



PASTOR MESSAGE - GIVING OUR ALL

The Bible says the earth and everything in it belongs to God. Psalms 24:1- "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." That means everything-including you and I. Without God, we could not take another breath. Without Him, there would be no air to breathe! He is responsible for everything we see, everything we have and everything we have ever accomplished that is good.

So why is it so hard for us to acknowledge everything belongs to God? Pride.... pure and simple. Acknowledgement of that fact would overthrow the self reliant factor ingrained into all of us. It's that boastful arrogance that rises up in us and says "look at what I have, look at what I did or look at who I am!" Until we realize we have nothing, can do nothing and are nothing without God, it's all vanity....as the king Solomon said.

Why do we give or why should we give? To glorify God and further His kingdom! We give because God deserves our all. When we give to Him with a perfect heart-not expecting anything in return-it is our best way to magnify and glorify Him for all He has done for us. In Malachi 3:8 it says when we don't give we rob Him: "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

Yes, we have robbed Him tithes and offerings but think about this; when we don't give our all to God; our talents, service and treasures to further His kingdom in whatever way it may be-do we not also rob Him of the Glory that is rightfully His? Think about it. We are only a means to His end. When God brings our expectation to fruition, we give Him all the glory, as we should. Think about this-He gave us the expectation to begin with! He gave us the power and wisdom to accomplish His work. When we fail to be a part of His initial plans in the action of giving, we are also robbing God of His Glory! And we are robbing ourselves of His blessings. He has always used man to accomplish His plans. How awesome to be used of Almighty God! Give your all with a perfect heart and see what happens!

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

The motivation for our giving is Jesus who gave himself for us. He promises us forgiveness of our sins and promise of eternal life. May the Grace of God inspire us to become generous givers. God loves the cheerful givers!

Peace and Joy - Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

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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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 or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for October will be:

- 10/1 - The Chief Priests - Matthew 21:23-32
- 10/8 - Parable of the Vineyard - Matthew 21:33-46
- 10/15 - The Wedding Banquet - Matthew 22:1-14
- 10/22 - Paying Taxes - Matthew 22:15-22
- 10/29 - No Sunday School

5th Graders will start First Communion Lessons on 10/1 and have them every Sunday leading up to First Communion on 10/29.

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

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

FIND YOUR PAGE - The Bible pages to Sunday readings are listed below the readings in your weekly email. It is the very last entry in your weekly email. The first number is the pew bible number and the second is the Children's Bible, (3rd grade Bible). You are encouraged to put bookmarks in your bible before worship so when the time comes you can follow along with minimum frustration. The page numbers are posted on the screen as well but following your weekly email gives you the opportunity to set up before worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Registration forms for Sunday School are on the kiosk and online. Kids can join Sunday School at any time. www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-2024-Sunday-School-Registration-Form.pdf

3RD GRADE BIBLES— If you weren't able to attend the 3rd grade Bible ceremony, you can still get a bible for your 3rd grader. Contact the office.



CONFIRMATION NEWS - OCTOBER

2023 – 2024 Confirmation has started. Thank you to those that will be mentoring this year: Sarah Johnson, Darcy Hall, Erika Rolland, Shannan Quam, Jennifer Hollister, Matt Petersen, Maggie Fossum, Tina Jordahl and JoAnn Brooks. The Eagle Bluff Retreat was a wonderful event and the students had a blast on the rock wall and ropes course. This year we are focusing on the New Testament.

Confirmation Service Projects: Confirmation students interested in assisting with the Christ Lutheran Church Fall Cleanup on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00am to Noon, please complete the Service Project Signup Sheet [HERE](#). 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 Shay Baumbach, Confirmation Coordinator at clcconfirmmentor@gmail.com

MEN'S MORNING GROUP - The Men's monthly Bible conversation at Otto's Bakery is normally held on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00, starting Oct 7. Join us for coffee and a pastry (not required but recommended). All ages of men are welcome. Pastor Steve is leading the group.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Come one come all to the Wed morning bible study, resuming Oct 4 at 10am. Pastor Steve will lead in October and we will be looking at Ephesians, I encourage you to read chapter one before our first gathering. All are Welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED - OCTOBER

Sunday morning adult conversation open to all ages on the Gospel reading for that Sunday. There is a handout which provides background as well as discussion questions to go deeper.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Wed nights, a 35 minute lecture from 7 - 7:35pm, as part of confirmation class, open to all ages.



