



This November we invite you to reflect on your giving to the church with your offerings and your time. This season of Covid has been disruptive on the way we normally do church. I would like to thank you for keeping your financial commitment to the church. The below two charts show our giving patterns for the past two years. We will print 2021 numbers in this year's Annual Report. Prayerfully consider your offerings and gifts of your time. Know what percentage of your income you give to the mission of God through Christ Lutheran Church and ask yourself if it reflects your gratefulness to God. -Pastor Steve

2020					2019				
Gift Range	Units	Units	Total Gifts	Gifts	Gift Range	Units	Units	Total Gifts	Gifts
7,500+	5	2.0%	43,242	13.67%	7,500+	2	0.7%	19,950	6.18%
5,000-7,500	12	4.9%	73,217	23.14%	5,000-7,500	11	3.9%	68,555	21.22%
4,000-5,000	2	0.8%	8,175	2.58%	4,000-5,000	7	2.5%	31,680	9.81%
3,000-4,000	5	2.0%	16,275	5.14%	3,000-4,000	9	3.2%	30,880	9.56%
2,000-3,000	26	10.6%	60,957	19.27%	2,000-3,000	17	6.1%	41,169	12.74%
1,500-2,000	17	6.9%	28,620	9.05%	1,500-2,000	18	6.4%	30,145	9.33%
1,000-1,500	31	12.7%	37,811	11.95%	1,000-1,500	38	13.5%	46,670	14.45%
750-1,000	16	6.5%	13,671	4.32%	750-1,000	16	5.7%	13,800	4.27%
500 - 750	25	10.2%	15,872	5.02%	500 - 750	27	9.6%	15,636	4.84%
400 - 500	5	2.0%	2,185	0.69%	400 - 500	14	5.0%	6,307	1.95%
300 - 400	11	4.5%	3,635	1.15%	300 - 400	20	7.1%	6,815	2.11%
200 - 300	23	9.4%	5,499	1.74%	200 - 300	26	9.3%	6,196	1.92%
150 - 200	4	1.6%	665	0.21%	150 - 200	7	2.5%	1,155	0.36%
100 - 150	17	6.9%	1,953	0.62%	100 - 150	19	6.8%	2,119	0.66%
50 - 100	18	7.3%	1,122	0.35%	50 - 100	18	6.4%	1,224	0.38%
1-50	28	11.4%	634	0.20%	1 - 50	32	11.4%	759	0.23%
	245		313,533			281		323,060	
	Loose offering		2,872			Loose offering		8,207	
	Total Offerings		316,405			Total Offerings		331,267	



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EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - NOVEMBER

If you are interested in volunteering to teach or help in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for November will be:

11/7 - God Surrounds Elisha With Angels - 2 Kings 6:8-23

11/14 - God Is David's Friend - Psalm 25

11/21 - God Knows Jonah Ran Away - Jonah

11/28 - No Sunday School

We are planning on having a Christmas Program this year!

Starting on 11/7 we will be asking for volunteers for speaking parts from 6th and 5th grades for the program. They will then be practicing their parts every Sunday during ROL. They will be given their lines to practice at home as well so please encourage them to practice often so they will be prepared for the program. There will also be a rehearsal on Saturday 12/11 (time TBD) for speaking parts only. Dress rehearsal for the cast of the program will be during ROL on 12/12 with the program to follow during the 10 AM service.

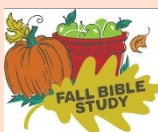
Offering collected during ROL and in the globe in the narthex, from January through June, will go to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. July through December offering will go to the Channel One Food Shelf.

Francine Kovash

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation kicked off on September 8th followed by a retreat to Eagle Bluff on September 11th. The groups enjoyed the rope course, zip line, and rock wall. We will be busy in the coming weeks coordinating and participating in service projects to help others. Acolyte schedules are posted on the CLC website under youth, confirmation. - Brenda Bendix, Confirmation Coordinator

MIXED ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER



Pastor Nirmala will continue the Mixed Adult Bible Study in November on Wednesday mornings at 10am. They will continue their study on the book of Romans.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It is not too late to register for Sunday School. Registration forms are on the kiosk or on the website at: <http://www.clcbyron.org/sunday-school/>

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Please join us in the Choir Room at 9:15am on Sundays to discuss the scripture readings for that day. This will be led by Pastor Steve, Pastor Nirmala, or Owen Hoegh.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT - 2021



YOUTH/OUTREACH

2022 MISSION TRIP - LAKE TRAVERSE, SD

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2022 Students will assist with children's programming, serve the residents in local assisted living facilities/nursing homes and help with other work projects in the community. You'll learn about Dakota culture from a community friend, and explore a state park that is spiritually significant to the local tribe.

