



RADICAL GENEROSITY - “They were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.” (Acts 2:45-46).

Early believers focused more on giving than having. They felt the real connection between money and happiness, is not between **having** and happiness, it's between **giving** and happiness. It's shocking that when the first-century church grew to around 10,000 believers, their generosity DNA remained intact. Can we imagine that happening in our church? This sounds radical to us, so different from how we live today. But what we've come to see is that radical generosity is normal Christianity.

Early Christians believed that God is the greatest of patrons. He paid our ransom with the precious blood of Christ. God is the grace giver, not demanding we earn our salvation, but freely giving it instead. To be a Christian means we have received the generous love of God poured out in Jesus. To live as Christian means we respond to God's gift by living to share Jesus with the world.

What if we each asked God to give us a heartbeat of generosity like his? What if our church cultivates first-century DNA and invest our time, talents and treasures to spread the Gospel around the world. It's time we see God again for who he is and learn to live with his joy and generosity.

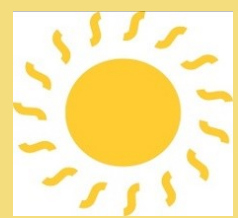
I encourage you to prayerfully examine your giving pattern and become a cheerful giver. I want you to remember the church operates even during the summer. Thank you for your generosity and consider our summer worship and social activities to stay connected.

Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

SUMMER TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship times are at 9am beginning Memorial Weekend, May 29 and run through Labor Day weekend, September 4.

Summer church office hours are Monday - Wednesday from 9am – 1pm starting May 31 through August 31.



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EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - June and July

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year! If there are at least 4 teachers for each room then the time commitment will be only 1 or 2 Sunday's per month. Also, all volunteers will get their family's Sunday school fee waived for the school year! Students in 7th grade and up are 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

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 offering will go to the Channel One Food Shelf. -Francine Kovash

RALLY SUNDAY CARNIVAL - The education committee is planning a carnival for Rally Sunday on September 11th during the regular Sunday School time at 9:05. Volunteers are needed to assist with the carnival. A sign up link will be sent out closer to the date. Please remember to register your children for Sunday School this fall. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Francine Kovash or Sherri Biewer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION PICTURES



Confirmation Class 2022



CONFIRMATION NEWS - 2022-2023 confirmation registration has begun. Forms can be found on the kiosk or online at www.clcbyron.org/confirmation/. Mark your calendars for the mandatory Eagle Bluff retreat for both first year and second year confirmation students on Saturday, September 10th. If you are interested in being a confirmation mentor for the incoming 7th grade class, please email Dani Esser at esser.danielle@mayo.edu. It has been an honor to serve as the confirmation coordinator this year. Dani Esser will take over as coordinator for the upcoming year. Brenda Bendix

VBS - VBS is planned for Aug 1-4 from 6-8pm. Contact Sherri Biewer if you are willing to teach or help. Registration forms are on the kiosk or online: <https://www.myvbs.org/clcbyron/>

Sunday School Registration Forms

Registration forms for the 2022 - 2023 Sunday School year can be found on the kiosk or online: www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-2023-Sunday-School-Registration.pdf

JOHN 15:13

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

YOUTH/EVANGELISM

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. To date, 22 share have been sold.

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 at Lake Traverse, SD starting June 26.

KEEPING COLLEGE STUDENTS CONNECTED - If your college student would like to stay connected to what's happening at church, please give the office their contact information including address or email address and we can mail or email them newsletters or the weekly email updates.

BONFIRE FOR YOUTH GROUP & MISSION TRIP KIDS - Please join us for a bonfire and smores at Tim & Elaine Meek's house on Wednesday, June 15 at 7pm. (1516 Wickford Place NE)

OWEN HOEGH CELEBRATION OF UPCOMING ORDINATION SUNDAY JUNE 12.

Cake and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall following worship.

Owen Hoegh has accepted a call to serve as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hull, IA. His ordination will be Sunday, July 11 at St. Paul's in Hull, IA. Dr. Chris Croghan, professor and co-director of the Luther House of Study, will be preaching at St. Paul's Lutheran in Hull that day. St. Paul Lutheran is an LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) congregation, and Owen will gain certification and endorsement in the Augustana District of the LCMC. There will be food and fellowship after the worship service and ordination. The parsonage, just west of the church, should be ready for the Hoeghs (and maybe even a tour) by then!

