



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

So when the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' Jesus replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' Acts 1:6-8

Just before His ascension into heaven, Jesus was asked by the disciples - Are you going to do it now Jesus? They were expecting Jesus to "restore the kingdom to Israel".

Jesus answered their question by saying that the specifics of when He would bring the Kingdom was not for them to know. Instead, Jesus told them YOU shall be MY WITNESSES to the ends of the earth. Jesus was giving them the task of proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. The rest of the book of Acts and the New Testament tells how the disciples then witnessed to the ends of the earth as they were pushed and pulled by the Holy Spirit who came in power at Pentecost. The disciples set up witness centers, mission centers, also called churches, that would be a source for spreading the good news and continuing the work of Jesus.

At our second year confirmation retreat, confirmands shared their faith statements where they shared how they had come to believe in Jesus. Mentors joined in sharing stories and witnessing to their faith. We were all blessed by the willingness in our group to share and it strengthened us all to hear each other's stories. This is what Jesus intends his followers to do, to witness to what they have seen and heard about Him and we are blessed as we make ourselves vulnerable.

I am excited about our youth going with YouthWorks in St Louis to be a witness to Christ's love. As Sunday School nears the end of another year and Vacation Bible School plans are underway, I am excited about the ways we bear witness to our youth. We are witnesses sent by Jesus to make God's love known.

Pray for CLC that we remain faithful witnesses in the midst of pastoral transition. Pray that the Holy Spirit will keep us focused on Jesus and His love. Pastor Steve



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR MAY

May Sunday School Lessons:

5/5 - The Holy Spirit Came Down - Acts 10:44-48

5/12 - Year End Program/Celebration

The End of Year Program will be on 5/12 starting at 9:05. There will be donuts and coffee served in the Fellowship Hall. Preschool through 4th graders will practice music in the sanctuary from 9:05-9:20 in preparation to sing at the 10:00 service. All parents, teachers, and Sunday school kids will meet in the sanctuary at 9:20 for a presentation and slideshow. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this school year great!

Please let Francine Kovash know if you would like to teach or be a helper in Sunday School next year! 507-951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com. Those that volunteer to teach next school year will have the Sunday School registration fee waived for their kids!

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, Sunday School coordinator

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - SUMMER CAMP

Registration is available for youth summer camp at www.goodearthvillage.org/summer Good Earth Village is our congregationally supported church camp.

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 on Jun 23 at 10.

SENIOR SUNDAY - Senior recognition is 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.

YOUTH GROUP - April 10th the youth group had a party for Pastor Nirmala to thank her for all she has done for the youth and church. All the youth chose a Bible verse for her that either sent her on her journey with a blessing or what her time here meant to them.

Wed, May 29th from 6-8 pm the youth group will host a Mixer to invite the second year confirmation students. This will also be a party for Pastor Steve thanking him for all he has done for the youth and church.

Warmer weather is making its way here. This means the youth group will be having their youth meetings outside roasting marshmallows and enjoying the outdoors. If you come to the youth group meetings please bring a chair or blanket. 8th graders, please join us!

Thank you to all that help with the youth program. Kim Postier, Youth Group Leader

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - Registration forms for Bible Camp Scholarships are on the kiosk or our website. CLC pays 60%, up to \$225, of the registration fees at Good Earth Village, our congregational supported camp. For other Christian Bible Camps we pay 50%, up to \$225 or 1/2 of the camp cost, whichever is less. Area camps to consider are Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega. www.clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Biblecampedcom.pdf



CONFIRMATION NEWS - May

Congratulations to the 2024 Confirmation Class! On Sunday, April 21, we celebrated a significant milestone for 13 students in their spiritual journey. Please pray and support these students as they continue to explore their faith and embrace their role in the community.

Kylie Baumbach
Olivia Brown
David Hollister
Chase Rolland
Gabby Vos

Matt Bell
Annika Hall
Bethany Johnson
Harper Scheerer

Gracy Brion
Owen Hince
Jaedon Quam
Lydia Schulz



OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

BOOK CLUB - Our next Book Club gathering is Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00. We meet at Christ Lutheran and will be talking about "Invisible Child" by Andrea Elliott. 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.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - The group will meet Sat, May 11 from 9 - noon. Contact is Chris Polzin 507-269-7579 or mpolzin@frontiernet.net

MOVIE TIME - Please join us in the CLC theater for a family friendly movie on Friday, May 3 at 6:30pm. 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - won't meet in May.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - A lay led Bible study is in the works for 4-6 weeks during the summer months on Wednesday mornings. Contact Sylvia Alberts at 251-1962 if you are interested in participating.

JOY GROUP - Joy Group meets in May on the 14th. We will be visiting the Garden Market Place. Be at CLC parking lot by 10 am on May 14 for car pooling

CARD MAKING - Card making group is changing to the 3rd Friday of the month. We will meet on Friday, May 17 from 9 - noon. Kari Prigge and Toni Hunter are the new coordinators.

BYRON GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS - We are in the planning stages for the ice cream social. Please contact Sylvia Alberts if you are interested in helping with this function.

MEN'S MORNING GROUP - You Shall be my witnesses, Acts 1:6-8 Please join us on Saturday, May 4 at 9am at Otto's Bakery as we discuss the Ascension.

BERNE PIZZA WITH PASTOR STEVE BY CAR/MOTORCYCLE
The ride will occur on Wednesday, June 5. 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 so the first ones there can order. Berne Wood-Fired Pizza. Bernepizza.org

Recently seen around CLC...

