



### PASTOR’S MESSAGE - EASTER MEANS HOPE

We have just celebrated Easter! We heard the good news that Our God is Living and He knows what we are going through and He has the power to help us, comfort and guide us. Sometimes the struggles of life overshadow our faith and hope in our Risen Lord. We forget that Jesus rising from the dead was more than a mere miracle from God. Jesus’ resurrection was the beginning of the fulfillment of all God’s promises to us.

Resurrection signifies triumph over adversity, the promise of eternal life and power of redemption. It also offers solace reassurance. Just as Jesus emerged from the darkness of the tomb into the light of the new beginning, so can we find hope during the times of transition and uncertainty. The story of resurrection reminds believers that endings lead to new beginnings.

During this time of change, let’s find comfort and hope that the Risen Lord is with us and He will carry us through and enable us to continue the mission of the church. In the midst of pastoral changes we are reminded that Jesus is our Good Shepherd (Great Pastor) who has a plan and purpose for His church.

**In this final newsletter article,** I would like to thank all of you for giving me an opportunity to serve you for the past seven years. I appreciate your enthusiasm, energy, passion, faith and generosity. These are truly inspiring and awesome gifts which assures me that Christ Lutheran will continue to be a beacon of light in the Byron community. May the hope of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus continue to give you hope and confidence to face the future. Hold fast to God’s promises through the disciplines of prayer, worship, sacraments, and reading of scripture for it is He who holds fast to you now and forever.

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Serving in Christ’s name, Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, son of the father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. Just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally, this is most certainly true. **Martin Luther, Explanation to second article of Apostles Creed**



Steve Rheingans  
Senior Pastor

clcpastorsteve@gmail.com



Pastor Nirmala  
Reinschmidt

clcreinschmidt@gmail.com

**Inside This Edition:**  
**Page 2-3: Education/ Youth/Fellowship/ Outreach**  
**Page 4-5: Calendar/ Volunteers/ Stewardship/ Worship**  
**Page 6: Prayers/ Attendance**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR APRIL** - If you are interested in volunteering or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at 507-951-2234. or [fkovash@hotmail.com](mailto:fkovash@hotmail.com) The lessons for April will be:

4/7 - Doubting Thomas - John 20:19-31  
 4/14 - The Great Commission - Luke 24:36-53  
 4/21 - The Good Shepherd - John 10:11-18  
 4/28 - Philip and the Ethiopian - Acts 8:26-40

The Education Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School kids on Sunday 4/7 during Sunday School.

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** - Pastor Steve will be leading the group on Wednesdays at 10am during April. Jesus final teachings and prayer before the crucifixion. John 13 - April 3; John 14 - April 10; John 15 - April 17; John 17 - April 24

**MEN'S MORNING GROUP** - Please join us on Saturday, April 6 at 9am at Otto's Bakery as we discuss the disciples right before and right after the resurrection.

**MISSION TRIP - 2024** - St. Louis, MO from June 15-21. **Final payment of \$100 is due April 1.** Please register your student. Scholarships are available, contact Pastor Steve.

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

### **GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - SUMMER CAMP**

Registration is available for youth summer camp at [www.goodearthvillage.org/summer](http://www.goodearthvillage.org/summer) Good Earth Village is our congregationally supported church camp. CLC pays for 60% of camp costs (up to \$225 max/kid) for Good Earth Village camps.

### **MISSION TRIP SHARES & SHAREHOLDER**

**EVENT** - Forms are on the kiosk. Shares are \$25 each and help cover youth and chaperone expenses on the mission trip. There will be a presentation



*with treats on Sunday, June 23.*



**BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** - Registration forms for Bible Camp Scholarships are on the kiosk or on our website. CLC will pay 60%, up to \$225, of the registration fees at 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. Some area camps to consider are Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega. To access the scholarship form online: [www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Biblecampedcom.pdf](http://www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Biblecampedcom.pdf)

**SENIOR SUNDAY** - Senior recognition Sunday will be May 19th. 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.

**Scholarship Opportunities** - Applications are on the kiosk and are due by Sunday, April 28. Please submit scholarships individually to the office in sealed envelopes marked with the scholarship's name. Scholarships available are Youth Committee, Hallaway, and Jamsa Memorial Scholarships.

**CONFIRMATION NEWS** 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. -Shay Baumbach, coordinator

Confirmation Sunday is April 21 at the 10AM service.

**ROMANS 8:35, 37-39** <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Another successful year of Soup Suppers.





# OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

Recently seen around CLC...

**JOY GROUP** - The Joy Group will meet on April 9 at 10:30am. Hostesses for April are Bev Olson and Joni Prigge. Hope to see all in the fellowship hall at Church. New members welcome!

