



I have been encouraged by all the group work that has been happening at Christ Lutheran in the past month or so. The education committee and confirmation mentors have been busy recruiting and equipping teachers, helpers, and mentors to work together to share the good news with our youth. The youth committee has been organizing and planning as well as many other teams in the church gearing up for programs and activities. The evangelism committee has been busy making cards to brighten people's lives. The bells, choir and the praise team are working on singing new songs.

If you are not teaching Sunday School, consider our upcoming 20-25 minute video series including discussion in the choir room. We will start with a 10-12 minute video. These are informal conversations. Each week stands on its own so you can come when you are able. It's an opportunity to get to know each other and to grow in understanding more deeply the truths of our faith.

Thanks to everyone who gave generously to the roofing fund! Between insurance and the roofing fund we didn't need to take any money out of the general fund.

All of the above activity leads towards our vision of 'making Christ's love known'. We do that through our mission of "equipping all ages to lovingly serve God and people." Thanks for your part in making this happen.

I am grateful to God for entrusting His people with His mission. We will be blessed if we seek together to keep making Christ's love known at the center of our shared vision.

Pastor Steve

## FALL TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship times are a traditional service at 8:00am, Sunday School at 9:05am - 9:50am, and the contemporary service at 10am.

Fall church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am - 3pm.



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# EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - OCTOBER** - We are off to a great start of Sunday School! If you are interested in volunteering or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at [fkovash@hotmail.com](mailto:fkovash@hotmail.com) or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for October will be:

10/2 - The Church Builds Community - Acts 2:42-47

10/9 - The Church Reaches Out - Acts 3:1-11; 6:1-7

10/16 - The Church Unites - Acts 10; 15:1-35

10/23 - The Church Sends Its First Missionaries - Acts 8:4-40; 11:19-30

10/30 - No Sunday School

5th Graders will start First Communion Lessons on 10/2 and have them every Sunday leading up to First Communion on 10/30.

Preschool through 4th graders will sing at the 8 AM service on 10/23.

Offering collected during Sunday school and to the left of the altar in the sanctuary from January through June will go to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. July through December will go to the Channel One Food Shelf. Thanks! -Francine

**FAITH AT HOME** - I encourage all families have intentional faith discussions at home. If you are interested but don't know where to start, one good resource is <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps> or [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com) Pastor Rich Melheim has been focusing on faith conversations at home for quite a while and has practical advice and suggestions for families. Briefly the five steps for faith discussions at home are:

1. Share Highs and Lows
2. Read a Bible verse or story
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another

There is a list of favorite Bible verses in the kiosk near the church office as well as Faith 5 bookmarks that you could use as a resource for reading a Bible verse. You could start with highs and lows and at the end of your time together you could pray together for each others high and lows. One example of a blessing is to make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads and say "God loves you and so do I."

Pastor Steve

## CONFIRMATION NEWS - 2022

– 2023 Confirmation has started. Thank you to those that will be mentoring this year. Besides the rain on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Eagle Bluff Retreat was a success. The kids had a blast on the rock wall and ropes course. We are getting into the groove of our Wednesday night meetings. This year during confirmation we are focusing on the Old Testament. If you have any questions about confirmation, contact Dani Esser at [esser.danielle@mayo.edu](mailto:esser.danielle@mayo.edu).



**RALLY SUNDAY PICTURES**

## EDUCATION/YOUTH

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - For the month of October we will study the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter which was written by Apostle Peter to the church made up of both Jews and Gentiles who were undergoing persecution because of their faith. The main theme of the book 1 Peter, is living victoriously in the midst of suffering and persecution. Peter writes to give hope in the midst of it; to guide us on how to live a godly life before unbelievers. We meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. starting October 5. All are welcome!

**SUNDAY MORNING VIDEO & DISCUSSION IN CHOIR ROOM** - This video series is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. After the video (11-14 minutes) is shown there will be a 10 minute discussion. Please join us in the choir room from 9:20 – 9:45am on Sunday mornings.

