



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

I look forward to us restarting a time during worship to greet each other. Our covid guidelines will be suspended March 15<sup>th</sup> per our February council meeting. Masks will become optional in the building. We will be encouraging social distancing with every other pew in the sanctuary and one family or 4 people per table in the fellowship hall. If/when the numbers continue to drop so will the social distancing. Ash Wednesday is March 2. Lenten suppers will start March 16. We will continue to monitor numbers and recommendations of CDC, MDH and Olmsted County public health.

Some background on greetings I've learned over the years. Our family served in Madagascar from 1993-1997. Learning the Malagasy language was a challenge. The main greeting was "Salama Tompoko" which translated was "peace be with you my lord." The greeting was similar to the Hebrew word "Shalom Aleikhem" meaning "peace be with you." When we lived and served in the Arabian gulf country of Oman, the Arabic greeting was "As-Salaam-Alaikum," meaning "peace be with you."

In the Hebrew and Arabaic languages, peace is more than the absence of conflict. It means wholeness, wellness and wellbeing be with you as well as peace.

A few years later I learned the history of the word Goodbye in the English language comes from the contracted parting "God be with you."

The Malagasy parting was "Veloma Tompoko" which came from the imperative "live" which had a double meaning "to seize the day," and also, "stay alive so I can see you again."

Thank you for your patience through this pandemic so far. Please get vaccinated If you haven't already been vaccinated. God has always been concerned with our health and well-being. Peace be with you! Live! God be with you!

Pastor Steve

## LENTEN SCHEDULE: VOICES AROUND THE CROSS

### SERVICES AT 6:30PM

Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
Mar 9	Pilate - Rick Nolting
Mar 16	Thief - Joshua Dickison
Mar 23	Centurion - Matt Petersen
Mar 30	Mary Magdalene - Susan Holz
Apr 6	Joseph of Arimathea - Needed!!!
Apr 14	Maundy Thursday
Apr 15	Good Friday
Apr 17	Easter (7:30am, 9am, 10:30am)



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# EDUCATION/YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - MARCH

If you are interested in volunteering in the classrooms contact Francine Kovash at [fkovash@hotmail.com](mailto:fkovash@hotmail.com) or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for March will be:

- 3/6 - Jesus Calls Disciples - Luke 5:1-11
- 3/13 - The Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32
- 3/20 - No Sunday School - Spring Break
- 3/27 - No Sunday School - Spring Break

Offering collected during ROL and in the globe in the narthex from January through June will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. July through December will go to the Channel One Food Shelf. Thanks! Francine



*Cards made from a Confirmation service project event.*

**CONFIRMATION NEWS** - Confirmation will be held Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We will have 15 students being confirmed. The 10:00 service will be limited to confirmation students and their limited guests only. The service will be live streamed and available to view on the CLC YouTube channel. Students are working hard finishing up their sermon notes and service projects. Our most recent service project was making handmade Valentine's Day cards for the 50 residents at Madonna Summit here in Byron. Brenda Bendix, Confirmation Coordinator

**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 is led by Pastor Steve, Pastor Nirmala, or Owen Hoegh.

**MIXED ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH** - Pastor Nirmala will be leading the March mixed adult bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10am on "The most misunderstood Bible Passages".

**2022 MISSION TRIP** - Nine students are registered for the 2022 mission trip. We need 2 mentors willing to drive the 15 passenger van and trailer along with leading the kids for the week. Please let the office know if you are interested in leading our youth. Past leaders have found this to be a very rewarding experience. Final \$125 payments for the mission trip are due by April 13.

**MISSION TRIP SHARES** - Mission trip shareholder forms can be found on the kiosk. Shares are \$25 and help cover youth and chaperone expenses for the mission trip. You can purchase as many shares as you want. There will be a shareholder presentation and dinner following the trip in July.

## 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/2021/04/April-2021.pdf>

## VBS

VBS is tentatively planned for Aug 1-4 from 6-8pm. Please contact Sherri Biewer if you are willing to teach or be a helper.

