



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an “every Sunday” celebration during which we come together to receive the gift of the cross and resurrection of Jesus - the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal life with God.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. The angels announced the message of Jesus’ resurrection to the women who went to anoint his body. The women went forth from the tomb to bring an “every day” witness of God’s power over sin, death, Hell and Satan himself.

So where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus’ first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and show himself to Thomas, the disciples were bold enough to go out to the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are “every day” witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. Now we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb, free as God’s forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by the Holy Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as “every day” witnesses.

May the Lord continue to help us to live like Easter people who share love and hope with the people around us.

Peace & Joy, Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

OWEN HOEGH RECEIVES A CALL - The congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hull, IA has extended a call for Owen Hoegh to be their pastor. He has accepted that call, and it will begin in July.

"Thank you all for the encouragement, learning experiences, and prayers that you've given me and my family over the course of many years. In this community and church, God has provided a wonderful "nest" for us to hear His Word. It is a tough place to leave, but we're also very excited for what God will have us giving and receiving in Hull. Blessings to you all." - Owen, Leah, Clara, Elsie, Ada, Greta, and Silas



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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - APRIL

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

The lessons for April will be:

4/3 - Jesus Is the Vine - John 15:1-17

4/10 - Palm Sunday - Easter Lesson - Jesus Comes Back to Life - Mark 16:1-8

4/17 - No Sunday School- Happy Easter!

4/24 - Paul's Conversion - Acts 9; 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Education Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt for ROL kids on Palm Sunday 4/10 during Sunday School.

Offering collected during Sunday School and to the left of the altar in the sanctuary 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

CONFIRMATION NEWS - Confirmation will be held Sunday, April 24th at the 10:00 service. This service will be designated for confirmands and families only to limit the number of people in attendance. Students are busy finishing up sermon notes and service projects, helping with soup suppers and Lenten services, and preparing for the confirmation year to come to a close. Second year students will make their stoles at a retreat on April 9th, have pictures and rehearse on April 20th, and are picking their verses and writing their faith statements. It is hard to believe the year is coming to a close! Brenda Bendix, Confirmation Coordinator

2022 MISSION TRIP - Eight students are registered for the 2022 mission trip, and we have 2 willing mentors, Joe Dickison and Sherry Bjelland, to lead the kids for the week. Final \$125 payments for the mission trip are due by April 13. Students and mentors need to register on the YouthWorks website: <https://go.youthworks.com/trip-signup/cc5c043-03d9-eb11-bacb-000d3a1619b8>

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: Biblecamped-com.pdf (clcbbyron.org)

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - Scholarship applications for Youth Committee, Jamsa, and Hallaway are located on the kiosk. Applications are due April 25.

SENIOR SUNDAY - High school senior recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 15 at the 10am service. Families were sent 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.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - Good Earth Village is bringing back traditional summer camp: overnight youth camp, day camps, and intergenerational camps. Goodearthvillage.org

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION - Please join us in the Choir Room at 9:15am on Sundays to discuss the scripture readings for that day.

MIXED ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN APRIL

Psalms – Ancient prayers of God's people. For the April mixed Wednesday morning 10:00 Bible Study we will be examining different Psalms and kinds of Psalms. Some of the Psalms we will look at in more detail are Psalm 23 April 6, psalm 22 April 13, Psalm 100 & 121 April 20, Psalm 86 April 27. Be ready to share your favorite Psalm and why you like it. Come learn from the ancients how to pray.

VBS - VBS is tentatively planned for Aug 1-4 from 6-8pm. Contact Sherri Biewer if you are willing to teach or help.

MISSION TRIP SHARES – Mission trip shareholder forms are 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 in July.

YOUTH GROUP - The youth group had a busy, yet short month due to spring break. On Service First Sunday we packaged up the food donations for the Salvation Army and on Social Sunday we went to Air Insanity. Such a fun group!

In April we will continue with a mixture of lesson based activities, Service First Sunday, and Social Sunday. We also welcome the youth to gather for the Soup Supper and Worship on Wednesdays. Please note, the youth group will not meet on Easter Sunday.

-Kristine Ihrke



YOUTH/FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

SAMARITAN BETHANY - Samaritan Bethany is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. It opened originally as the Samaritan Convalescent hotel on March 7th, 1922 to help care for Mayo Clinic patients who were not able to travel home. On March 7th, Rochester Mayo Kim Norton participated with the staff and residents at the Kick off celebration signing an official proclamation recognizing the organization. On April 3rd Terry Bird, CLC's representative on their Board for the past 5 years, will show the 100th Year Anniversary Video immediately after the 8:00 service in the sanctuary, and will answer any questions you have after the video.

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

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>

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE - UKRAINE - Funds to eastern Europe for the Ukraine crisis. elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response

JOY GROUP - will meet on April 12 in the fellowship hall at 10:30. Come with ideas for events we could schedule for Spring and Summer months.

BOOK LOVER'S LEAGUE - Join us on Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm at CLC as we discuss "The City of Thieves" by David Benioff. Contact Kristie Nelson for details.

PALM SUNDAY FRENCH TOAST

BREAKFAST – April 10, 7:30am - 11:30am 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.