YOUTH/FELLOWSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - Senior high kids in grades 9-12, please join Kim Postier and Diane Theobald on Wednesdays at 7pm at CLC. Bring your friends.

Recently seen around CLC...

MISSION TRIP - 2024

St. Louis, MO from June 15-21, 2024. CLC has booked 13 youth and 2 adult leader spots. If interested for youth spots please submit a \$150 deposit and registration form, found on the kiosk. Interested adults, please contact the office. Trip is open to youth that complete 8th - 12th grade in 2024. We currently have 4 kids registered and 9 available youth spots, and 2 available adult spots. Payment schedule: 1st Payment \$150 due November 15. 2nd payment \$125 due December 15. 3rd Payment \$100 due April 1.

Scholarships are available, contact Pastor Steve.



MOVIE TIME – Movie Time is on Sunday, Nov 12 at 2pm. 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. Popcorn will be provided but bring your own beverages. Open to all ages.

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct 3rd to discuss Good Eggs by Rebecca Hardiman. We meet on the first Tues of the month at CLC at 7pm. After discussion, the book for next month is distributed. If you have questions about joining our group, email Kristie Nelson at kjn0312@gmail.com.

Nov. 7: The Personal Librarian, by M Benedict & V Christopher Murray

Dec. 5: The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah

Jan. 2: The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant

Feb. 6: Heart in the Right Place, by Carolyn Jourdan

March 5: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, by Gail Honeyman

April 2: The Martian, by Andy Weir

May 7: Invisible Child, by Andrea Elliott

JOY GROUP - Joy Group meets Oct 10th at 10:30am. New members are welcomed. Contact is Sandy Erickson. JOY group will be going to Pizza Ranch in Stewartville on Oct 4th. Meet at the church parking lot by 10:40am to car pool to Stewartville.

CARD MAKING - Join the creative card making group on Saturday, Oct 21 from 9am - 1pm in the room off the kitchen at CLC. Contact Joan Skare with questions. We hope to see you there! This group meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday.



BEGINNER QUILTING/SEWING GROUP

Beginner quilting/sewing group will meet monthly on the second Saturday, starting in October from 9am - Noon. Please join us on Oct 14!

Contact person: Chris Polzin: 507-269-7579 or mpolzin@frontiernet.net

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH

SUPPER CLUB SMALL GROUPS - Anyone can sign up: singles, couples, and families. You will be placed with 2 to 3 other family units and each will host a supper or snacks and conversation one time during the year. Your commitment is to host once, at your home, at a park, or even at the church, and then simply enjoy the hospitality of the others in your group. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the office or contact the office directly. Groups will be formed in October.

ALTAR COMMITTEE NEEDS MORE MEMBERS

Altar Committee has 6 members, and ideally, need a minimum of 7-9. We are more of a behind the scenes committee. Monthly meetings are the 3rd Monday @ 7pm. For more info, contact Chris Polzin, Altar Chair mpolzin@frontiernet.net or 507-269-7579

ALTAR COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS -

COMMUNION SET UP - There will be training sessions on Mon, Oct 19 at 6pm and Thur, Oct 19 at 10am. Please email or text Chris Polzin which date will work best. mpolzin@frontiernet.net or 507-269-7579

NEW MEMBER INFO - CLC will host a new member orientation breakfast on Saturday, Oct 28 from 9:30—10:30am. New member reception will be Sunday, November 5 at either the 8am or 10am service. Contact Pastor Nirmala for more info. Link to the new member form: clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/New-Member-Form-1.pdf

JUBELLANCE, our handbell group, practices every other Wednesday for about an hour, and plays at the 8 o'clock Sunday service once a month. Contact Jane Cabaya at 775-6183 or janecabaya25@gmail.com

SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION

CLC collects food in the blue barrel by the front door.

CLC SHARING THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2023

This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for Woman's Shelter House in Rochester. The Sharing Tree will be put up mid-October.

The focus of the Woman's Shelter is to provide temporary shelter and services to people impacted by domestic violence while transforming our communities through education and leadership for social change. Their goal is for all people to live safely with freedom and dignity in our communities.

A list of the items needed will be available on the Sharing Tree mid-October. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 17, 2023. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.