## YOUTH GROUP

- We are back to youth group in full force! The first Sunday is Service First Sunday. The students created cards for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House while listening to Christian music. It was great that so many knew the words! We also talked about how God has wonderfully made each of them and to focus on that they are beloved and a child of God. We welcome youth grades 9-12 every Sunday at 11am in the Youth Room.

-Kristine Ihrke



**FAMILY SNOW TUBING** - Please join us for snow tubing at Steeplechase in Mazeppa on Sunday, March 6 from 2-4pm. Cost is \$20/person unless you preregistered before Feb 20. We look forward to seeing you there!

# YOUTH/FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER** - To beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, the altar committee will be ordering lilies. Order forms will be on the table by the office in March.

**THANK-YOU** - Thank-you Jane Cabaya for leading the Tone Chimers for the past month!

**HOSTS** – As we move forward, we will be scheduling hosts starting in March. Hosts will replace greeters and ushers. Two hosts will be scheduled for each service. A host will be located at each entrance door in the narthex to welcome members and guests with a touchless, verbal greeting. Hosts will collect offering from the car worshippers. When we return to traditional communion, hosts will usher people during the communion process. We will use the current list of members registered for greeters and ushers to fill the host position. If you would like to be added to this list, please let the office know.

**BOOK LOVER'S LEAGUE** - Please join us on Tuesday, March 1 at 7pm at CLC as we discuss "From Here to Eternity" by Caitlin Doughty. We meet the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Kristie Nelson for details.

**DEVOTIONALS** - Luther Seminary is offering a lenten devotional that you can download.  
<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

<p><b>LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS</b> – This year the soup suppers will begin on Wed, March 16 and continue through Wed, April 6. The soup suppers are a free will donation supporting youth Bible camp and youth mission trips. Soup suppers will likely look different this year as the details are still being worked out. Watch the weekly emails for more Information.</p>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST</b> – April 10, 2022, Time to be determined. The Youth Committee is excited to bring back the French Toast Breakfast featuring French toast, sausage, bananas, OJ and coffee. Profits from this event help sponsor CLC youth at Summer Bible Camp and the Mission Trip. Summer Bible Camp and Youth Mission Trip opportunities are wonderful experiences. Many of our youth attend summer after summer. What a great way to invest in our youth.</p> <p>Bible Camp and mission trip youth and their families are expected to volunteer in the kitchen/dining room for this event.</p>	<p><b>SILENT AUCTION</b> – The Youth Committee is requesting themed basket donations or homemade crafts for the silent auction at the French Toast Breakfast. If you or your committee are willing to submit a themed basket or items to make up a themed basket, we would be most thankful. Donations, can be dropped off in the office. Proceeds go towards Bible Camp scholarships or the mission trip. If you are willing to coordinate this event, please contact the Youth Committee.</p>
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**FAMILY PROMISE - IHN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - To sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA4AA22A3F94-volunteer1> There is also an opportunity for volunteers to "Feed A Family" in which the volunteer can either prepare, donate or deliver a meal for the families in the program.  
<https://www.fprochestermn.org/feed-a-family>

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION** - CLC collects food in the blue barrel by the front door.

**BUNDLES OF LOVE** - Bundles of love is a non-profit organization located at Assisi Heights. This organization helps to assist MN families in need by providing handmade items for the newborn babies. They need gently used or new sheets to make items for the babies. Please help them by bringing them to the church and they will come and pick it up. If you need more information please call June at 507-216-1686.

Thank-you - Pastor Nirmala

**SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** - We collected \$114.29 in cash/checks to send to Channel One for hunger relief. We also filled our blue barrel with food which the Youth Group is going to deliver to the Salvation Army. Thank-you for your generosity.

**ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN OFFERINGS** - The Ash Wednesday offering will go into regular giving in the general account. Offerings from the five Wednesday night Lenten services will be sent to World Hunger unless it is placed in your Sunday offering envelope.



