



PASTOR MESSAGE

Each November we ask members of Christ Lutheran Church to purposely/intentionally consider their gifts of time, talent, and offerings to further the mission of God through Christ Lutheran Church. To be a mission center making Christ’s love known takes a lot of volunteers and generosity. I am grateful for all you do!

You will receive time and talent forms by mail along with pledge cards asking you to intentionally commit to helping us do our mission through this next year. I am excited about what God has done, is doing, and will do through Christ Lutheran Church. I am grateful for your commitment to God’s mission through Christ Lutheran.

Each November we also remember All Saints Day and give thanks for the witness of people who have allowed the light of Christ to shine through their lives (like a stained glass window). In my life I am so grateful for the witness of my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Who are the people in your life that have encouraged you to grow in your relationship with God?

The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians...
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

At our Pastors’ theological conference in October Bishop Regina reminded us that as a denomination, as a congregation, and as individual followers of Jesus, we are cracked pots, but that’s ok. Its not the pot that is precious, but what is inside that leaks through the cracks that is the treasure. May you grow deeper in your knowledge of the treasures that are ours in Jesus. Give thanks for people who have shared that treasure with you.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - NOVEMBER

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:

11/5 - Be Humble - Matthew 23:1-12

11/12 - Ten Bridesmaids - Matthew 25:1-13

11/19 - Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14-30

11/26 - No Sunday School

We are starting preparations for our Christmas Program! Starting on 11/5 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 12/9 (time TBD) for speaking parts only. Dress rehearsal for the cast of the program will be during Sunday school on 12/10 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 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.

MEN'S MORNING GROUP - Meets on Saturday morning, November 11, at 9am at Otto's. We will be talking about role models in our lives following All Saints Sunday.

MEMBER INFO - New member reception will be Sunday, November 5 at the 10am service. Cake and coffee will be served from 9-10am in honor of the new members. Contact Pastor Nirmala for more info. Link to the new member form: clcb Byron.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/New-Member-Form-1.pdf

TIME CHANGE - Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5.

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - This month we will study the seven letters to seven churches in Asia Minor (Modern Day Turkey) Revelation (2-3). Each letter, as proclaimed by Jesus and recorded by John the Apostle, declares the victories and failings of the recipient churches and warns each congregation to repent. This study will help us to examine our lives and to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome! - Pastor Nirmala

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED - NOVEMBER

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.

First Communion



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.

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 11 kids registered and 2 available youth 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 Tues, Nov 7th at CLC to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by M Benedict & V C Murray. Each person brings their own beverage and we take turns bringing a snack to share. After discussion, the book for next month is distributed. Questions, email Kristie Nelson at kjn0312@gmail.com

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 Tuesday, Nov 14 at 10:30am. Hostesses are Millie Broin and Joan Skare. A reminder that Dec 12 meeting is the Christmas pot luck, starting at 11am.

CARD MAKING - Join the creative card making group on Saturday, Nov 18 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 meets monthly on the second Saturday, (November 11) from 9am - Noon. Contact person: Chris Polzin: 507-269-7579 or mpolzin@frontiernet.net New members welcome!!

CABIN FEVER DATE EVENT - Sun, Dec 3, 11am-3pm

Leave your kids after church for fun and adventure while parents finish up Christmas shopping or catch lunch and a movie. Lunch and snacks will be served. The theme is Bible heroes. Babysitters will be mission trip kids and confirmation kids, along with adult supervision. Kim Postier is coordinating. This event is open to CLC members and the community.

We will be visited by either the fire dept. police dept, or an ambulance EMT. Additionally there will be games, a special Bible visitor, crafts, movie, and lots and lots of fun!

The Youth Committee is sponsoring this fundraiser to support the mission trip and bible camp scholarships.

Recently seen around CLC...



FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH



Come and learn of Christmas celebrations around the world!!
Sundays 9:00 am to 10 am

Norway – November 26, 2023

Bosnia – December 3, 2023

India – December 17, 2023

Hear stories of their traditions and sample foods they savor
when celebrating the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas! God Jul! Srećan Božić! Natal Mubarak!

LEFSE - The annual lefse fundraiser will be held in November. No experience is necessary! It is a fun way to get together with friends and learn from each other. We will have 2 dates for this to help accommodate more people's schedules.

The first dates will be mixing and preparing the dough on Tues, Nov 14th at 9am and rolling and baking on Wed, Nov 15th at noon.

The second date will be mixing and preparing the dough on Fri, Nov 17th at 9am and rolling and baking on Sat, Nov 18th at 9am.

There is a sign up schedule located at the kiosk or please fill out the sign up genius here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABAD2EABFE3-45616720-lefse>

There will not be preorders this year. If you are interested in buying the lefse it will be for sale on Sunday, November 19th from 8am-11am (or until gone). Proceeds benefit the parking lot fund.

Please let Sherri or Joe Biewer know if (sdathe@hotmail.com or 701-261-9110) you have any questions or if you are interested in helping.

CHRISTMAS GOODIE SALE - There will be a bake sale on Sat, Dec 9th from 9-11am. Each family is encouraged to donate a batch of their favorite baked goods. Items can be dropped off Fri, Dec 8 from 4-6pm or Sat, Dec 9 from 8-9am. If interested in helping please contact Sherri Biewer at 701-261-9110 or sdathe@hotmail.com.

Proceeds benefit the parking lot fund.

CLC SHARING THE HOLIDAY SEASON 2023

This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for Woman's Shelter House in Rochester. 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 is below. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 17, 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

* School supplies: Scissors, Folders plastic (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green), Crayons, Colored pencils, Pencils (sharpened preferred), Erasers, Glue (bottles and sticks), Highlighters, Markers

* Non-Perishable Food and Snacks (individual packets, i.e., Potato chips, granola bars, fruit bars, pretzel bits, raisins, fruit packets, animal crackers, and microwave popcorn.

* Baby Wipes * Paper products (toilet paper, napkins, tissues) * Ecofriendly plates, bowls microwavable and cutlery. * Cleaning supplies (dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray)

* Adult color/activity books & colored pencils * Kitchen utensils (spatulas, whisks, wooden spoons, measuring cups/spoons, peeler, graters, cutting boards, knife sets, ladels, can openers, kitchen scissors, baking sheets, pot holders) * Gift cards to Visa, Hy-Vee, Target, Walmart



STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

OFFERING STATS

QCD Donations YTD Sept 2023 \$29,700

Electronic Donations YTD Sept 2023 \$65,000+ or 29% of donations income

families giving electronically: over 50 families

zero giving families in 2021 - 110 families

zero giving families in 2022 - 93 families

zero giving families YTD 2023 - 110 families (333 families total at CLC)

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 19

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 2024, 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOV 5

November 5, 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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order forms will be available in later November.

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>

SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION

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

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).
- 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christ Lutheran will have 4 Christmas services with communion on December 24: 9am, 3pm, 4:30pm, and 7pm. The services will feature candlelight, carols, and the Christmas story. 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 or use the sign up sheet on the table outside the office.

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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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray

for Harriet Douglas, Linda Bausman, Sharon Johnson, 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 November, 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.

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 complete our Time and Talent Form. [Time & Talents - Christ Lutheran Church \(clcbyron.org\)](https://www.clcbyron.org)



Dr. Sheldon takes advantage of his congregation's lack of knowledge of the Greek language.

ATTENDANCE

Aug 2023 Avg	143
Aug 2022 Avg	112
Sep 2023 Avg	201
Sep 2022 Avg	168
10.1.23	162
10.8.23	226
10.15.23	214
10.22.23	211
10.29.23	264
Oct 2023 Avg	215
Oct 2022 Avg	200

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