



The events of Holy week changed the spiritual geography of the world opening a door for each of us to be forgiven and set free to live in a restored relationship with God and others now and forever. I invite you to deepen your understanding of the events of Holy Week by participating in our Holy Week services starting with Palm Sunday on April 2. Breakfast on Palm Sunday will be 7:30-noon with a free will offering going to mission trippers and Bible Camp Scholarships.

Remember what it was like for Jesus to have his last meal with his disciples before his death and resurrection on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 with communion.

Remember the depth of love revealed on the cross for you with the option of nailing your sins on a piece of paper to a cross. It was for us that he suffered and laid down His life.

Easter morning we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection was God trampling death for all time for those who trust in Jesus. Ever since, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Holy week reveals the depth of God’s love and the strength of God’s power over death. Nobody does resurrection like Jesus. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us in worshipping our risen Lord.

May you be blessed as you remember all that Jesus has done for us!

Pastor Steve

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - MAY 4 - There will be an ecumenical national day of prayer service including Global, national, state and local leaders on Thursday, May 4th at 6:30pm, most likely at CLC. If you are willing to help with the service please contact Pastor Steve.

2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY - FLOURISH; LIKE TREES PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER. Saturday, May 6 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, Mankato, MN. Contact the church office by April 12 if interested in being a delegate.

THANK-YOUS I appreciate and thank all for the goodies and the nice shawl. I like the color which I don’t have. I say too, home made products are the best! Thanks again. -Mary Tweite

Church Family - Thank you so much for the lovely birthday cards and the well wishes for my 92nd birthday last week. It made my day very special! Yours in Christ, David Tweite



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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:

4/2 - Palm Sunday Lesson - Luke 19:28-40; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16

4/9 - No Sunday School- Happy Easter!

4/16 - Jesus Loves Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10

4/23 - A Widow's Mite - Luke 21:1-4

4/30 - James Warns Against Favoritism - James 2:1-13

The Education Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School kids on Palm Sunday 4/2 during Sunday School.

Confirmation will be on 4/23.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - The gospels are full of encounters that made a profound impact on those who spoke with Jesus. Through this study we learn how we can be changed today through our encounter with Him. Please come and join us! Nobody is an expert on the Bible! We are learning together and growing in our faith. -Pastor Nirmala

SUNDAY MORNING VIDEO & DISCUSSION IN CHOIR

ROOM - This video series is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. After the 11-14 minute video, there will be a 10 minute discussion. Please join us in the choir room from 9:20-9:45.

Apr 16 - Shells (feeling excessively busy); Apr 30 - Tomato (self worth)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - We will meet the first Saturday of each month at Otto's bakery on April 1 and May 6 at 9:00 and finish before 10:00. We will be discussing Titus chapter 2. Pastor Steve is leading this group.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - Looking for something fun this summer? Consider attending a Bible Camp. There are day and overnight options available at Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega. CLC will pay 60%, up to \$225, for registration fees with 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. Bible Camp Scholarship forms are on the kiosk or website <http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Biblecampedcom.pdf>. Scholarship applications are due May 31, 2023.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - Good Earth Village, our congregational supported camp, is offering traditional summer camp: overnight youth camp, day camps, and intergenerational camps. Goodearthvillage.org

2023 MISSION TRIP - All 15 spots are filled! We will be traveling to Benton Harbor, MI from June 25-30, 2023. The final payment of \$125 is due April 1st.

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 following the trip.



Confirmands busy making grilled cheese sandwiches.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - April 2023: We are coming to our last month of Confirmation. I want to personally thank the mentors this year for the time commitment they had with the program. I also want to thank each parent for their role of bringing their student each week, volunteering when needed, making sure their child did sermon notes and service projects, etc. Our 2nd year retreat is set for April 15th at the church. Confirmation rehearsal and pictures will be April 19th and Confirmation Sunday is April 23rd at the 10AM service. If questions, contact Dani Esser at esser.danielle@mayo.edu
2nd Yr Mentor Mtg: Wed, Apr 26, 7pm
1st Yr Mentor Mtg: Wed, May 3, 7pm

YOUTH/HOLY WEEK

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY - High School senior recognition Sunday will be held on May 7th. A reception with cake will be at 9am with recognition at the 10am worship service. Your CLC church family congratulates you on completing another important milestone. Scholarships will be presented. Please get your electronic pictures and/or videos submitted to David Heinz for the video presentation.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - All scholarship applications can be found on the kiosk and are due in to the church office by Sunday, April 23. Please submit scholarships individually in sealed envelopes marked with the scholarship's name.