# MARCH CALENDAR/SUNDAY SERVICE WORKERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:10 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed 10:00 AM Contemporary/Fuchs Baptism 11:00 AM Youth Group	28	1 7:00 PM Book Lover's League	2 10 AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday	3 6:30 PM Tone Chimers	4 8:00 PM AA	5 10:00 AM Praise Team
6 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:10 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed 10:00 AM Contemporary /Weis Bap- tism 11:00 AM Youth Group 2:00 PM Family Snow Tubing	7	8 6:30 PM Exec.	9 10 AM Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM Lenten Service	10	11 8:00 PM AA	12 10:00 AM Praise Team
13 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:10 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship 11:00 AM Youth Group	14 6:30 PM Worship & Music	15 6:30 PM Council	16 10AM Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM JuBELLance 6:30 PM Lenten Service	17	18 8:00 PM AA	19 10:00 AM Praise Team
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## Sunday Service Workers - March 2022

	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Packets	Hosts	Projector	Offering Counter
Mar 6, 2022 8am	T Sauter, J Baumbach	C Pyfferoen	L More, J Rieser	---	B Hoegh	D Bisping, J Bird
Mar 6, 2022 10am	B Golish, G Zabel	J Rheingans	D Tweite, J Rheingans	---	A Hoerle	---
Mar 13, 2022 8am	C Esser, C Esser	C Rieser	---	J & S Biewer	B Hoegh	L Danielski, J Brooks
Mar 13, 2022 10am	A Hall, D Oestreich	L Dickison	---	T Dickison, D Bisping	G Hall	---
Mar 20, 2022 8am	A Rolland D Olson	P Alsleben	S Wilker, S Biewer	P & H Alsleben	C Esser	J Leonhardt, J Bird
Mar 20, 2022 10am	G Biewer O Seifert	W Schulz	D Bisping, D Fugleberg	L & S Briske	T Meek	---
Mar 27, 2022 8am	R Hanson, I Sorenson	T Bird	---	A & L Danielski	A Hoerle	C Meyer, D Bisping
Mar 27, 2022 10am	A Newton, C Halder	T Anderson	---	B & J Brooks	T Meek	---
Apr 3, 2022 8am	R Fossum, C Halder	S Bjelland	S & L Bjelland	H & L Eischens	K Bjelland	L Danielski, J Brooks
Apr 3, 2022 10am	I Witts, C Cornejo	D Bisping	L & S Briske	D Boynton, S Erickson	C Esser	---

# WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

## CLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The CLC Council meeting was held on February 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Pastor Steve Rheingans, Mark Turany, Joe Biewer, Jason Pfeilsticker, Candee Ostreng, Ben Johnson, Dave Schlobohm, Joan Skare, and Linda Danielski. Members not present: Kaia Long, Anna Palmer, Naomi Meek, and Allie Petersen.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Linda Danielski and seconded by Candee Ostreng. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Pfeilsticker and seconded by Joan Skare.

Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer's report. January 2022 ended \$5,198.82 in the red. Expense exceeds income for the year by \$5,198.82.

A discussion was held regarding committee assignments. The following is a list of the committees and the council representative.

Altar Committee - Candace Ostreng

Building and Grounds Committee - Dave Schlobohm

Education Committee - Ben Johnson

Connections/Evangelism Committee - Joan Skare

Memorial Committee - Jason Pfeilsticker

Stewardship Committee - Mark Turany and Joe Biewer

Worship and Music Committee - Anna Palmer

Youth Committee - Naomi Meek

Endowment Committee - Mark Turany

A discussion was held regarding our COVID guidelines for worship weddings, and funerals. A motion to suspend our current COVID guidelines as of March 15th was made by Candee Ostreng and seconded by David Schlobohm. Motion carried.

We will continue to strongly encourage masking and social distancing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Ben Johnson. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer. The next meeting will be March 15th, 2022.

