

PASTOR MESSAGE

Forty days after Easter and ten days after Jesus visibly ascends to heaven comes the day of Pentecost which was May 28th. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples to empower God's people to continue the mission of God on earth. The Apostle Paul understood the mission of the church and the following statements are his on the identity and purpose of the church.

Jesus is the church's only foundation.

Jesus is the head of the church.

The church's proclamation is centered on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christians are saved by grace through faith and not by their obedience.

The church is the body of Christ continuing the mission of God in the world.

All Christians have been gifted to build up the body of Christ with love being the most excellent gift.

All members are gifted by God to love all and to serve all.

The church is to equip (teach, train, empower) all members for ministry and service in God's mission.

The church has been given the ministry of reconciliation between God and people and between peoples.

Every local church is a mission center for God to reveal and accomplish God's purposes.

The church wrestles with the powers of darkness and needs God's armor to be effective in the struggle.

When Paul thought about "church" he didn't think about a building, instead he thought of the people of God on a mission with God to bring all things together in Christ. Jesus is the head of the church and the King of the kingdom. We are invited to be participants not spectators in what God is up to in the world.

Thanks for your commitment to the mission of Christ Lutheran Church which is one of millions of churches all over the world following Jesus in God's mission. Remember summer worship is at 9:00. Pastor Steve

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

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.



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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - JUNE/JULY -

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2023-2024 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 families 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 Jan through Jun will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. Jul through Dec will go to the Channel One Food Shelf. Thanks! -Francine

2023 MISSION TRIP - All 15 spots are filled! We will be traveling to Benton Harbor, MI from June 25-30.

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.

SHAREHOLDER PRESENTATION AND ICE

CREAM TREATS - All shareholders, please join us on Sunday, July 2 at 10am in the fellowship hall for a presentation and ice cream treats.

YOUTH EVENT - BEAN BAGS, CAMPFIRE, CONVERSATION AND FOOD! - Hey confirmed youth, come join confirmation mentors for an evening filled with games, food, and chats around the campfire. We will enjoy some laughs, competition and opportunity for Q&A around teen mental health. Feel free to bring a friend! Come join us on the CLC lawn Wednesday, June 14th, 6 to 10pm.

Parents, join Pastor Steve and Matt Petersen inside at 7pm for conversation regarding teen mental health and how we can support our teens.

Sunday School sang on their final Sunday.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION - Registration forms for Sunday School and confirmation are on the kiosk and online.

SS: www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/ uploads/2023/05/2023-2024-Sunday-School-Registration -Form.pdf

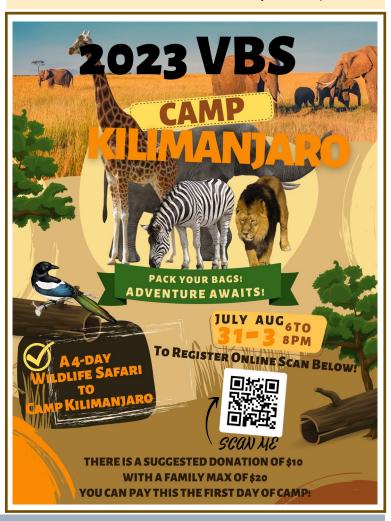
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2023 VBS - Registration forms are on the kiosk.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - The first and second year mandatory confirmation retreat at Eagle Bluff is Sat, September 9.

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 info including address or email and we can mail or email them newsletters or the weekly email updates.



Congratulations to our 2023 Seniors!

Senior Sunday was May 7. God bless our Senior class.

Luke Bjelland Haley Kerns Briella Olson Abbigail Dodge Finnley Klunder McKenzie Sauter

Carter Geerts
Tyler Magnuson*
Makana Schroeder

Abby Hall Nathan Matter

Ava Johnson
Mindy Mittelstadt
*Received a scholarship.

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

JOY GROUP - The Joy Group meets June 13 at 10:30am in the fellowship hall at CLC. Hostesses for the June Meeting are Diane Bisping and Carol Smith. Plans for the July annual picnic will be finalized. An outing for June will be discussed. A list of volunteers to serve as Hostess at each meeting for the time frame of August 2023 thru June 2024 will be finalized.

MOVIE TIME – Movie Time is the following Sundays at 2pm: June 11, July 9, and Aug 13. 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.

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

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL PLANNING MEETING - A planning meeting for the Good Neighbor Days Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, June 11 at 10am. Please join us!

FAMILY PROMISE DONATION DRIVE - The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a supply drive for Family Promise. There will be a box in the entry area by the office to collect the donations in early June. Collections will run through June 25. Items needed are: Twin White Sheets (fitted only), Garbage Cans (small and large), Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Hand Soaps (liquid), Dish Cloths, Diaper Rash Cream, Diaper Wipes (Sensitive), Sunscreen, Lip Balm, Nail Clippers, Cotton Swabs (Q-Tips), Diapers/Pullups (size 6 & 7), Gas Cards, Grocery Cards, Bus Passes, Clorox Wipes, Toddler Toys (no small pieces), Liquid Laundry Detergent, Garbage Bags (13 gallon)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2023



July 15 - 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 - The ride will occur on Wednesday, June 21. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30pm and return to the church around 8:30pm. Send Pastor Steve an email to find out pizza options. Berne Wood-Fired Pizza. Bernepizza.org

Recently seen around the church...













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June-July 2023



Worship Times

9am Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship LiveStream Worship Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED

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



SUMMER TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship times will move to one service at 9am beginning Memorial

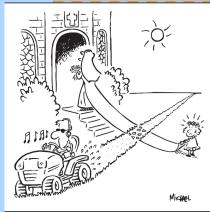
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Bonnie Poulter, Harriet Douglas, David Denson, Frances Noland, Dave Spurbeck, Allyson Yennie, and Jim Gronvold.

2023 COMMUNION REGISTRATION -

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



ATTENDANCE

Mar 2023 Avg 147 Mar 2022 Avg 142 Apr 2023 Avg 282 Apr 2022 Avg 257 5/7/2023 197

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Summer church office hours will be Mon - Wed from 9am - 1pm from June 5 - August 30.