"Thank you Christ Lutheran 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

PSALM 23:1 ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

FELLOW GARDENERS!

- Let's Grow Together

Please bring spring goods if you have extra to share for the Garden Sharing Table, set up after 9am services on Sundays. Questions or for more information contact Joan Skare 507-990-8946 (call or text) joan-skare@yahoo.com



A Few More Pictures of Easter Baskets to our Shut Ins

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 SENIORS!

Senior Sunday was May 15. God Bless our Senior Class.
- the Youth Committee

Isaac Bendix	Annabelle Blood	Mitchell Bungum
Lindsey Dickison*	Isabelle Erickson	Megan Gallagher
Stephanie Holz	Alex Johnson	Eithan Johnson
Naomi Meek*	Joshua Petersen	Braden Peterson
Isaac Pries	Olivia Sampson	Rylie Thomforde
Kyla Wilker	Olivia Yennie	

*Received a scholarship.



FELLOWSHIP

SAMARITAN BETHANY - ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF 4 GOLFERS - Samaritan Bethany is holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser at Somerby, on Monday, June 20th at 11:00am. Here's your chance to get your foursome together and play the beautiful Somerby course. The funds raised provide great things for the residents, such as iPads, Kindle Fires, etc to aid the residents in communicating with their families (during COVID), over the bed tables, and several cycles for their Cycling Without Age program. For more info and to sign up: <https://www.samaritanbethany.com/news/2022/04/2022-golf-classic/> Flyers are on the kiosk.

ARE YOU MISSING A PAN? - Many pans, containers and plates have been left in the kitchen. If you see something that is yours, please stop and pick it up. Whatever is left at the end of June will be donated.

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

The Youth Committee is sponsoring a Canoe Trip at Camp Victory that 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 other activities such as mini golf, volleyball or disc golf. Please RSVP to the office by June 15. In case of low water, our alternate activities could be, a wagon ride, or archery/slingshot/tomahawk throw rental. If you would like to have dinner at Camp Victory before the canoe trip, the cost is \$12/person.

JOY GROUP - We will be meeting on the following dates.

- Tues, June 14 at 10:30am, CLC Fellowship Hall - Tootie Hargens will present on flowers.
- Tues, July 12 at 10:30am, picnic at Carol Smith's home

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE RETURNING!! - CLC is planning to restart Sunday morning coffee and treats between services during the months of September – May, and after the 9:00am service during the months of June – August.

Service groups have been organized for June, July & August. Members of CLC have volunteered to be coordinators. These coordinators will help with making coffee, setting out the treats, putting coffee cups & miscellaneous supplies on the tables in the fellowship hall, and cleaning up the kitchen & the hall following the fellowship. Each service group has additional volunteers who bring in the treats or donate money to purchase treats. A booklet has been created that explains all the details for these service groups. It will be posted in the kitchen and will be reviewed with all coordinators and volunteers in August. The planning for September 2022 – May 2023 will be finalized before the first of September.

Contact Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321 with questions or to help out. Thank you to all the coordinators and volunteers of the past and the present who have helped with this fellowship project.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL - July 16 - Please join us and bring your neighbors to the CLC sponsored ice cream social during Good Neighbor Days from 2-4pm on Saturday, July 16. This event will be located at CLC.

BERNE PIZZA WITH PASTOR STEVE BY CAR OR MOTORCYCLE

JUNE 22 - The ride will occur on Wednesday, June 22. 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. [Berne Wood-Fired Pizza \(bernepizza.org\)](http://bernepizza.org)



WORSHIP INFORMATION/STEWARDSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MINUTES 5/17/2022

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

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Kaia Long. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joan Skare and seconded by Jason Pfeilsticker.

Jason Pfeilsticker submitted the Treasurer's report. Expense exceeded income for the month of April by \$2,497.80. Expenses exceed income for the year by \$18,271. A discussion on giving and budget tracking ensued.