**CARD MAKING** - Card making group will meet on Saturday, Apr 20 from 9-1 at CLC. New crafters always welcomed!

**QUILTING/SEWING GROUP** - The Sewing/Quilting group will meet Sat, Apr 13 from 9 - noon. Contact is Chris Polzin 507-269-7579 or [mpolzin@frontiernet.net](mailto:mpolzin@frontiernet.net)

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION** - Food is collected in the blue barrel by the front door.

**BOOK CLUB** - Our next Book Club gathering is Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00. We meet at Christ Lutheran and will be talking about "The Martian" by Andy Weir. Ruth Ramsey is our host for that meeting.

Please feel free to join us. We meet the first Tuesday of each month Sept -May at church. We take turns leading discussion and bringing snacks. Each person brings their own beverage.

**MOVIE TIME** - Please join us in the CLC theater for a family friendly movie on April 6 at 7pm. Movie title will be posted on the kiosk, church bulletin boards, and on the movie room door. Popcorn will be provided, but bring your own beverage. Contact JoAnn Brooks with questions.

**THANK-YOU** to the Education Committee who hosted the 2nd annual pizza/puzzle night. It was such a fun evening here at CLC with all the food and teams to put the puzzles together. I'm sure it was enjoyed by all who attended. Yours in Christ, Jeanne Tweite & team

**THANK-YOU** to all that helped with organizing and setting up/ supporting the cast for the Lenten dramas. It was nice to see these stories come to life. Randy & Susan Holz

**THANK-YOU** to everyone who purchased lilies or mums for Easter. The sanctuary was beautiful to celebrate our risen Lord.

**THANK-YOU** to everyone who supported the French Toast Breakfast and silent auction! It was a very successful day with almost \$4,000 raised for the youth mission trip and bible camp scholarships. Thanks to all!



## SEMN SYNOD CALL PROCESS

- Phase One: The Transition Process
- Phase Two: The Self-Study Process
- Phase Three: The Interview Process for Call Committees/Councils
- Phase Four: Welcoming Your New Pastor

<https://semnsynod.org/resources-for-congregations-and-leaders/call-process>

### Phase One: The Leave-taking - The Transition time

After the pastor announces they are resigning their call, a representative from the Office of the Bishop will meet with the congregational council to orient them to the call process (occurred Feb 22). At this time, information about the interim pastor is shared with the council so they can make the best decision about how the congregation and ministries will be cared for.... It is also the time to celebrate the ministry that the pastor and the congregation have shared and the council forms and appoints the call committee.

# APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Contemporary Worship	1 6:00pm Book Club	2 6:00pm Book Club	3 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Youth Group	4 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Youth Group	5 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Confirmation/NT 7:00pm Youth Group	6 9:00am Men's Group 10:00am Praise Team 7:00pm Movie Time
7 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School/Egg Hunt 10:00am Contemporary Worship 4:30pm Scouts (Tiger)	8 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee	9 10:30am JOY Group 6:30pm Exec.	10 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Confirmation/NT 7:00pm Youth Group	11 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Confirmation/NT 7:00pm Youth Group	12 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Confirmation/NT 7:00pm Youth Group	13 Confirmation Retreat - 2nd Year 9:00am Sewing Group 10:00am Praise Team
14 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:00am Youth Committee 9:05am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 47964	15 7:00pm Altar Committee	16 6:30pm Council	17 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures - 2nd year 7:00pm Youth Group	18 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures - 2nd year 7:00pm Youth Group	19 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures - 2nd year 7:00pm Youth Group	20 9:00am Card Making 9:00am Spring Clean Up at CLC 10:00am Praise Team
21 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship/ Confirmation	22 7:00pm Altar Committee	23 6:30pm Council	24 10:00am Adult Bible Study 2:00pm Madonna Summit Workshop 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm 2nd Year Mentors Meeting	25 10:00am Adult Bible Study 2:00pm Madonna Summit Workshop 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm 2nd Year Mentors Meeting	26 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Youth Group	27 10:00am Praise Team
28 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship	29 6:30pm Music Committee	30 6:30pm Council	1 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm 1st Year Mentors Meeting	2 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm 1st Year Mentors Meeting	3 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm 1st Year Mentors Meeting	4 9:00am Men's Group 10:00am Praise Team

# STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

## CLC COUNCIL MEETING 3/19/24 at 6:30pm

Members Present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Joe Biewer, Tim Anderson, Carol Smith, Joan Skare, Mark Turany, Randy Holz, Dave Schlobohm, and Luke Brown.