TRICK OR TREAT COSTUME PARTY

October 29th 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 for families wishing to sponsor a door. Families provide candy (plan for 150-200 pieces of candy) for the trick or treaters. Decorating your door and dressing up is optional, but encouraged. Kristine Ihrke is the contact.



CHANCEL CHOIR practices every other Wed and blesses the 8 o'clock Sunday service once a month. You don't need a solo voice to enhance the music, just a willingness to share the voice you have been blessed with. It's not a big commitment, about 45 minutes/practice, and it really does "do ya' good". For more info, contact Julie Carlblom - 507-250-1302 or jcarlblom@kmtel.com

FAMILY PROMISE 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>

LEFSE - There will be a lefse planning meeting on Sunday, October 15th in the fellowship hall at 9:00am. Presale orders will start on Sun, Oct 29th. Please contact Sherri Biewer at 701-261-9110 or sdathe@hotmail.com if you're interested in helping. Currently planning to prepare the dough on November 17th and then baking on November 18th. Another session will be held during the week with those dates still in progress.

CHRISTMAS GOODIE SALE - There will be a bake sale on Saturday, December 9th. Each family is encouraged to donate a batch of their favorite baked goods. If you are interested in helping please contact Sherri Biewer at 701-261-9110 or sdathe@hotmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 09/18/2023

The CLC Council meeting was held on September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

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

Devotions: Pastor Steve

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Randy, Ben second

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Jason, Dave second

Jason presented the Treasurer's report. Income was \$22,827.70. Expenses were \$25,302.74. Expenses exceed income (\$2,475.04). 2023 YTD (\$19,670,13) 2022 YTD (\$13,440.21)

Pastor Lesson

Information/Discussion

Strategic plan review was done by Pastor

Venmo Giving is coming and the details are still being worked out

Stewardship update: Committee met and they are sending out a letter to congregation and thinking about an event for the church

Council seats open for 2024 2 youth, 4 adult (Joe picking up a second term). Mark, Anna, (Ben and Jason have fulfilled their 2 three year terms)

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.

Council attendance will be very important in the coming months to help plan for 2024

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 16th, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Joe Biewer, council secretary

STEWARDSHIP - CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

On line giving fits the normal practices and patterns of many in our congregation for their personal finances. At CLC we have an opportunity for on-line giving just by going to the CLC website and click "giving". You can decide the amount and frequency in the comfort of your home. And we're working to be able to provide other options such as Venmo, using your cell phone right here in church.

On-line giving also helps with budget planning for implementing our church's mission statement, especially if the gift is recurrent throughout the year.

Despite intensive searching, I did not find a Bible verse about online giving, but here are several passages reminding all of us how we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7-10; Luke 6:38; James 2:17-22.

FALL CLEAN UP - Please join us on Saturday, October 21 from 9am - noon, rain or shine, for fall clean-up. We will be doing inside and outside work. Please bring rakes, blowers, and weed whackers.



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 \$25 in July in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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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

Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646 or
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 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com
 President, Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Harriet Douglas, Linda Bausman, and Ruth Brooks.

2023 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

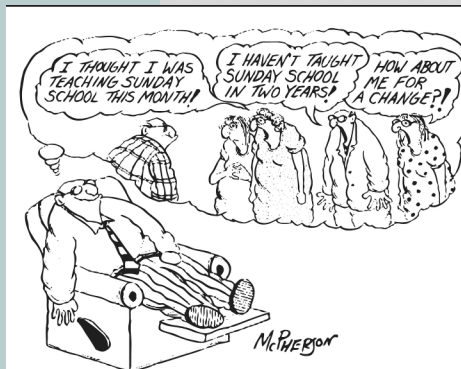
Please register once annually by writing your name on the communion list on the registration table.

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED

Please provide a batch of cookies/bars for fellowship time during October, if your last name starts with U-Z. Help is needed with set up and clean up after fellowship time. If interested, contact Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321.

HIGHER EXPENSES YTD 2023

Salaries \$10,000
 Snow Removal \$2,500
 Automatic Door \$5,000
 Maintenance \$2,000
 Insurance \$1,000



Pastor Dave indulges in one of his favorite daydreams.

ATTENDANCE

July 2023 Avg	109
July 2022 Avg	105
Aug 2023 Avg	143
Aug 2022 Avg	112
9.3.23	131
9.10.23	225
9.17.23	234
9.24.23	213
Sep 2023 Avg	201
Sep 2022 Avg	168

ROMANS 3:21-25 - But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.