



“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”

“Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

A new school year is upon us. We as a family, church and community are geared up to face the joys and concerns this year brings to us. Every year God uses us to make new stories through our lives. Even in the Bible we read those stories through the lives of people like Abraham, Moses and the disciples of Jesus.

Stories are the best way to share how lives are changed. Stories show us the mysterious, astonishing, and transforming power and presence of our God whose love is unceasing and unrelenting. Our God is one who cares about all his children - including us - everywhere and all the time.

God the Holy Spirit is using Christ Lutheran to make stories of its own. We become part of these stories as we share our gifts, time and talents to love God and to love our neighbors through the ministries of Christ Lutheran.

May the Holy Spirit move among us, and lead us in new and perhaps unfamiliar directions. We don’t want to just keep doing the same things over and over again. There are always new opportunities to worship, to learn, to connect and to care! May God continue to use us this year to make new stories of transformation in our own lives as well as in the lives of those whom we serve.

Thank you for your generous support so that we can tell stories of lives made better because of our shared ministry. God’s unrelenting love in Jesus has already given us so many good things – more than we could ever ask for or imagine.

May we respond to that love by our regular worship, grow in our faith through spiritual practices and giving more generously, so that we might continue to go forth with power doing God’s work, our hands.

Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

FALL TIME CHANGES

Beginning Sunday, September 11, worship times will be traditional service at 8:00am, Sunday School at 9:05am - 9:50am, and contemporary service at 10am.

Fall church office hours will be Monday - Thursday from 9am – 3pm starting September 6.



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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - SEPTEMBER - This year we will be continuing with Digging Into Foundations of Faith by exploring what the Bible reveals about who God is and how God sees us, how we fit in God's family, and how we live the Christian life. We still need more teachers for this year! We have at least one teacher for each grade already, but would love to have 3-4 teachers for each class to decrease the load on each teacher. As a "thank you" we are waiving the registration fee for children of parents who are teaching this year. Please let Francine Kovash know if you are interested in teaching or helping in the classrooms! (507) 951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com

Sunday school teacher orientation will be September 7th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you signed up to teach, watch for an email with the details.

Sunday school will run from September 11th, 2022 through May 14th, 2023 and is for 3 year olds through 6th graders. Registration forms and class schedules will be in the narthex or online at: www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-2023-Sunday-School-Registration.pdf Class runs from 9:05 am to 9:50 am. Preschool through 2nd graders will need to be picked up and dropped off by parents/guardians.

Rally Sunday Carnival - for the start of Sunday school will be September 11th at 9:05 am. Parents/guardians meet in the sanctuary with your children for a short meeting and then we will have a fun carnival to celebrate the start of the school year. Parents of kids age 3 through 2nd graders will need to stay with their child(ren) for the carnival.

September Lessons: 9/11 - Rally Sunday Carnival

9/18 - Jesus Instructs His Followers (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-11)

9/25 - The Church Is Born (Acts 1:8; 2:1-41)

3rd graders will receive their Bibles on 9/18 during the 8 am and 10 am services. Thanks! -Francine Kovash



CONFIRMATION NEWS - Confirmation classes for 2022-2023 begin in September. Welcome to all incoming 1st year students and welcome back to all 2nd year students. There is still time to register if you haven't yet. We are looking forward to a great year of growing together in faith. This year we are studying the Old Testament. Upcoming dates: Wednesday, Aug 31, 7:00pm – Mentor meeting

Wednesday, Sept 7, 7:00pm – Student/parent orientation

Saturday, Sept 10 – MANDATORY Eagle Bluff retreat for BOTH 1st and 2nd year students

Wednesday, Sept 14, 7:00pm – 1st regular class

Link to med release form that needs to be completed prior to attending Eagle Bluff:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfELdNf1X5GDrblxTCIALqroX02FmVfhg8RCWRMI-ygAIIxw/viewform> Any questions, contact Dani Esser at esser.danielle@mayo.edu

YOUTH NEWS -

THANK YOU to the Congregation for your continued support through the recent Car Wash and Movie Night.

YOUTH GROUP -

We are looking to revamp the High School Youth Group to make it more vibrant and meaningful. We invite 9th-12th grade students to a focus group to discuss ways youth group can meet their needs and expectations. The focus group will be Sunday, September 11th at 6pm in the Youth Room. Pizza, pop, and dessert will be served. We hope you can attend!

VBS PICTURES - ADVENTURE ON DISCOVERY ISLAND



EVANGELISM/FELLOWSHIP

DINER'S GROUP - The Diner's Group will be starting a new year in September. Anyone wanting more information about small groups or wanting to join the Diner's group, contact Gayle Jaben at bikeclealake@gmail.com

CARD MAKING PARTY WITH CARDS TO SHARE - Please join us on Thursday, September 8 from 9-2pm in the room off the kitchen to make cards. If you have greeting cards you want to take apart or craft supplies you want to bring that is great, or we will have supplies here for you to use to make more cards. These cards will be used for our birthday card project for members over 90 or for nursing home residents, or you can take some home to use. This activity is open to anyone. We will have snacks. Contact Joan Skare for info.