Oct 2 - Rain, Rob Bell explores difficult times in life and what God may be accomplishing through them. Things don't always work out the way we want them to. So where is God when bad things happen? How can God just stand by and watch us suffer? Maybe it's when we're in storms of life that God gets an opportunity to remind us of how much he really loves us.

Oct 9 - Flame, Rob Bell explores the true meaning of love. We love our jobs, we love our kids, we love a good burrito. When love is defined so broadly, it loses its significance. We may confuse friendship, commitment, or lust with love, but God intended us to experience something far deeper.

Oct 16 - Trees, Rob Bell discusses the importance of everything we do. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was teaching. He inspired, challenged, provoked and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in.

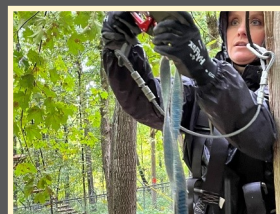
Oct 23 Noise, Rob Bell illustrates the importance of finding some peace and quiet in order to hear God. Why is silence so hard to deal with? We're constantly surrounded with the noise of movies, music, technology, cell phones, and a never-ending barrage of advertisements. If we think that God's not talking to us, perhaps it's just that we can't hear him.

**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. Registration forms on the kiosk and a \$125 deposit will hold your spot. The second \$125 payment is due November 15. We only have 3 spots remaining.

**YOUTH GROUP** - We are starting off a brand new year with a new look for youth group. Our focus to start will be on making connections through Christ. Join us for our first event on Sunday, October 2nd at the God Loves You Tour. Music by Newsboys starts at 3:30pm at Soldiers Field Memorial Park. We will meet at the church at 2:30pm and carpool. Bring your own chairs and blankets. We will only be staying for the music so if you would like to stay for the programming, please plan to drive yourself.

**Cabin Fever Date Nights** - The Youth Committee will be offering child care services again through Cabin Fever Date Nights on the following dates: November 11, December 9, January 20, and February 10. Kids can be dropped off at church at 6pm and need to be picked up by 9pm. No meals will be provided but snacks will be served. Each night will have a theme with activities surrounding that theme. We will have adult supervision at this event. Donations for the Mission Trip and Bible Camp Scholarships will be greatly appreciated! Kim Postier will be coordinating these events.

Confirmation  
Retreat  
First Year



## EVANGELISM/FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

**JOY GROUP** - Joy Group meets Tues, Oct 11 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Tootie Hargans will be visiting us with ideas on how to decorate small carved pumpkins. Members are reminded to bring a small pumpkin already cleaned out. Floral arrangements will be available to purchase.

**GARDEN SHARING TABLE** - As the gardening season slows and gives way to fall, a BIG thank you goes to all who shared their produce, plants, and flowers. The sharing table will stay up a few more weeks as fall harvest continues. Thanks again for your generosity and sharing of your garden bounty!

**LEFSE FUNDRAISER** - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm. Please join us!

**BOOK CLUB** - Book club will be meeting Tuesday, Oct 4th at 7:00 pm at church to discuss "Educated" by Tara Westover. At that meeting, the book for next month's discussion (Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano) will be distributed. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Nelson.

**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 to volunteer.

**CHRISTMAS GOODIE SALE** - Is anyone interested in the cookie sale in December? We are looking for workers and if we get enough people we will have it. If interested in working at the sale please contact Diane DePope, Memorial Committee chair, at 507-951-5162.

**THANK-YOU** - Thank you to Tom VanHeuklom, Jerry Rieser, Larry Briske, and Carl Fugleberg for updating the ladies restroom and tiling the floor in the sacristy.

**CARD MAKING** - Please join us for more card making at CLC on Thursdays, October 6 and November 3. Set up is at 9am with card making running from 10-3. 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. These cards will be used for our birthday card project for members over 90 or nursing home residents, or you can take some home to use.