YOUTH COMMITTEE SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP - A \$300 scholarship will be awarded to a High School Senior. The scholarship is presented on Senior Sunday.

BRENDA HALLAWAY SCHOLARSHIP - will award \$200 to assist any person entering or continuing in an education program, to enhance their skills.

GEORGE JAMSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - will award \$250 to a student who has contributed to the music ministry at CLC and who plans to incorporate music education while continuing studies beyond high school.

PALM SUNDAY FRENCH

TOAST BREAKFAST - April 2, 2023, 7:30 - noon. The Youth Committee is excited to host the Annual French Toast Breakfast featuring French toast, sausage, bananas, OJ, and coffee. Profits from this event 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. Mission trip youth and their families are expected to volunteer in the kitchen/dining room for this event.

SILENT AUCTION - Time to get creative! The Annual Silent Auction will be held April 2nd from 7:30am to 11:30am. 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 1 from 9-11am. Profits sponsor CLC youth at Bible Camps and Mission Trips.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 2

7:30am – noon - French Toast Breakfast
7:30am - 11:30am - Silent Auction
8am Traditional Worship
9:05am - Easter Egg Hunt
10am Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday - April 6

6:30pm Worship/Communion

Good Friday - April 7

6:30pm Worship

Easter Sunday - April 9

8am Traditional Worship/Communion
10am Contemporary Worship/Communion

FAMILY PROMISE STUFF - CLC is selling its Family Promise stuff. The following items are for sale or give away, with proceeds going to support Family Promise, Rochester. All \$\$ amounts listed are suggested donations.

- (5) Oil filled space heaters with roll over protection (used) - **\$20 each**
 - (13) New air mattresses in the box. Twin size 16 ½ inch with plug in compressor. All mattresses were purchased from Shopko. **\$25 each**
 - (10) Used twin air mattresses. Same description as new mattresses. **\$5 each**
 - (3) New Twin Mattress Pads for air mattresses **\$10 each**
 - (15) Used Mattress Pads for air mattresses **Give away**
 - (4) Like new desk lamps w/shades and bulbs **\$5 each**
 - (2) Used Pack and Plays **Give away**
 - (1) Ten pack LED Flashlights w/batteries (Like new) **\$10 for everything**
- Other give away items such as griddle, blender, 1st aid kits, toys, videos, etc.
Items will be available for purchase or pick up on Palm Sunday or earlier through the church office



Lenten talks were enjoyed by all.

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

CARD MAKING - Please join us at CLC on Saturday, April 15 for card making. We will craft from 9-1pm. Contact Joan Skare or JoAnn Brooks if you have questions.

JOY GROUP -The JOY Group would like to provide a basket for the silent auction on Palm Sunday. Please call Sandy Erickson with any ideas. We need to have this ready by March 31. Palm Sunday is April 2.

The next Joy Group meeting is April 11 at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. The hostesses are Joni Prigge and June Hart. Let's be prepared to discuss events for the summer as a group.

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00. We will meet at church to discuss the book "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. Feel free to join our group if you are interested. At the end of our meeting, the May book will be distributed. Contact Kristie Nelson for more information.

MOVIE TIME - Movie Time is the following Sundays at 2pm: Apr 16, May 7, and June 11. Movie titles are posted on the kiosk, bulletin board, or movie room door. Please join us in the theater room while we watch a family friendly movie. Open to all ages.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION - CLC collects food in the blue barrel by the front door for the Salvation Army. Thanks to Tom VanHeuklom and Jerry Rieser for dropping the recent donations off.

FAMILY PROMISE - IHN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

Volunteer options are: overnight volunteer, evening engagement, life skills. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA4AA22A3F94-volunteer1> To sign up for "Feed A Family", <https://www.fprochestermn.org/feed-a-family>

SPRING CLEAN UP - Please join the Building and Grounds Committee on Saturday, April 22 from 9 to noon at the church to spruce up the grounds and building. There will be inside and outside tasks.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Additional helpers are needed. Contact is Sandy Erickson if you are willing to donate your time.

ROCHESTER AREA VOLUNTEER FAIR - There will be over 30 Rochester nonprofit organizations where people can learn how they can strengthen our community and get connected through volunteering for a cause they are passionate about! Tuesday, May 9th from 3-6pm at 125 Live, 125 Elton Hills Dr NW, Rochester. Discover non-profit organizations in our community and what they do. Discover how your skills and talents can be used.

