



CHEERFUL GIVERS - "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves cheerful givers." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

There are three types of givers; the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb. To get anything out of the flint, you have to hammer it. Then you only get chips and sparks. To get water out of the sponge, you have to squeeze it. The more you squeeze, the more you get. But the honeycomb simply overflows with sweetness.

When a person understands what God has done for them, you don't have to prime them to give and you don't need ten requests. They understand that He is a great God. In fact, at offering time, we ought to jump to our feet and applaud that we are here to give, have something to give, and have been blessed to have strength enough to work that we might be able to give. We ought to just applaud the privilege of giving.

Apostle Paul talks about the Macedonian Christians who are cheerful givers. Their hearts are filled with thankfulness to God. So they share their blessings with Paul to do his mission. Apostle Paul was so proud of them. We pastors at Christ Lutheran are proud of you too. You are like honeycombs. You share your time, talents, and treasures generously to support the mission at Christ Lutheran.

When you receive the pledge cards for 2022, please prayerfully consider to increase your giving as well as sharing your time and talents to support the mission of Christ Lutheran Church.

Thanks again for your generosity! -Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - Christ Lutheran will have 3 services with communion on December 24: 3pm, 4:30pm, and 7pm. We need the following volunteers at each service: acolytes, communion helpers, readers, and projector volunteers. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please let the office know. Sunday, December 25 will have one service at 9am, with communion.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 20 - Please bring your pledge cards and time and talent sheets to the worship services during November and drop in the offering baskets. To update your Time & Talent sheets (volunteer opportunities at CLC) for 2023, complete the form you will receive in the mail or update online at: www.clcbyron.org/time-talents/ If you do not submit changes, your current selections will continue indefinitely.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - NOVEMBER

We are still looking for more volunteers to help teach 1st grade! If you are interested in volunteering to teach or help in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for November will be:

11/6 - People Pray for Peter to Get Out of Prison - Acts 12:6-19

11/13 - Paul Raises Up Timothy - Acts 16:1-4; 1 Timothy 1; 4:12

11/20 - Paul and Silas Face Dangers - Acts 16:16-40

11/27 - No Sunday School

We are planning on having a Christmas Program this year! Starting on 11/6 those with speaking roles in the Christmas Program will be practicing their parts every Sunday during Sunday school. They will be given their lines to practice at home as well so please encourage them to practice often so they will be prepared for the program. There will also be a rehearsal on Saturday 12/10 (time TBD) for speaking parts only. Dress rehearsal for the cast of the program will be during Sunday school on 12/11 with the program to follow during the 10 AM service.

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

OLD TESTAMENT FOR ALL AGES - Wednesday evenings at 7pm, everyone is invited to sit in on 35 minute lectures by the pastors on the Old Testament geared for confirmation class.

November 2 - Joseph; Genesis 37-50

November 9 - Moses and Pharaoh; Exodus 2:23-24; 5,6,7,14

November 16 - The Ten Commandments; Exodus 20

November 23 - No Class

November 30 - Wilderness to Land; Exodus 16:1-15, Joshua 24:14-18



CONFIRMATION NEWS - Nov 2022: We have been learning about Genesis and Exodus over the past couple months in Confirmation. As a reminder, there is no Confirmation class on November 23rd due to Thanksgiving break. We are always looking for ideas for Service Projects as each student needs to complete 3 by the end of the year. If you have ideas or would like to lead a project, contact Dani Esser at esser.danielle@mayo.edu.

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

Nov 6 - Dust - We all have wounds and we carry around, things that people have done to us. It is hard to forgive and eventually the hurts can get heavy. Maybe forgiving isn't something you do for someone else, but is about you. Matthew 14:25-31, 1 Corinthians 1:26-9

Nov 13 - Bullhorn - God loves everyone, so a Christian should too. It's not always easy to love everyone. Sometimes we disagree with other's political views, religious beliefs, behaviors, and it is hard to love when we feel we're right and they're wrong. Maybe the best way for us to love God is by loving others. Matthew 22: 36-40

Nov 20 - Lump - A lot of us have done things we're ashamed of. Some are small things, and some are big devastating things. No matter how big our issues are, it hasn't changed how God feels about us, He loves. Galatians 6:2, 7; Romans 8:38-19

Nov 27 - Rhythm - What does it mean to have a relationship with God? Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live – a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice – that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live daily, determines how in tune with God we are. Exodus 3:14; Deut. 4:15-18; John 4:24; John 10:10.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SANG ON OCTOBER 23 AT THE 8AM SERVICE

EDUCATION/YOUTH/HELP NEEDED

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - This study will look at Paul's letter to Titus and to Philemon. Instead of a letter to a congregation these are two letters to individuals. All are welcome at 10am on Wednesdays in November!



