



NEW LIFE

“Behold, I am making all things new.” Revelation 12:5

I love this time of the year. It’s like we can hear the earth joining our cries of hallelujah on Easter. After death comes life, out of darkness comes light, out of hopelessness comes hope. We learn these truths from the pages of scriptures.

N. T. Wright, New Testament Theologian, reminds us that Easter is always something that plays out in the earth around us, not in some other distant world or in some far-removed heaven. He writes, “Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from the earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.”

At Easter we don’t just celebrate our hope for life after death, we celebrate our hope for new life now, for new life filled with hope and love of heaven now. We celebrate new hope for change transformation. At Easter we are surprised by hope, surprised by God’s insistence that nothing, not even death itself, can quash our hope for newness and for taste of heaven here and now. Every time we pray “thy kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven” we voice that Easter hope for touching heaven and changing earth.

Where do we need some hope? What feels like a tomb in our life, like a tree in winter seemingly lifeless and asleep? We lift those places up to God with prayers that remember God’s faithfulness.

Where do we see hope? Where do we see signs of God’s newness, signs of love, signs of heaven here and now? Let’s remember to give thanks to God for bringing us new hope and also encourage us to share the Easter hope with others.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

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EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - MAY

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

6TH GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION - Pre-Confirmation classes for 6th graders are at 9:40 in the sanctuary on Sundays, and run through May 23. Classes are also livestreamed. Kids attending should watch The Ten Commandments movie. The office has several copies that you can check out.

Date	Subject	Leader		Date	Subject	Leader
5-2-2021	6th & 7th Petitions, Doxology	Owen		5-16-2021	2nd Article	Owen
5-9-2021	1st Article of Creed	Owen		5-23-2021	3rd Article	Owen

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!

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/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-2022-Sunday-School-Registration-Form.pdf>

CONFIRMATION NEWS

We made it! After a challenging year of many changes and off again/on again in-person confirmation we have officially closed the door on the confirmation year. A huge thanks to our amazing mentors for their time and dedication - Owen Hoegh, Dawn Boynton, Sherry Bjelland, Amy Blank, Erika Rolland, Brenda Bendix, and Gene Hall. We couldn't do this without you!

Second year confirmands had their retreat on April 17th. It was a busy day to prepare for

their affirmation of faith on April 25th. Thank you to Fareway Foods for donating the food for the retreat! Thanks also to Nancy Hoegh for cutting and sewing the blank stoles and Chris Polzin for making the white masks for the confirmation service.

It's been a pleasure to get to know the students better and help guide them on their faith journey. We have many reasons to be proud of them. -Kristine Ihrke, Confirmation Coordinator



2021 CONFIRMANDS

Julie Bjelland	Katie Bjelland	Jaxon Boynton	Madison Brion	Bode Brown
Emma Clark	Nathan Erickson	Clara Hoegh	Alex Hoerle	Jackson Ihrke
Taylor Matter	Tyler Matter	Lynsey Mittelstadt	Olivia Quam	Makenna Scheerer
Katie Schoeppner	Kailani Schroeder	Paige Seifert	Jack Stalboerger	Lukas Swenson
Amara Weis	Owen Yennie	Thadeus Zabel	Zach Vanderpool	

EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!

A hopping good time was had by all at the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt!



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

High school senior recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16 at the 10:30am service. Scholarships will be presented.

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 - KANSAS CITY, MO (JUNE 13-18, 2021)

We currently have 6 students attending the June mission trip. Final payments of \$125/student are now due. Here is the link to register online: <https://go.youthworks.com/trip-signup/80326388-e5e6-ea11-a817-000d3a1917ff>

CONSIDERING AN ELCA COLLEGE?

Anyone interested in one of our Lutheran Colleges, please look at the following link and then click on Colleges and Universities: <https://www.elca.org/Resources>

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AND 2021 MANDATORY RETREAT

2021-2022 Confirmation registration forms for 1st and 2nd year students are on the kiosk at church and online at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Confirmation-Registration-Forms-2021-2022.pdf>

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 - MAY 21 AT 7PM

The Education Committee is hosting Blessings and Bonfires on May 21st at 7 pm. We will set up fire pits in the grass on the lawn north of the parking lot to gather in small groups (with masks) and enjoy an evening bonfire with fellowship. We will provide S'more kits to those that donate non-perishable food items or a cash donation for the Food Bank. Please bring your own chairs and beverages. If you have a guitar (or harmonica or other instrument) that you would like to play around the fire, feel free to bring that as well! We will reschedule the event if inclement weather should occur. We hope to see you there!



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 - 4/21/2021

Members present: Pastor Steve, Mark Turany, Randy Holz, Jason Pfeilsticker, Ben Johnson, Joe Biewer, Naomi Meek, Lindsey Dickison, Candee Ostreng, Anna Palmer, and Linda Danielski.

Members not present: Kaia Long and David Schlobohm.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Candace Ostreng.

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

Jason Pfeilsticker submitted the treasurer's report. March 2021 ended with \$1593.37 in the red. However, income exceeds expenses for the year because of the PPE loan forgiveness.

Pastor Steve reported that the new website could be on line in a week or two. The one difference we will see is that it will look much better on a hand held device as there will be less tabs and less clutter.

Jason Pfeilsticker gave us an update on the roof. At this time there are no immediate concerns that need to be addressed.