JOY GROUP - JOY Group meets Sept 13 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall at CLC. Please take note of time change. An adventure is planned for Sept 22 at 10:00 am to car pool to Kellogg to see Lark Toys and lunch at a restaurant in Kellogg. Tootie Hargans will join us at the Oct 11 meeting. Please bring a carved pumpkin to decorate for the season.

CHANCEL CHOIR - Singing praise to God is a wonderful way to feel connected to Him. In the words of an old Amy Grant song, "Sing your praise to the Lord, Come on everybody, Stand up and sing one more hallelujah, Give your praise to the Lord, I can never tell you just how much, Good that it's gonna do you, Just to sing..."

Joining your voice with others in doing so multiplies the joy, and the more voices there are, the richer the sound of the praise. Come join others in praising God through song! Chancel choir practice begins Wednesday, August 31st, at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Julie Carlbom – jcarlbom@kmtel.com, or (507) 250-1302.

GARDEN SHARING TABLE - The Sharing Table has had many goods produced by CLC members and shared. Thank you to all gardeners! The garden bounty is there for anyone to take, use, and enjoy!



SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED - Sylvia Alberts is the September coordinator for Sunday morning treats. Please notify her at 507-251-1962 if you are able to provide a batch of cookies and/or assist with setting up the coffee and treats. Each week we need about 15 dozen cookies. Leave the treats in the kitchen marked with your name.

HANDBELL CHOIR - Invitation to anyone with rhythm & arms to move! If you love music, and are lightly into notes and rhythm, our JuBELLance handbell group (9th grade+ to senior!) may be for YOU! You're invited to a one-time exploration Thursday, Sept. 1st at 6:30 p.m. - no pressure to continue, unless you ENJOY! Practices are set for some Wed. evenings, starting September 7. Any questions, call the director, Jane Cabaya, at 507-775-6183.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Study will resume on Wednesday, October 5 at 10am.

LEFSE FUNDRAISER - Planning meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting Tuesday, Sept 6th at 7:00 pm at church. We will be discussing "The Canterbury Sisters" by Kim Wright. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Nelson at: 507-398-9051 or kjn0312@gmail.com

Oct 4 - Educated by Tara Westover

Nov 1 - Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

Dec 6 - Goodbye, Vitamin by Rachel Khong

TRICK OR TREAT COSTUME PARTY

October 30th from 6 - 7:30 pm at CLC

Kids will trick or treat from door to door inside the church, followed by snacks and music in the Fellowship Hall. Free event to our congregation and the community.

Look for a sign up sheet next month for families wishing to sponsor a door. Families provide candy for the trick or treaters. Decorating your door and dressing up is optional, but encouraged.



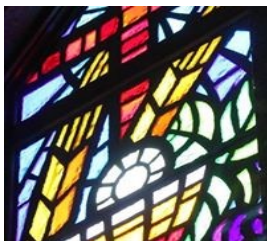
MEALS ON WHEELS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church delivers meals to Byron residents Monday through Friday during March, June, September, and December, excluding holidays. Contact Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321 if interested in helping.

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September 2022



Worship Times Change - Sept 11

8am Traditional Worship
 9:05am Sunday School/Adult Ed
 10am Contemporary Worship
 LiveStream Worship
Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Rob Larson, Harriet Douglas, Dave Hovey, Bob Hoenk, Cheryl Lovig, Dorothy Stoskopf, and Sunday School teachers.

FAMILY PROMISE ROCHESTER - To volunteer, use this link:
www.fprochestermn.org

2023 MISSION TRIP We have booked 15 spots, 2 adult leader and 13 youth spots to Benton Harbor, MI for the week of June 25-30, 2023. We have 2 months to drop unlimited spots with no financial costs. Registration forms on the kiosk and a \$125 deposit will hold your spot.

Sep 15 - Registration form & \$125 deposit

Nov 15 - second payment of \$125

April 1 - final payment \$125

UNDERSTANDING THE OLD

TESTMENT - Wednesday nights starting Sept 14, 35 minute lecture, as part of confirmation class, open to all ages. Runs from 7 - 7:35pm.



ATTENDANCE

JULY	IN PERSON	IN CAR
7/3/2022	102	0 cars
7/10/2022	135	3 cars
7/17/2022	103	1 car
7/24/2022	100	0 cars
7/31/2022	85	0 cars
AUGUST	IN PERSON	IN CAR
8/7/2022	94	0 cars
8/14/2022	113	1 car
8/21/2022	125	2 cars
8/28/2022	117	0 cars