LADIES LUNCHEON - The Ladies Luncheon (formerly Mother/Daughter Luncheon) will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 11:00am-12:30pm. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us along with the wonderful women in their life. This year is a Minnesota theme with hot dishes served followed by a scavenger hunt through the church. Tickets will be \$7.00 and go on sale starting April 16th between services.



WORSHIP/STEWARDSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 2/21/23 - The CLC Council meeting was held on Feb 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Pastor Steve, Jason Pfeilsticker, David Schlobohm, Mark Turany, Joe Biewer, Randy Holz, Tom Tweite, Members not present: Joan Skare, Anna Palmer, Ben Johnson, Allie Petersen Devotions: Jason

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tom, Jason Second. A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Jason, Dave approved.

Jason presented the Treasurer's report. Income was \$21,640.56. Expenses were \$28,702.76. Expenses exceed income (\$7,062.20). 2022 YTD (\$5,198.82)

Pastor Lesson

Welcome New members. Ashley Ebenhoh, Tom Tweite, Randy Holz

Devotions Mar - Mark, Apr - Joe, May - Dave, Jun - Ashley, Jul - Randy, Aug - Anna, Sep - Ben, Oct - Tom, Nov - Joan, Dec - Randy, Jan - Mark

A discussion was held regarding committee assignments. The following is a list of the committees and the council representative.

Alter Committee – A Ebenhoh

Building and Grounds Committee - D Schlobohm

Education Committee - B Johnson

Connections/Evangelism Committee – J Skare

Memorial Committee - J Pfeilsticker

Stewardship Committee - R Holz and M Turany

Worship and Music Committee - A Palmer

Youth Committee – J Biewer

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
- Live Streamed services using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@christlutheranchurchbyronm10/streams>

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.

Endowment Committee - M Turany and J Pfeilsticker
Personnel Committee - R Holz, M Turany and J Biewer
Synod Representative- T Tweite

CLC open up to outside non profits - We are opening back up for non profits(Boy Scouts, Women of today, etc) waivers will be signed by any party wanting to use church for their organization.

Soup Suppers March 8th - Be to church by 4 PM

7 Soups: Mark, Randy, Joe (2), Tom, Joan

7 Bars: Mark, Jason, Dave, Ashely, Ben, Joe, Anna

French toast breakfast Joan? To organize a basket for silent auction (Meeks Organizing)

All Committee Meeting: March 12th at 9:05 in between services Keys, evangelism, calendar of events, Monthly meetings,

Evangelism: Easter egg hunt, Potluck between Palm Sunday and end of school year, Palm Sunday Breakfast, Puzzle Party How and who promotes it?

Calendars, merging of the 2: Making a 1 stop shop to see events going on at church.

Church events/activities listed by month. To be aware of what is coming up and who would want to be the lead of any activity.

CLC is getting the locks rekeyed: Explore Keypad option on doors.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be March 20th, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Joe Biewer, council secretary

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 \$565 in February in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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April 2023

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, Apr 2, 8am & 10am

Maundy Thursday, Apr 6, 6:30pm

Good Friday, Apr 7, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, Apr 9, 8am & 10am

Worship Times

8am Traditional Worship

9:05am Sunday School

9:20am Adult Ed

10am Contemporary Worship

LiveStream Worship

Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please

pray for Bonnie Poulter, Harriet Douglas, Tricia Dickison, Pam Nieman, Carl Fugleberg, David Denson, Sue Briske, and Jim Gronvold.

TIME & TALENTS (Volunteer Opportunities) can be left in the offering plates or update online

2023 COMMUNION REGISTRATION -

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

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED

Please provide treats for fellowship time during April, if your last name starts with F - J. Please donate a batch of cookies/bars. 15 dozen are needed for each Sunday. Help is needed with set up and clean up after fellowship time. If interested, contact coordinator Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321.

No cookies needed for Palm Sunday.

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - On the first

Sunday of each month, Pastor Steve or Pastor Nirmala will be available for individual prayer and anointing (optional) at the altar railing. Prayers could include physical or emotional healing for yourself or loved ones. Requests at the railing will be kept confidential.



ATTENDANCE

Jan 2023 Avg 151
 Jan 2022 Avg 92

Feb 2023 Avg 166
 Feb 2022 Avg 139

MARCH 2023

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