



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - PASTOR STEVE

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your pastor for the past 13 years. I am grateful to God, to Jill, to the council, Elaine Meek, Pastor Nirmala, church staff and to all of you for your support these past 13 years. We have listened to God's word together, shared in the sacraments, walked through some dark valleys together and have been aware of Jesus' presence in our midst.

When I started on the ordination journey, I had no idea the places I would go. I am grateful to have completed my ordained ministry journey as Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church. This was the longest I have been in one place in ministry and am grateful for the blessings that come from a long call which have included walking with you through many seasons of life together.

Please pray for CLC as you transition to your next pastors. I encourage you to support your interims and your next regular called pastors as they seek to help you grow in knowing and serving God.

My last Sunday preaching will be June 9th and there will be a pot luck following 9:00 worship. I will be leading worship June 16 for my last Sunday, Pastor Judy will preach and there will be a cake reception following worship. This will be followed by 2 weeks of vacation time. We will be moving to Hugo, MN before June 28 as that is when our Byron house closes.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission of God through Christ Lutheran. The church has always been the body of Christ continuing God's mission in the world. I will continue to pray for your transition knowing that God is faithful.

Thanks again, Pastor Steve Rheingans

As you may know, when a pastor retires, they no longer affiliate with the congregation previously served in that role. That means, beginning July 1, 2024 I will not be available for pastoral acts such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, or funerals. I will also not be available to provide pastoral care in situations of need. My last Sunday with you will be June 16 then we will be on vacation (moving) till the end of June.

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.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR JUNE & JULY

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2024-2025 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 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 Kovash, Sunday School Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS -

Forms can be found on the kiosk or printed from this link: www.clcbyron.org/Sunday-school/

MISSION TRIP SHARES - Forms are on the kiosk.

Shares are \$25 each and help cover youth and chaperone expenses on the mission trip.

MISSION TRIP - St. Louis, MO from June 15-21. CLC

is sending 13 youth and 2 adult leaders, JoAnn Brooks and Maggie Fossum. **Next meeting is June 5 at 7pm.**

Please bring a white t-shirt as we will make tie-dye shirts.

SHAREHOLDER PRESENTATION - Shareholders, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23 at 10am in the fellowship hall for a presentation and ice cream treats.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - June & July - Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders will be starting in the fall on Wed Sept 4. The 1st and 2nd year retreat at Eagle Bluff is on Saturday, Sept 7. Mark your calendars for this mandatory retreat. *Online registration forms will be available soon.* First year mentors are needed. Contact Tina Jordahl if you are willing to be a confirmation mentor.

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 2024 SENIORS! Senior Sunday was May 19. God bless our Senior class.

Tyler Bausman	Anna Brennan	Gabriella Cornejo
David Deutz	Joshua Dickison*	Paige Halder
Austin Hart	Kyra Kraetsch*	Abby More
Rayna Oestreich	Allie Petersen	Annastasia Splinter
Kassie Theobald	Zachary Vanderpool	Kinslei Wilker
Olivia Witts	Lucas Wytaske	*Received a scholarship.



VBS registration forms are on the kiosk. VBS runs from 6-8pm, July 29 through Aug 1.

YOUTH GROUP - Please join us on Wednesdays throughout the summer from 7-8pm at CLC, unless we have another location planned. We plan to get in some hikes or service work. Wednesday, June 26 we will meet at the Meek house for games in the garage and a campfire. Wednesday, August 14 we will meet at the Heinz house for a movie in the backyard. Last year's 8th graders, please join us! Contact Kim Postier, Youth Group Coordinator, with questions.



OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

BOOK CLUB - We won't meet over the summer months. Please consider joining us starting the first Tuesday in September.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - The group will not meet June, July or August. We will resume, Sat, Sept 14 from 9-noon. If you are interested in sewing some blocks together for the tops of our shut in quilt project, contact Chris Polzin 507-269-7579 or mpolzin@frontiernet.net

MOVIE TIME - Look for postings of movies in the newsletter, at the Welcome Center, or on the kiosk for movie info over the summer months.

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

JOY GROUP - Joy Group meets Tues June 11th at CLC in the fellowship hall at 10:30 am. Hostesses will be June Hart and Sandy Erickson. Plans for the annual picnic in July will be finalized.