MISSION TRIP - The second \$125 payment is due November 15. 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. We only have 3 spots remaining. We can drop 2 spots with no financial penalty by November 19.

YOUTH GROUP - Youth Group kicked off this year with a hayride and bonfire after the Trick or Treat Costume Party. It was a great night of fall

fun! The November activity is still in the works, but leaning towards a football tailgate party. Stay tuned! In December we will be signing up to ring bells for the Salvation Army followed by holiday goodies and hot chocolate at the church.

WINTER 2023 SEMN SYNOD BORDER IMMERSION VISITS - Immerse in the realities of the U.S. immigration process by joining people throughout the South-eastern Minnesota Synod on a **winter border visit** with our ministry partners in Las Cruces, NM & El Paso, TX. **Scheduled Visit Dates:** January 30 - February 4 -or- February 13-18 **Cost:** approximately \$1,300/person (includes selected airfare (up to \$400), on-site ground transportation; accommodations; all programming) Please contact Kathy Chatelaine, Asst to the Bishop for Global Ministry, SE MN ELCA at: chatelaine@semnsynod.org.

SUDEP - Dave Schlobohm was interviewed on KAAL concerning Dave and Evonne's daughter Melissa's death from SUDEP. <https://www.kaaltv.com/news/top-news/billboard-campaign-raises-awareness-for-sudep/>

THANK - YOU - I want to thank my church family for their prayers and cards sent to me after my fracture. A special thanks to Pastor Nirmala for her visit. Much appreciated. In Christ's love - Jeanne Tweite

SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIANS NEEDED - A good ear, a willingness to learn our livestream and sound setup. We need volunteers for both services. Talk to Mark Polzin or David Heinz if you are interested.

WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED - If you enjoy weddings and assisting couples with decorating for their special day please contact Pastor Steve with questions. This is a paid position.

2022 COMMUNION REGISTRATION - Please register for communion once annually by writing your name on the communion list on the registration table.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Our church delivers meals to Byron residents Monday through Friday during March, June, Sept and Dec. Contact Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321 to volunteer.

3rd Grade Bibles

Sunday, Sept 18



CABIN FEVER DATE NIGHT - November 11, 6-9pm

Drop your kids off for a night of fun and adventure while parents have a night out. Each night will have a theme with activities surrounding that theme based on Bible stories. No meals will be provided but snacks will be served. We will have adult supervision at this event. Kim Postier is coordinating.

The Youth Committee is sponsoring this fundraiser to support the mission trip and bible camp scholarships. Future dates are: December 9, January 20, and February 10.



FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

JOY GROUP - Joy meets Tues, Nov 8 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Remember to vote or call City Hall for an absentee ballot.

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting Tuesday, Nov 1st at 7:00 pm at church to discuss "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano. At that meeting, the book for next month's discussion (Goodbye, Vitamin by Rachel Khong) will be distributed. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Nelson.

CHRISTMAS GOODIE SALE - The church will host our Christmas goodie sale on Saturday, Dec 10th from 9am-noon. Please bring your Christmas baked items to the church on Friday, Dec 9th from 6-9pm or on Saturday, Dec 10th at 8am. There's a sign up sheet on the kiosk if you are interested in helping. Contact is Sherri Biewer at 701-261-9110 or sdathe@hotmail.com.

CARD MAKING - Please join us at CLC on Thursday, November 3 from 10-3. Set up is at 9am. Feel free to bring greeting cards you want to take apart or craft supplies, but we will have supplies here. The cards will be used for our birthday card project or you can take some home to use.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA - Love to sing but don't want or can't commit to choir? Join us for our Dec. 18th Christmas Cantata – "Together for Christmas". In addition to our Wednesday evening practices (Nov. 14 & 30 and Dec. 14), we'll have Saturday morning practices at 9 AM starting on Nov. 5th and going through Dec. 17th. Come when you can and sing with us. We'd love to have you!!

CLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Thank-you to all the committee members who are serving on the various committees. We are so appreciative of the work you have been doing at Christ Lutheran. If you no longer want to serve, please let council president, Mark Turany, know. If you are new to the church and would like to serve in various committees, according to your gifts, please let the council president know or complete our Time and Talent Form. [Time & Talents - Christ Lutheran Church \(clcbyron.org\)](http://Time & Talents - Christ Lutheran Church (clcbyron.org))

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED - Sandy Erickson is the November coordinator for Sunday morning treats. Please notify her if you are able to provide a batch of cookies and/or assist with set-up.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - November 6, at both the 8.00 and 10:00 services, Christ Lutheran will light candles in memory of our beloved saints who now rest with God. We extend a warm welcome to you to attend the worship service to receive comfort and peace. Pastor Nirmala

MOWING IS DONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR - The mowing crew has finished another year of keeping the church yard trimmed. Thank-you to all the guys. They are Connie Hoffman, Rollo Strain, Wayne DePope, David Tweite, Gary Himmerich, and Lowell Holum. Additional thanks to Gary Himmerich who also weed-whacks around everything when it is needed. Also, thank you to Jerry Rieser, Larry Briske, and Tom VanHeuklom for all the work they have done around the church (cleaning the garage, tree and shrub removal, and some playground equipment fixing and removal). Everyone's help is very much appreciated by the congregation.

SHARING TREE 2022 - This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for the Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Rochester. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 18, 2022. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. - the Altar Committee

The list of needed items are as follows:

Clorox wipes and alcohol-free sanitizer	Toilet tissue
Individually wrapped toothbrushes	Paper towels
Tall kitchen garbage bags; large yard bags	Napkins
Cleaning supplies for bathrooms and kitchen	Dish Cloths
HP 62 ink cartridges for our printer	Gently used blankets
Bath towels	Backpacks
Gift cards to Hy-Vee, Target, Walmart or Sam's Club	



The JOY Group decorated pumpkins at their Oct Meeting. They enjoy welcoming new members.



WORSHIP/STEWARDSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 18, 2022

The CLC council meeting was held on October 18, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mark Turany.

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Biewer and seconded by Ben Johnson.

Jason Pfeilsticker presented the treasurer's report. September 2022 ended \$15,043.61 in the black. Income exceeds expenses for the year by \$1603.40.

Pastor Rheingans gave us an update on the lighting that needs to be done in the sanctuary.

Discussions were also held on the Boy Scouts using our facility for meetings as well as the possible replacement of the East door.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Danielski and seconded by Jason Pfeilsticker.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Danielski, Council Secretary.

EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT - Christ Lutheran Church applied for the Employee Retention Credit that is part of the CARES Act. Christ Lutheran contracted Congregation Consulting Services to complete our submission at a cost of \$1,500. We were able to receive \$20,453.67, which nets to \$18,953.67. These funds have been applied to the general fund. Without these funds, Expenses would exceed Income by \$17,235.69 on the year.

LEFSE - We will be having our Lefse fundraiser again this year. Please use the sign up link attached or the sign up sheet at the kiosk to volunteer. Lefse dough making will be on Friday, November 18th at 9am. Lefse rolling and baking will be on Saturday, November 19th at 9am. If you have any questions please contact Joe Biewer at 701-261-5932 or jbiewer@hotmail.com <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABAD2EABFE3-lefsa>

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 for in church and in car worship).
- In-car worship on Sunday mornings at 8am & 10am in the parking lot on 87.9 on the FM radio
- 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.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or dropping off a donation during church services or office hours.

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 October in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

OFFERING STATS

QCD Donations YTD Sept 2022 \$37,000

Electronic Donations YTD Sept 2022 \$65,000+ or 31% of donations income

families giving electronically: over 50 families

zero giving families in 2021 - 110 families

zero giving YTD 2022 - 136 families

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.

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.

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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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ROOF COMPLETION - We have received final invoices from the roofing companies as well as final payment from Insurance. The invoiced amounts as well as CLC's liability are listed below. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations throughout the past several years. The remainder of the Memorial Roof Fund (19,702) will be used to buy and position new lights in the sanctuary. This will also allow us to position lights that moved during installation of the roof as well as replace bulbs that are currently out. The new bulbs will improve both in person and online viewing. Additionally, the east door towards Kwik Trip will be replaced using the remaining memorial funds. This will make the church more secure and energy efficient.

MEN'S GROUP - Is anyone interested? Talk to Pastor Steve.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Rob Larson, Joan Skare, Harriet Douglas, Bob Hoenk, Barb Virnig, and Cheryl Lovig.

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

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



ATTENDANCE - 2022

AUGUST

Weekly Avg 112
 2021 Aug Avg 101

SEPT

Weekly Avg 168
 2021 Sep Avg 155

OCT	IN PERSON	IN CAR
10-2	141	1
10-09	177	0
10-16	216	2
10-23	240	1
10-30	no data yet	
Weekly Avg	194	
2021 Oct Avg	178	