CLC has reserved 12 spots for this mission trip. To register, please submit a registration form located on the kiosk along with your \$125 deposit by 12-1-2021. Space is limited so priority will be based on when checks are received. With fundraisers, our goal is to keep out of pocket costs to \$250/student. The total cost of mission trips are about \$6,000 with \$3,000 covered by the families. Students are expected to assist with Youth Committee sponsored fundraisers. The mission trip is open to youth that complete 8th through 12th grade by June 2022.



FAMILY PROMISE - IHN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are beginning to fill positions for our current volunteer opportunities starting Fall 2021. The available positions are as follows: ***Overnight Volunteer *Evening Engagement *Life Skills** To sign-up for one of the above opportunities, click the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA4AA22A3F94-volunteer1>

There is also an opportunity for volunteers to "Feed A Family". This position gives the volunteer the choice to either prepare, donate or deliver a meal for the families currently in the program. To sign up, visit <https://www.fprochestermn.org/feed-a-family>

FAMILY PROMISE ANNUAL CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION

Our Annual Concert and Silent Auction is fast approaching but, this year, in a new way. Due to Covid concerns, we are bringing the festivities to you virtually. You'll be able to kick back and enjoy the beautiful voices of local choirs all from the comfort of your own home. But, there is a bit of a twist! In order to view the concert, we are asking that you bid in the silent auction or donate to Family Promise Rochester. It's all sure to be a good time. www.32auctions.com/FPRHomewardbound

SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION

CLC collects food in the blue barrel by the front door for the Salvation Army. Thank you for your donations. If you are interested in dropping off the food when the barrel fills up, please let the office know.

Another load of food was dropped off in October. The barrel is empty and ready for refilling!



SHARING TREE 2021

This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for the Jeremiah Program in Rochester. When entering the program each family receives a welcome basket when they move in full of cleaning items, sheets, towels, etc. that they can use and keep. A list of the welcome basket items is available on the Sharing Tree. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 19, 2021. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. - the Altar Committee

List of needed items for their welcome baskets are as follows:

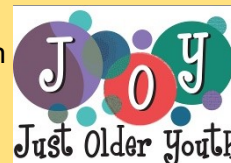
Laundry baskets; Bath, hand, and kitchen towels; Dust and washcloths
Twin XL & Full comforter and sheet sets; Shower Curtain with rings
Broom, dustpan, mop, plunger; Hot pads or oven mitts
Kitchen utensils (silverware, spatula, measuring cup and spoons, can opener, whisk, ladle, tongs); 4-person acrylic dish set with plates, bowls, and drinkware
Dust, toilet, and all-purpose cleaners; Laundry, dish, and hand soaps
Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues)



FELLOWSHIP/CHURCH LIFE

JOY CLUB

The JOY group met Oct 12. We had a great turn out. We discussed many issues. We plan to meet monthly starting Nov 9 at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. An outing is scheduled for Fri, Oct 22 to have lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Stewartville. Meet at church by 10:15am for carpooling. Contact Sandy Erickson or Carol Smith with questions.



ADVENT CALENDAR - Calling all Musicians!

I know it's early, but let's look to the future. We are planning on creating another online Musical Advent Calendar this year. Advent calendars are meant to help us prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. Each day of December leading up to Christmas, we'll post a carol on our YouTube channel for all to enjoy. Each carol should have a brief devotional to set the mood for the song. If you'd like to participate by providing a carol or two, please contact Julie Carlblom – jcarblom@kmtel.com for more information! We'd love to have adults, youth, voice and instrumentals to fill our calendar with songs of praise and joy! Start planning now.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND WANNA-BE'S!

It's not too late to join our choir! Practices are posted on the church calendar. Come join us in the sanctuary at 6 PM and help us make a joyful noise!

CHRISTMAS GOODIES SALE

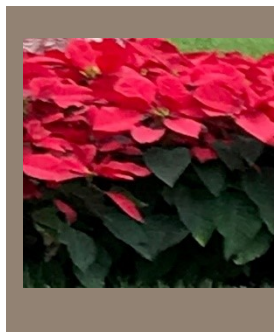
Due to COVID, the Christmas Goodie Sale will not be held in 2021. We look forward to the sale in 2022!!

DINER'S SMALL GROUP

Diner's small group (a.k.a. bring your own lunch group) will be meeting Monday November 15th at 11AM at CLC in the room just off the kitchen.

CLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thank-you to all the committee members who are serving on the various committees. We are so appreciative of the work you have been doing at Christ Lutheran. If you decide that you no longer want to serve, please let the council president, Mark Turany, know. If you are new to the church and would like to serve in various committees, according to your gifts, please let the council president know.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

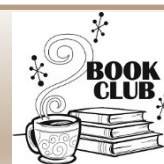
Order forms will be out soon, on the table by the office, to purchase poinsettias in Honor Of or In Memory of a loved one. Plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service you attend.