Members Absent: Josh Dickison, Tom Tweite, Pastor Steve and Allie Petersen

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Randy and Joan Second. Motion PASSED

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Joe and Carol second. Motion PASSED

Joe presented the February Treasurer's report:

Income \$34,408. Expenses \$30,162. YTD +\$6,960.

**Pastor Lesson:** Pastors Lesson moved to April

### Information/Discussion

Randy gave an update on the raffle for 2024

Pastor Nirmala Resignation was discussed: Heartfelt but positive conversation.

Devotional lead schedule was established.

Committee assignments were established.

A council Silent Auction basket from the council will be put together by Joe.

Mark went over the interview Guidelines for the interim Pastor: Introductions, Raise hands to ask Questions, Each council member to ask 1-2 questions, Questions from Pastor Susan

Council will have a Rep at a Council table once a month for Question and answer as we transition with the call process. April 7th 2024 will be Randy.

Carol introduced Pastor Susan Li to be interviewed by council for Interim Pastor.

## Action Items

Council interviewed Pastor Susan Li for the interim Pastor position. Many great questions asked with detailed answers by Pastor Susan.

Pastor Susan led council in discussion and a closing Prayer.

Pastor Susan was excused from our meeting. Council discussed the interview.

Motion was made by Luke and second by Joan to Call Pastor Susan as our Interim Pastor. Motion PASSED.

Mark will contact Synod to start the process.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe, second by Dave. Motion Passed

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Mark did contact Pastor Susan Li and she accepted the Call and will begin July 1.**

### **2024 Council Committee Assignment**

Altar: Ashley Ebenhoh

Building & Grounds: Dave Schlobohm

Endowment: Joe Biewer, Mark Turany

Education: Luke Brown

Evangelism: Joan Skare

Memorial: Randy Holz

Personnel: Mark Turany, Joe Biewer, Randy Holz

Stewardship: Randy Holz, Mark Turany

Synod Rep: Tom Tweite

Worship & Music: Tim Anderson, Allie Petersen, Josh Dickison

Youth: Joe Biewer

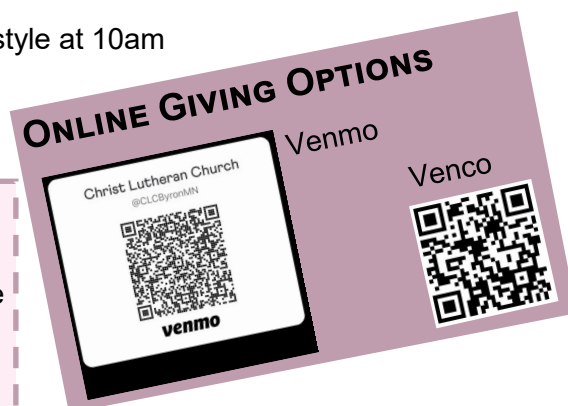
**SPRING CLEAN UP** - Saturday, April 20 from 9am—noon. We will have inside and outside projects.

## 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: <https://www.youtube.com/@christlutheranchurchbyronm10/streams>

## 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 \$883 in March in Thrivent Choice Dollars.



Christ Lutheran Church  
 201 Frontage Road NW  
 Byron, MN 55920      www.clcbyron.org  
 Office Hours: 9am - 3pm Mon - Thurs  
 507-775-6646      office@clcbyron.org

Non-Profit Organization  
 US Postage Paid  
 Byron, MN  
 Permit Number 17

April 2024



### 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  
 Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com  
 Pastor Nirmala 507-271-0348 or clcreinschmidt@gmail.com  
 President, Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net

**SUNDAY MORNING TREATS ARE NEEDED** Please provide a batch of cookies/bars for fellowship time during April if your last name starts with E-I. Help is needed with set up and clean up after fellowship time. Contact is Sandy Erickson 507-259-2321.

**FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME** - On the first Sunday of each month, either pastor 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.

**2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY** - Saturday, May 11 in Mankato, MN at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center. Contact Pastor Steve if you are interested.

## SAMARITAN BETHANY GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 17 at Somerby Golf Club. [www.samaritanbethany.com](http://www.samaritanbethany.com)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** - Please pray for Sue Hoenk, Mavis Perry, Sharon Johnson, Millie Broin, Charlie Finley, Linda Bausman, Darell Carlblom, Al Hovey, Kay Schmidt, and Becky Dathe.

## 2024 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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



## ATTENDANCE

Jan 2024 Avg	185
Jan 2023 Avg	151
Feb 2024 Avg	187
Feb 2023 Avg	166
3/3/24	211
3/10/24	193
3/17/24	158
3/24/24	204
3/31/24	no data
Mar 2024 Avg	192
Mar 2023 Avg	147