Jason gave an update on the roof progress. This project is expected to begin in July and be completed by August 1, 2022.

There was a discussion of several informational items including celebrating Owen Hoegh's upcoming ordination following worship on June 12th, fellowship activities during the summer, and social distancing in the sanctuary.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Kaia Long. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Candee Ostreng for Linda Danielski, Council Secretary.

THANK-YOUs

- I want to thank the ladies from Christ Lutheran Church for the basket of goodies. Thank you for all the time and work to get the baskets ready and deliver to my home. You are some very kind ladies. I thank you very, very much! God bless you all. -Ardys Glasrud
- I want to thank all of you at Christ Lutheran for sending me the books on grief for the last year. They have been of great help to me and I read them more than once. I really appreciate them. Bless all of you. -Bev Olson
- Thank you to Christ Lutheran for the Easter basket delivered to me with all the many goodies. Thanks to all that took time to put them together and delivered them. Hope you all had a blessed Easter. -Sandy Wilker
- A heartfelt thank you to the members of Christ Lutheran Church for all your thoughts and prayers during Nancy's long hospitalization and finally death. Your concerns and friendship are much appreciated. -Irv Nehring
- Thank you CLC for the lovely Easter basket! I didn't know the rabbit could bake such good cookies and muffins!! - Kay McKay
- Thanks to Gayle Jaben for bringing in starter tomatoes and peppers, and onion sets. They were much appreciated!

ACTS 1:8

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

WORSHIP OPTIONS AT CLC

- In-church worship at 9am with alternating traditional and contemporary styles (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/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.

DONATE TO CLC THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE!

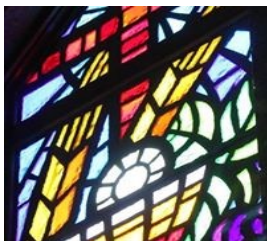
We are now listed with United Way as a 501C3 which means your employer can direct donations to CLC through United Way. Please contact the office with any questions.

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 \$22 in May in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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Worship Schedule

9am In Person/In Car Worship
 Sundays with Traditional/
 Contemporary Alternating
 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 OF THE CHURCH - Please
 pray for Jerry Hutchinson, Carolyn Reinecke,
 Betty Woodfork, Rosalie Borgschatz, Georgia
 Dinneen, Dennis Schoenfeldt, Bonnie Hoenk,
 Dennis Nepstad, refugees, and families who
 have lost a loved one due to COVID.
PLEASE PRAY for the family and friends of
 Ron Strain, son of Rollo & Betty Strain, as
 they mourn his death.

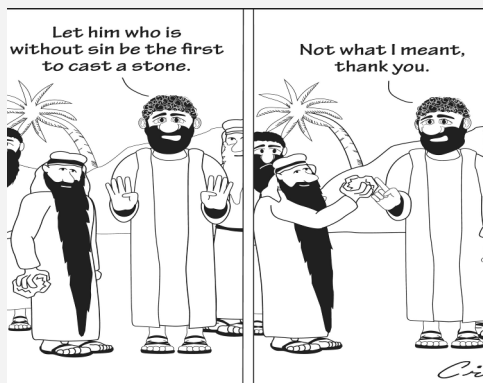
SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION - CLC collects food in the
 blue barrel by the front door.

PASTORS ON VACATION OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS - Pastor

Steve and Pastor Nirmala both have
 vacation time scheduled over the summer
 months. Here is their contact info,
 in case of emergency: Pastor Steve
clcpastorsteve@gmail.com or 612-250-
 9724; Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or
clcreinschmidt@gmail.com

FAMILY PROMISE ROCHESTER

To volunteer, use this link:
www.fprochestermn.org



ATTENDANCE

APRIL	IN PERSON	IN CAR
4/3/2022	167	1 car
4/6/2022 (lent)	109	0
4/10/2022	234	0
4/14/2022 (Maundy)	56	0
4/15/2022 (Good Fri)	51	0
4/17/2022 (Easter)	364	1 car
4/24/2022	263	1 car

MAY	IN PERSON	IN CAR
5/1/2022	143	4 cars
5/8/2022	137	1 car
5/15/2022	144	0
5/22/2022	114	0
5/29/2022		