CARD MAKING - Card making group will meet on Fri, June 21 and July 19 from 9 - noon. Contact Kari Prigge for more details.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Please meet in the classroom north of the kitchen after the 9am service on June 2 for a planning meeting. Contact is Sylvia Alberts, 507-251-1962

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

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND ASPIRING MUSICIANS!

Do you have a song you'd like to share with our congregation? Whether you play an instrument or sing, if you'd like to help enhance our worship service with an offering of song, please contact Julie Carlblom at jcarlblom@kmtel.com or (507) 250-1302 to schedule a service!

WELCOME PASTOR SUSAN LI - Pastor Susan's ministry at CLC begins July 1.

We welcome Interim Lead Pastor Susan Li to Christ Lutheran. Pastor Susan has specialized training in transitional/interim ministry through the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors (now known as the Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association). She is a graduate of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has served several congregations in SE MN, most recently as Interim Senior Pastor at Our Savior's, Owatonna. She loves walking with congregations as they reflect on their ministry and mission, and discover where God is leading them next.



Pastor Susan and her husband Jim have lived in Rochester for 40 years. In her free time, she enjoys taking walks with Jim and their Great Dane Midge, as well as activities in the Twin Cities with their daughter Katie and her husband Tim, and their son Dan and his wife Carol. The most fun of all is time spent with their 3 year old grandson.

Recently seen around CLC...



SUNDAY SERVICE WORKER SCHEDULE - JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

	Acolyte	Reader	Communion	Hosts	Communion Clean Up	Projector	Welcome Center	Offering Counter
June 2 9am	W Pirkl, C Snell	Larry More	C Tweite, P Seifert, J Wild	J & M Ronnenberg	M Broin, C Meyer	G Hall	P Seifert	C Polzin, C Schaefer
June 9 9am	L Hince, N Jordahl	Jill Rheingans	---	D Bisping, T Dickison	---	G Hall	C Smith	J Leonhardt, J Bird
June 16 9am	A Deutz, N Weis	C Rieser	M Morris, H Alsleben, D Bisping	S Alberts, S Biewer	D Hoffman, E Morris	G Jaben	D Bisping	L Eischens, D Bisping
June 23 9am	N Brown, O Petersen	Tia Turany	---	B & J Brooks	---	L Brooks	J Brooks	H Eischens, L Danielski
June 30 9am	M Solberg, E Dickman	S Alberts	---	L & S Briske	---	C Esser	L Danielski	L Eischens, S Hoenk
July 7 9am	E Brennan, H Voigt	P Alsleben	S Bjelland, M Cabaya, J Carlblom	A & L Danielski	P Seifert, S Alberts	G Hall	---	J Leonhardt, C Meyer
July 14 9am	H Fossum, O Buesking	T Anderson	---	T Dickison, D Carlblom	---	J Dickison	---	C Schaefer, L Danielski
July 21 9am	W Pirkl, N Weis	Terry Bird	A Ebenhoh, D Esser, D Fugleberg	H & L Eischens	D Bisping, V Boelter	J Carlblom	---	J Bird, H Eischens
July 28 9am	N Brown, C Snell	D Bisping	---	D Hall, L Hanson	---	L Brooks	---	D Bisping, D Fugleberg
August 4 9am	N Jordahl, M Hessedal	S Bjelland	M Gehrking, L Hanson, G Jaben	S & D Esser	C Meyer, D Hoffman	T Meek	---	C Meyer, J Leonhardt
August 11 9am	H Voigt, O Petersen	L Dickison	---	G Hovey, G Jaben	---	J Dickison	---	L Eischens, C Polzin
August 18 9am	A Deutz, E Brennan	J Carlblom	C Meyer, E Morris, A Palmer	R Fuchs, N Heinz	M Morris, E Morris	G Jaben	P Seifert	C Schaefer, L Danielski
August 25 9am	N Jordahl, M Solberg	Michael Cabaya	---	C McBroon, M Perry	---	C Esser	D Bisping	D Bisping, J Bird
Sept 1 9am	E Dickman, O Buesking	C Esser	C Pyfferoen, P Seifert, C Tweite	C Meyer, L More	P Seifert, S Alberts	G Hall	C Smith	C Meyer, D Fugleberg

STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 5/21/24, 6:30pm

Members present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Joe Biewer, Carol Smith, Randy Holz, Tom Tweite, Luke Brown, Dave Schlobohm, Tim Anderson and Pastor Steve

Members Absent: Mark Turany, Joan Skare, Josh Dickison, Allie Petersen

Joys and Concerns.