CHRIST LUTHERAN GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS 9/21/2021

1. Masks are always required inside the Church building even if you are vaccinated.
2. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, including but not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, or if you have recently been exposed to someone with Covid-19, please stay home.
3. Hand sanitizer will still be available in multiple locations within the church. Please use as needed.
4. Social distancing measures will be in place throughout the church. We will still only use every other pew. Fellowship hall seating will be 4 per table for all gatherings. (54-person capacity)
5. Offering will remain at the Sanctuary door for collection. (E-giving is encouraged) Communion will continue with the Wafer & Wine individual package picked up when entering the Sanctuary.
6. Church social gatherings will resume with social distancing and capacity limits in place. Food and beverages (Exception for coffee, see #7) can be brought in from purchased sources to consume. No home baked/cooked items or items made at the church kitchen. Serving wear like glasses, cups, plates, utensils, serving containers must be disposable.
7. Coffee can be prepared (Brewed) at the Church. Coffee can be served by 1 gloved person or pre-poured cups.

BOOK CLUB FOR NOVEMBER

Book club will be meeting Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00pm at church. We will be discussing "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel. Join us if you are interested.



WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 21

Please bring your pledge cards and time and talent sheets to the worship services during November and drop in the offering baskets. To update your Time & Talent sheets (volunteer opportunities at CLC) for 2022, complete the form you will receive in the mail or update online at: www.clcbyron.org/time-talents/ If you do not submit changes, your current selections will continue indefinitely.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christ Lutheran will have 3 services with communion on December 24: 3pm, 4:30pm, and 7pm. All 3 services will be offered In church, in car, and online. We need the following volunteers at each service to help them flow smoothly: acolytes, communion helpers, readers, projector volunteers, and parking lot attendants. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please let the office know.



CLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 10-19-2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mark Turany.

Members present: Pastor Steve Rheingans, Mark Turany, Jason Pfeilsticker, Joe Biewer, Candace Ostreng, Dave Schlobohm, Ben Johnson, Anna Palmer, Lindsey Dickison, and Linda Danielski. Members not present: Randy Holz, Kaia Long, and Naomi Meek.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Ben Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Pfeilsticker and seconded by Ben Johnson.

Jason Pfeilsticker submitted the treasurer's report. September ended \$19,717.68 in the red. Income exceeds expenses for the year by \$13,494.57. A \$23,494.00 bill to Superior was paid for rooftop furnace/AC and AC in the children's wing.

A discussion was held regarding open council seats and committee needs for next year.

Jason Pfeilsticker reported that budget preparations have begun for next year.

A discussion was also held on recognition and gift giving.

Joe Biewer motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Dave Schlobohm seconded. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski, council secretary.

WORSHIP OPTIONS AT CLC

- In-church worship with traditional style at 8am and contemporary style at 10am (communion offered the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month).
- In-car worship on Sunday mornings at 8am and 10am 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>

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 office hours.

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. We received \$12 in November in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

OFFERING STATS

QCD Donations YTD Sept 2021
\$26,000+

Online Donations YTD Sept 2021
\$71,000+ or 32% of income

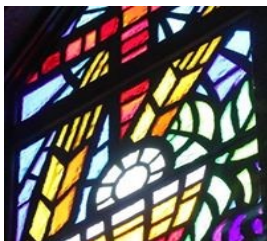
families giving online: over 50 families

Thrivent Choice \$ YTD Sept 2021
\$1,700

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Worship Schedule

In Person/In Car Worship - Sundays
 Traditional Service - 8am
 Sunday School/Adult Ed - 9:05am
 Contemporary Service - 10am
 LiveStream Worship
*Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd
 Sundays at in person and in car worship*



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



"The last thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner.
 I asked for wings."

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER

Date	In Church	In Car
9/5/2021	89	0 cars
9/12/2021	174	2 cars
9/19/2021	192	2 cars
9/26/2021	164	2 cars

OCTOBER

Date	In Church	In Car
10/3/2021	136	2 cars
10/10/2021	178	2 cars
10/17/2021	164	4 cars
10/24/2021	214	1 car
10/31/2021		

UPCOMING DATES

All Saints Sunday - Sunday,
 November 7 at 8am and 10am services

Day Light Savings - November 7

New Member Orientation - Tuesday, November 16 at 7pm in the
 Fellowship Hall

New Member Reception/Commitment Sunday - Sunday,
 November 21 at either the 8am or 10am worship service

PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH

Please pray for Jerry Hutchinson, Paul Douglas, Gary Bausman,
 Glen Rheingans, Bob Tweite, refugees, and families who have lost
 a loved one due to COVID.