**CLC SHARING THE HOLIDAY SEASON** - This year the CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Rochester. The Sharing Tree will be put up mid-October. The Dorothy Day Hospitality House provides short-term, live in situation for people who are homeless or in a personal crisis and need shelter and food. Guests do not pay for any services. Men, women and families may stay for up to 21 consecutive days. A list of the items needed will be available on the Sharing Tree mid-October. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 18, 2022. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.



Card Making in Sept



**TRICK OR TREAT COSTUME PARTY** - October 30th from 6 - 7:30 pm

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.

Volunteers are needed for each door. Only requirement is to provide candy to hand out to the trick or treaters. However, we encourage you to also dress in costume and decorate your door. Kids can't have all the fun!



# WORSHIP/STEWARDSHIP

**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! Practices are set for some Wed. evenings, from 6-7pm. Any questions, call the director, Jane Cabaya, at 507-775-6183.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - 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! Practices are some Wednesdays from 6-7 PM in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Julie Carlblom at 507) 250-1302 or [jcarlblom@kmtel.com](mailto:jcarlblom@kmtel.com)

**GREETER HOST GUIDELINES** - New instructions have been prepared by the worship and music committee on the new Sunday morning volunteer, greeter host. If interested, please pick up a copy on the table by the office or access it on the website: [clcb Byron.org](http://clcb Byron.org) under ABOUT and FORMS/DOCS/POLICIES

**UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT** - Please join us on Wednesday nights for a 35 minute lecture in the sanctuary as part of confirmation class, open to all ages. Runs from 7 - 7:35pm.

**SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED** - Julie Bird and Diane Bisping are the October coordinators for Sunday morning treats. Please notify them 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.

**THE 5 SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION** - ("solas," meaning, "alones") are five principles foundational to the doctrine of salvation that many branches of Protestantism, including the Lutheran and Reformed branches, still teach today.

\* God's Word alone \* faith alone \* grace alone \* Christ alone \* to the glory of God alone

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS** - After age 70 1/2 and older, individuals may distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from their IRAs to certain charitable organizations without including the amount of the charitable distribution in gross income when filing tax returns. An added benefit is this method of giving also reduces gross income for the calculation determining the amount of Social Security benefits that may be taxable.

## 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>

## 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.clcb Byron.org/giving/>, or dropping off a donation during church services or office hours.

**DONATE TO CLC THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE!**

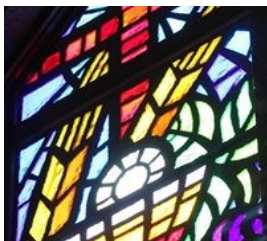
We are now listed with United Way as a 501C3 which means your employer can direct donations to CLC through United Way. Please contact the office with any questions.

**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 \$4 in September in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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## October 2022



### Worship Times

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



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

**FALL CLEAN-UP** - Please join us on Saturday, October 29th from 9:30am to noon, rain or shine, for fall clean-up. We will be doing inside and outside work. Please bring rakes, blowers, and weed whackers.

### SALVATION ARMY FOOD

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

### FAMILY PROMISE ROCHESTER

To volunteer, use this link:  
[www.fprochestermn.org](http://www.fprochestermn.org)



**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** - Please pray for Jeanne Tweite, Rob Larson, Joan Skare, Harriet Douglas, Bob Hoenk, Cheryl Lovig, and Dorothy Stoskopf.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the family and friends of Dale Rud Sr, as they mourn his death.

## ATTENDANCE - 2022

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
Weekly Avg	112	
2021 Aug Avg	101	

SEPT	IN PERSON	IN CAR
9/4/2022	99	0 cars
9/11/2022	171	0 cars
9/18/2022	229	0 cars
9/25/2022	171	0 cars
Weekly Avg	168	
2021 Sep Avg	155	

**JOHN 8:31-32** <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."