Devotion and Prayer by Dave

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

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

Joe presented the Treasurer's report. April income \$27,376.05, Expenses \$30,391.15
May -3,015.10, YTD +9,405.70

Information/Discussion

Monthly Council Table for June will be Tom

Devotions for June will be Carol

Pastor Judy has started and will be introduced by Carol on Sunday May 26, 2024.

Action Items

Pastor retirement Reception: Randy gave an update to council. Reception will be June 9th. Presentation will be at 10:00am and potluck meal at 11:00. Randy asked if CLC could pay for the Meat at Potluck.

Dave made a Motion to approve purchasing up to \$225.00 for meat, Luke Second, Motion Passed

Parking Lot Repair Northeast side:

Randy submitted Quotes from last Fall and a Quote from this spring to resurface the North Driveway to the corner of the Garage. The cheapest was from M & M construction at \$16,000.00

Tom made a motion to accept the bid for the \$16,000.00 and use the proceeds from the sale of bracelets to pay the majority of the bill. Second by Luke. Motion Passed.

Pastor Lesson: Pastor Steve gave a Heartfelt Good-bye to the Council as it will be his last.
HE WILL BE MISSED.

Motion to adjourn by Randy and seconded by Dave: MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be June 18th 2024 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Randy Holz, council secretary

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS - Please provide a batch of cookies/bars for fellowship time during June if your last name starts with J-N Help is needed with set up and clean up. Contact is Sandy Erickson 507-259-2321. There will not be coffee time in July and Aug.

PICTURE TAKERS NEEDED! - With Pastor Steve retiring, we will need access to more pictures of events. If you have taken a picture of something at church, consider emailing it to office@clcbyron.org If you would be willing to take pictures of events at CLC, let the office know so we have a pool of photographers to access.



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 - SUMMER

- In-church worship at 9am with alternating traditional and contemporary style (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.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



Venmo



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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 \$0 in May in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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Worship Times – Summer

9am Worship

LiveStream Worship

Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Pastor Steve 612-250-9724 or clcpastorsteve@gmail.com
 Pastor Judy 507-330-0722 or peacejudy@hotmail.com
 Pastor Susan 507-254-9875 or clcpastorsusan@gmail.com (after July 1)
 President, Mark Turany 507-259-3820 or mturany@charter.net

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please

pray for Sue Hoenk, Aaron Stolp, Charlie Finley, Ruth Brooks, Darell Carlblom, Al Hovey, Kay Schmidt, and Becky Dathe.

2024 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

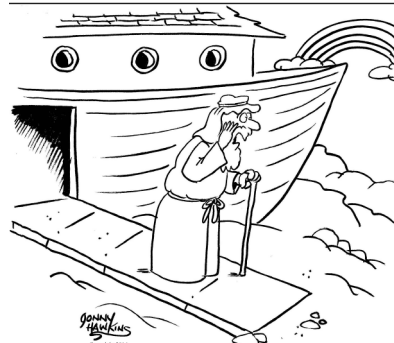


WELCOME PASTOR JUDY THOMPSON-REITZ

Dear Friends in Christ,

My name is Judy Thompson-Reitz and I am now serving Christ Lutheran as the half time Interim Pastor. My duties will be primarily visitation, preaching and assisting with

Confirmation. As you select a call committee and begin the discernment process to issue a call to a Full time Pastor, as well as to call a Pastor for the half time position, my role is also to serve and support Christ's new Full time Interim Pastor, Susan Li, as she helps lead you through the time of transition. I am excited to work with Pastor Susan Li, with whom I attended Luther Seminary, back in the day. (Way back in the day.....I'll say no more) I look forward to working with you as we seek to share the love of God in Christ in all that we think, say and do. Blessings and peace, Pastor Judy



"Hey, could we have some volunteers to stay and help clean up?"

ATTENDANCE

Mar 2024 Avg	243
Mar 2023 Avg	147
Apr 2024 Avg	211
Apr 2023 Avg	282
5/5/24	182
5/12/24	195
5/19/24	194
5/26/24	95
May 2024	167
May 2023	161