Bible Camp and mission trip youth and their families are expected to volunteer in the kitchen/dining room for this event.

SILENT AUCTION – 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 or on April 8 from 4-6pm, or April 9 from 1-3pm. Proceeds support Camp scholarships and the mission trip.

RECONNECTING - It's likely that in the upcoming months that "returning to pre-covid normal" will come with some out of the comfort zone adjustments. I encourage all who have missed mask-less interactions to invest in the effort to reconnect. Here are some suggestions:

- Start a conversation with someone you don't know: "my name is.."
- Review your picture directory to remember and learn names
- Keep an eye on recent new member pics by the office and make it a goal to introduce yourself to our newer members.
- When a visitor sits near you in worship introduce yourself
- If a visitor has a question, help connect them to someone who might know the answer

When a new family moves into your neighborhood ask if they are looking for a church and invite them to worship with you.

Hospitality is encouraged throughout the Bible. It's a gift listed in Romans 12:13 and in Hebrews 13:1-2 we learn that some people have entertained angels without even knowing it. When you show kindness to someone you don't yet know you may even be showing kindness to Jesus. Matthew 25:35 "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

We are experimenting with upgrading cookies and pastries along with more coffee options to encourage conversations.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY - APRIL 30

The Building and Grounds committee is inviting members to Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 30 at 8am. Bring your rakes! Contact Tom VanHeuklom or Jerry Rieser for more details.



WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2022

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

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joan Skare and seconded by Ben Johnson. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Kaia Long. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on our Coffee Hour and changes that could be made to improve attendance. More information will be coming on that.

Work is currently being done on the church website. One of the things we need is the ability to post committee notes there.

Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer's report. February 2022 ended \$4,072.43 in the red. Expense exceeds income for the year by \$9,271.36.

The shingles on our roof could not be matched. Therefore, our insurance company will pay for the full replacement. The job will be scheduled as soon as possible. We will need to pay for the replacement of the flat roof. There is currently a shortage of flat roof materials, so it is not known when that will be done.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Pfeilsticker and seconded by Joan Skare. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be April 19th, 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.

HOLY WEEK DATES AND TIMES

Wed, April 6 - Soup supper & Lent service

Sun, April 10 - French Toast 7:30am—11:30am

8am Traditional Worship

9:10am Easter Egg Hunt

10am Contemporary Worship

Thurs, April 14 - Maundy Thursday worship 6:30pm

Fri, April 15 - Good Friday worship 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 17 - 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

Sunday, April 24 - 8am traditional, 10am for Confirmands and their families only!!!

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.

ROOF UPDATES - Our insurance company will pay for replacement of shingles. We have an estimate for the flat roof for 50,000. Currently approximately \$70,000 has been set aside in the roof fund to cover the flat roof and expenses on shingling that may not be covered by insurance such as permits, decking and improvements on venting the fellowship hall roof. Thanks to everyone who has donated to the roof fund. The tarps will be replaced by a better temporary patch before the real fix which may come in June or July. We have two contractors, Above All for shingles and Tri State for the flat roof. The shingles will be done first.

ATTENTION GARDENERS! - With gardening season just around the corner and many excellent gardeners in CLC, how much fun would it be to plant a little extra and be able to share the bounty! Evangelism committee would like to maintain a table filled with fresh garden produce for anyone and everyone to enjoy. Any questions or comments contact Joan Skare 507-990-8946

**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.

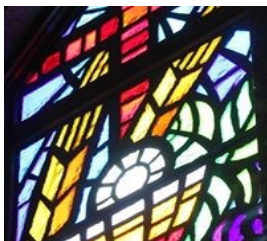
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - You can direct your Thrivent Choice

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 \$465 in March in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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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*



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 If you want to volunteer helping others, call Joan Skare.

PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH

Please pray for Jerry Hutchinson, Ron Ohm, Paul Douglas, Gary Bausman, Paul Jordan, Rosalie Borgschatz, Virginia Knight, Dennis Nepstad, Georgia Dinneen, Bonnie Hoenk, refugees, and families who have lost a loved one due to COVID.

PLEASE PRAY for the family and friends of Nancy Nehring, as they mourn her death. **Please pray** for the family and friends of Melissa Clover, daughter of David & Evonne Schlobohm, as they mourn her death. **Please pray** for the family and friends of Michael Albers, son of Joan Skare, as they mourn his death.

THANK-YOU - actors for your messages at our Lenten services and to our costume designers, Chris Polzin, Sue Briske, and Martha Gehrking.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - needs young adults that are great leaders and is offering a servant in training program for high schoolers. Contact Pastor Nikki, 507-398-7710.



ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY	In Person	In Car
2/5/2022	174	3 cars
2/13/2022	111	1 car
2/20/2022	98	2 cars
2/27/2022	171	2 cars
MARCH	In Person	In Car
3/2/2022 (Ash)	145	1 car
3/6/2022	169	1 car
3/9/2022 (lent)	96	0
3/13/2022	111	1 car
3/16/2022 (lent)	109	1 car
3/20/2022	113	2 cars
3/23/2022 (lent)	78	0
3/27/2022	175	2 cars
3/30/2022 (lent)		