Owen Hoegh gave us an update on his pastoral candidacy with the Southeastern Minnesota ELCA heading towards eventual ordination. He wishes to thank the congregation for all the support he has been given. He also stressed that he is willing to help with CLC pastoral care that would help the church and with his preparation to become a pastor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Holz and seconded by Joe Biewer. The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be May 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski, council secretary.

SENIOR RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY

Many aging adults are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help them maintain their independence and quality of life. So we created a free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and in-home care options that are available in their area. You can read more about our work here:

<https://www.caring.com/senior-care/in-home-care/minnesota>

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Sunday Service Workers - May 2021

	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Packet Distribution	Projector	Offering Counter
May 2, 2021 9:00am	Megan Rink Joslyn Deutz	Sylvia Alberts	Carol Meyer Sandy Wilker	Nick or Alex Hoerle	Carol Meyer Julie Bird
May 9, 2021 9am	Leah Bendix Averie Rolland	Carl Fugleberg	-----	Tim Meek	Diane Bisping Donna Hoffman
May 16, 2021 9am	1 Needed Megan Rink	Peter Alsleben	Joe & Sherri Biewer	Brent Hoegh	Jeff Leonhardt Linda Danielski
05/16/2021 Senior Sunday 10:30am	Lydia Anderson Ellyn Jordahl	Amy Blank	Bob & JoAnn Brooks	Alex Hoerle	-----
May 23, 2021 9am	Carly Halder Leah Bendix	Kristine Ihrke	-----	Katie Bjelland	Diane Bisping JoAnn Brooks
May 30, 2021 9am	Devon Olson Ava Olson	Julie Carlblom	-----	Brent Hoegh	Donna Hoffman Linda Danielski

MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 AM Confirmation Worship Service - In Church, In Car, Online 11:00 AM Confirmation Worship Service - In Church, In Car, Online	26	27 6:30 PM JuBELLance	28 7:00 PM Youth Group	29	30 8:00 PM AA	1 11:00 AM Private Baptism - Bendzick
2 9:00 AM Worship/Newton Baptism - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade - Pre-Confirmation 10:30 AM Private Baptism	3	4	5 7:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group	6	7 8:00 PM AA	8
9 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade - Pre-Confirmation	10	11 6:30 PM Exec.	12 7:00 PM Youth Group	13	14 8:00 PM AA	15
16 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade - Pre-Confirmation 10:30 AM Worship - Senior Recognition Service	17 7:00 PM Altar Committee	18 6:30 PM Council	19 7:00 PM Youth Group	20	21 7:00 PM Blessings and Bonfires 8:00 PM AA	22
23 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online 9:40 AM 6th Grade - Pre-Confirmation	24	25	26 7:00 PM Youth Group	27	28 8:00 PM AA	29
30 9:00 AM Worship - In Church, In Car, Online	31	1	2	3	4 8:00 PM AA	5

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 and two pizzas have been ordered at Berne wood fired Pizza. We are limited to motorcyclists for this event. 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.



EASTER BASKETS TO SHUT-INS

Thank-you to the following members who assisted with making baked treats or supplied fruit and the baskets, along with those who assembled the baskets and those who delivered the baskets. They were much appreciated! Those assisting in this project were: Pastor Nirmala, Pam Nieman, Brenda Gilgenbach, June Hart, Diane Bisping, Jane Cabaya, Alice Blom, Donna VanHeuklom, Ginger Knight, Gail Heller, Debbie Hanson, and anyone else we may have missed.

THANK-YOU!!

I would like to thank Christ Lutheran for the Easter goodies! I always enjoy someone else's baking and my favorite fruits. The oranges are the easier ones and the chocolates we can eat anytime! I would like to thank the Evangelism Committee. They have been good on remembering me with cards. Thanks again! - Mary Tweite

I would like to thank CLC for the thoughtful Easter Basket! - Kay McKay



WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

ROOF FUNDRAISER AND SUPPORT EARTH DAY

Earth Day was April 22 and many switched from plastic bags to reusable totes to carry their items. Thank you to all who are contributing to the decreased use of plastic. Thanks to all who made a donation to the roof fund. About four hundred dollars was raised! Thank you also to all who contributed fabric and to the making of the bags. The list of people includes: Liz Alsbury, Ruth Brooks, Linda Danielski, Elaine Faudskar, June Hart, Susan Holz, Chris Polzin, Joni Prigge, Joan Skare, JoAnn Brooks, Deb Schaller and others. (If I missed your name, I apologize, your help was appreciated too.) CLC has many willing and talented volunteers and when the reusable bag project got sidelined due to Covid, they quickly refocused to meet the need for masks. It is an honor to work along side so many talented and generous people of God.
Very Sincerely, Gayle Jaben & Joan Skare, Connections/Evangelism Committee

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.

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.



SAMARITAN BETHANY UPDATES

Samaritan Bethany has opened skilled nursing now to visitors.

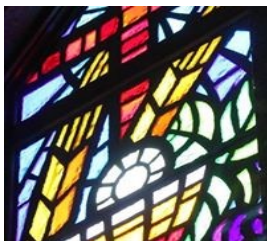
CURRENT MILITARY

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



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/

ATTENDANCE

MARCH

Date	In Person	In Car
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

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

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 Bode Brown, Howard Olson, Lowell Holum, Dorothy Moen, Connie Bird, Tanner Lermon, Cindy Wiebusch, Dennis Damerval, 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.