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/UCAAdS22Tn6Epi6yZqzmNKK2g>

## NON-MEMBER DONATION STATEMENTS OR ENVELOPES

If you are a non-member that gives donations to CLC and would like a donation statement or regular envelopes, please contact the office.

## 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.

**TIME & TALENT FORMS** It is not too late to submit your Time & Talent forms to the office. To process electronically:  
<http://www.clcbyron.org/time-talents/>

## PARKING LOT WORSHIPPERS

Please park in the southwest corner of the lot. Tap on your horn if communion servers don't see you.

## UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON

**DATES AND TIMES** - Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30. Lenten services will be every Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, also starting at 6:30. Palm Sunday will be on April 10 with regular services at 8am and 10am. Holy Week services will be at 6:30 - Maundy Thursday on April 14 and Good Friday on April 15. There will be 3 Easter services on Sunday, April 17, at 7:30am, 9am, and 10:30am. The first 2 services will be traditional and the last will be blended. Soup suppers will begin on March 16 but may look different from years past. Watch the weekly emails for details.

## ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY -

This year you will have the option of either using a sticker with a cross on it or the traditional ashes on your forehead.

**2022 SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Imagine: Endless Possibilities in God's Grace** - Contact the church office before April 15 if you are interested in being a delegate. Event is Saturday, May 7 in Mankato.

## DONATE TO CLC THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE!

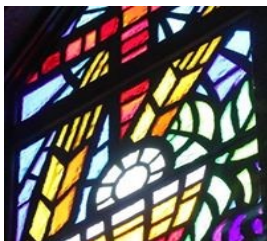
We are now listed with United Way as a 501C3 which means your employer can direct donations to CLC through United Way. Please contact the office with any questions.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars online or call 800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Choice Dollars" and continue with the prompts. Thrivent is no longer sending out emails indicating you have money to direct. We received \$246 in February in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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## March 2022



### Worship Schedule

In Person/In Car Worship - Sundays  
 Traditional Service - 8am  
 Sunday School/Adult Ed - 9:10am  
 Contemporary Service - 10am  
 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 want to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.

### PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH

Please pray for Nancy Nehring, Jerry Hutchinson, Paul Douglas, Gary Bausman, Rosalie Borgschatz, Virginia Knight, refugees, and families who have lost a loved one due to COVID.

### WEATHER AND

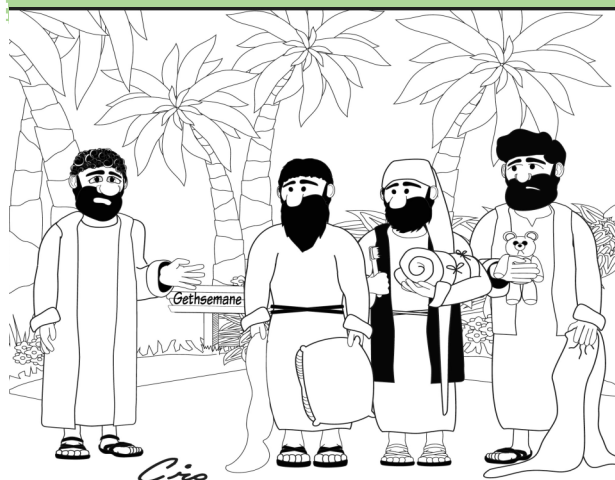
**WORSHIP** - If there is heavy snowfall/wind, please check KTTC, CLC Facebook page, or watch for an email from CLC for worship service announcements. It is possible that the first service could be canceled and not Sunday School or the 2nd service.

### COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE

The Council has decided to lift the COVID guidelines effective March 15.

### ATTENDANCE

	In Person	In Car
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1/2/2022	44	0 cars
1/9/2022	95	1 car
1/16/2022	110	1 car
1/23/2022	93	2 cars
1/30/2022	118	1 car
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2/5/2022	174	3 cars
2/13/2022	111	1 car
2/20/2022	98	2 cars
2/27/2022		



Can't you guys at least PRETEND  
 that you're planning to stay awake?