Church clean up



Egg Hunt



THANK-YOU - all for the appreciation party you put on for thanking us for our ministry at CLC. Thank-you for all the cards, notes, and gifts you showered upon us. We will certainly carry our memories with us. We wish and pray for the continued ministries of CLC. May God be with you till we meet again! Pastor Nirmala, Paul and Hannah



APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship	29	30	1 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm HS Youth Group 7:00pm Mentor Meeting = 1st Yr	2	3 6:30pm Movie Time	4 9:00am Men's Group at Otto's 10:00am Praise Team
5 8am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:00am Contemporary Worship/1 Conf 12:00pm Private Event 4:30pm Scouts (Tiger)	6 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee	7 6:00pm Book Club	8 6:00pm JuBELLance 7:00pm HS Youth Group	9	10	11 Synod Assembly 9:00am Quilting Group 10:00am Praise Team
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19 8am Traditional Worship 9:00am Cake Reception for Seniors 10:00am Contemporary/Senior Sunday/Harmon Baptism	20 7:00pm Altar Committee	21 6:30pm Council	22 7:00pm HS Youth Group	23	24	25
26 9:00am Traditional Worship	27	28	29 2pm Madonna Summit 7:00pm HS Youth Group	30	31	1 9:00am Men's Group

STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 4/16/24, 6:30pm

Members present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Joe Biewer, Carol Smith, Mark Turany, Randy Holz, Tom Tweite, Luke Brown, and Dave Schlobohm *Members Absent:* Tim Anderson, Joan Skare, Pastor Steve, Josh Dickison, Allie Petersen.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave and Seconded by Tom: MOTION PASSED

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Joe and seconded by Luke MOTION PASSED

Joe presented the Treasurer's report. March income \$35,656.48, Expenses \$29,446.13 YTD +\$13,170.80

Pastor Lesson: moved to May

Information/Discussion

Monthly Council Table for May will be Carol.

Call Process Update by Mark: #1 July 1st have a Study group created and in place consisting of a max of 6-7 people. #2 create a call committee. Time frame to be determined after study group. Max 6-7 people.

The council discussed the role of Interim Associate Pastor left by Pastor Nirmala

Action Items

Parking Lot Repair Northeast side: Tabled until May

Tom made a motion we hire an Interim Associate Pastor seconded by Carol

At this time Responsibilities will be:

Visitation, Youth/Confirmation, Pulpit Supply

Motion PASSED

Council interviewed Pastor Judy Thompson-Reitz a highly recommended candidate from the Synod. Luke made a motion we hire Pastor Judy as Part time Interim Associate Pastor to start as soon as her schedule allows. Seconded by Carol. MOTION PASSED

Pastor Judy was called and offered the position. She verbally accepted and will officially sign the paperwork next week as schedules allow.

Motion to adjourn by Joe and seconded by Dave: MOTION PASSED The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be May 21st 2024 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Randy Holz, council secretary

RAFFLE THANK-YOU

The Stewardship Committee wants to thank everyone who donated their time, donated prizes, sold bracelets/ raffle tickets and purchased the tickets. The event was a great success that raised \$9,210 towards the general/driveway funds. Glory to God for all the wonderful people that make up our CLC family. May the Lord Bless You and Keep You, Numbers 6:24. Kim Postier and Sarah Johnson, Stewardship Chairs

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



SUMMER TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship: May 26 - Sept 1 at 9am
Office Hours: Jun 3 - Aug 28, Mon - Wed from 9am - 1pm

PASTOR STEVE RETIREMENT SEND OFF

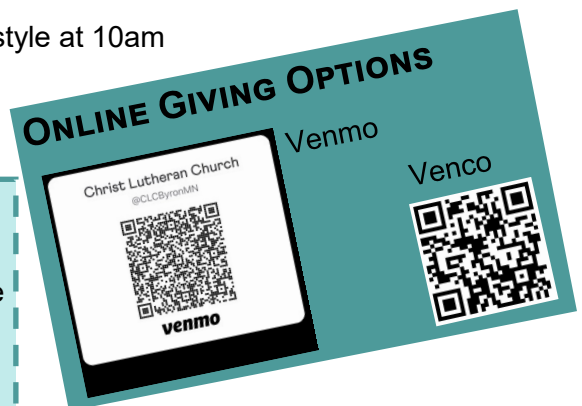
Sunday, June 9 at 10am - program and potluck, final day to preach
Sunday, June 16 at 10am - coffee and cake (final Sunday)

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 \$625 in April 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
 Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com
 President, Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS - Please provide a batch of cookies/bars for fellowship time during May if your last name starts with J-N Help is needed with set up and clean up. Contact is Sandy Erickson 507-259-2321.

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

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

THANK - YOU - so much for the Easter Basket! Denny really enjoyed the oranges and jelly beans. We had the rest for our Easter gathering at Preston VA nursing facility. Thanks again, Dennis & Nona

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Sue Hoenk, Aaron Stolp, Larry Runkle, Joan Skare, Sharon Johnson, Charlie Finley, Ruth Brooks, 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

Feb 2024 Avg	187
Feb 2023 Avg	166
Mar 2024 Avg	243
Mar 2023 Avg	147
4/7	172
4/14	227
4/21	260
4/28	184
Apr 2024 Avg	211
Apr 2023 Avg	282



"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."