are the following, but we are open to other suggestions:

the Holy Spirit
Why Suffering?

Does God Heal Today?
How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life.

Why & How Should I Read the Bible



If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the office at 775-6646 or office@clcbyron.org and let us know your topic of interest.

WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

THANK-YOU...

for your food donations to support the Salvation Army. Thank-you to Ian and Pastor Joyce Graue for dropping the donations off. The barrel is ready to be filled again!



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 Wednesday (summer schedule).

DONATE TO CLC THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE!

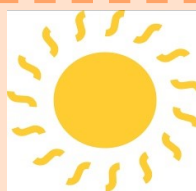
We are now listed with United Way as a 501C3 which means your employer can direct donations to CLC through United Way. Please contact the office with any questions.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP & OFFICE HOURS

Summer worship times will continue to be a single service at 9am. Summer office hours, starting June 1 and running through Wednesday, September 1 will be Monday through Wednesday from 9am to 1pm. The church office will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays during the summer months.



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.

SENIOR RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY

Here are some resources for aging adults for care options and programs that can help them maintain their independence and quality of life.

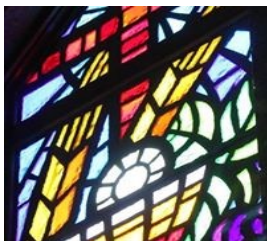
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June/July 2021



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

CLC CRISIS TEAM

Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646 or
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 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
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 Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net
 If you would like to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.
 Watch FaceBook at CLCbyron and CLCbyron.org/media/

Don't even think
about it!



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

APRIL

Date	In Person	In Car
4/1/2021 Maundy Thursday	74	4 cars
4/2/2021 Good Friday	35	2 cars
4/4/2021 Easter	306	13 cars
4/11/2021	94	6 cars
4/18/2021	98	12 cars
4/25/2021 Confirmation	210	6 cars

MAY

Date	In Person	In Car
5/2/2021	65	12 cars
5/9/2021	112	8 cars
5/16/2021	109	3 cars
5/23/2021	105	8 cars
5/30/2021	no data at time of printing	

PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH

Please pray for Betty Kuhlman, Dorothy Moen, Tanner Lermom, Betty Jamsa, Paul Douglas, Gary Bausman, Dennis Damerval, Maureen Failor, and all who serve and protect our country. Include in your prayers active military, health care workers, and first-responders. Pray for families who have COVID or have lost a loved one due to COVID.