



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - OCTOBER

Romans 12:16-18 ~ "Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Paul writes to the church in Rome: *"Live in harmony with one another... If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."* Paul knew that the early church was made up of very different people, and that living together as Christ's body would take patience, humility, and grace.

Those words still ring true for us today. They feel especially important in these days when so much in our world seems to pull people apart. Harmony doesn't mean everyone thinks or feels the same. It does mean that, even in our differences, we learn to make something beautiful together, and do so with peace and respect at the center. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be people who seek peace, who practice reconciliation, and who live in harmony with one another even when we do not agree on everything.

The church is a place where we come together not because we all think alike, but because we are united in Christ. That unity does not erase our differences. But it does allow us to carry those differences with grace, patience, and love. When we practice listening, kindness, and forgiveness, we show the world what it means to belong to the body of Christ.

My prayer for us as a congregation is that we may be a witness of peace and reconciliation in our community: a place where the love of Christ breaks down walls, where hope is renewed, and where every person is valued as a child of God.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Jeremy



REFORMATION - Protestants recall the Reformation on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Ultimately, the following five statements of belief became central to

Protestant Christians.

1. Scripture alone
2. Christ alone
3. Grace alone
4. Faith alone
5. Glory of God alone

Please join us on Reformation Sunday, October 26 as we celebrate our Lutheran traditions.



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EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - We are off to a great start of Sunday School! If you are interested in teaching or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine at fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for October will be:

10/5 - A Seed of Faith - Luke 17:5-10

10/12 - Ten Men Healed - Luke 17:11-19

10/19 - Jacob Wrestles - Genesis 32:22-31

10/26 - Pharisee & the Tax Collector - Luke 18:9-14

5th Graders have started the First Communion Lessons and will have them every Sunday leading up to **First Communion on 10/26 at the 8am and 10am services**. They will also have bread making/project presenting on Monday 10/20 evening.

Preschool through 4th graders will sing at the 10 AM service on 10/12.

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 Kovash, Sunday School Coordinator

2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is not too late to register for Sunday School!!

[Sunday School Registration Link](#)

CONFIRMATION NEWS - Confirmation is off to a great start! Thank you for supporting the youth on this important journey in their faith.

Service project opportunities at the church:

- Sunday School Helper: Sign up to help with 3 Sunday School sessions September--December and 3 Sunday School sessions January--April to complete a service project. SignUpGenius link is on CLC's Confirmation webpage.
- Fall Clean Up Day at Christ Lutheran Church: Saturday, October 18th from 9am-noon
- On Wednesday, October 29th, Confirmation students should arrive early for class at 6:00pm for supper together followed by a service project to pack kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Holly Alsleben, Confirmation Coordinator

6TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL - The 6th grade Sunday School class has transitioned to meeting on Wednesday nights and they're enjoying fellowship together as they learn more about God,

KIDS CLUB - 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

Thursday, October 23, 2:45 - 5pm

Please join Pastor Jeremy after school for an afternoon of fun with snacks, games, and a craft! Cost is \$5/student. Watch for a registration form out soon.

what it is to be the church and grow in their faith. Recently, students went on a prayer walk around Byron and read a prayer they each wrote for different locations in the community. They are excited to participate in service projects in the near future.



BREW CREW - *Stories of Faith*, Mondays at 10am

We continue our study on Stories of Faith through Monday, October 6. Copies of the study sheets are available at the kiosk in the entry. After October 6, we will take the rest of October off and meet again in November, we will begin a study on world religions. If you would like to be added to the weekly email to receive study sheets and learn what we have been up to, let Pastor Jeremy know. Even if you are not able to join in person, the study sheets can be helpful to work on your own.



KWIK TRIP CAR WASHES

The Youth Committee is selling Kwik Trip Car Washes to support the mission trip and Bible Camp Scholarships. Cost is \$40/5 washes. The Youth earn \$20/card. Cards are sold between services on the first Sunday of every month, or in the office.

MISSION TRIP 2026

Watch the Nov newsletter for information on the 2026 mission trip as a location has not yet been selected!

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays at 7:00pm

This year our high school youth will dig into how the Bible can be a tool for growing faith and deepening commitment to God as they step into adulthood. We'll explore questions like: How did the Bible come to us in the form we have today? Who wrote it? When was it written? How is it structured? Most importantly, we'll discover the big story of God's people that runs through Scripture—and how that story connects to our own lives of faith. Each week will include time for learning together, plus plenty of time to hang out, play games, and enjoy our newly made-over youth room.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT SUPPLIES

NEEDED! - The Confirmation students will be packing Personal Care Kits, School Kits, and Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief later this fall. You can help by donating items needed or give a cash donation and we will shop for you!

Items needed: bath towels, bar soap, toothbrushes, 70 sheet notebooks, 30 cm rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens, crayons, erasers, spools of neutral color thread, cotton or cotton-blend fabric in these sizes (2 1/4 yards of 60" wide, 3 yards of 44" wide, or 4 yards of 36" wide)

FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD

Get to know your fellow CLC members! Anyone can sign up: singles, couples, and families! You will be placed with 2 to 3 other family units and each will host a gathering which could feature a meal, or snacks and a game night, one time during the year. Your commitment is to host once, 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.

MEN'S GROUP

Pastor Jeremy will host Men's Group on Thursdays, October 16 and November 20 at 9am at Otto's Bakery. Invite a friend or neighbor—everyone's welcome!

FALL CLEAN UP - Please join the Building and Grounds Committee on Saturday, October 18 from 9am - noon for the fall clean up. We will have inside and outside projects to complete. Contact Tom VanHeuklom for information. Please bring your rakes.



FALL KITCHEN CLEAN UP - Oct 18, 9:30 - 11am
Volunteers are needed to help clean the refrigerator, coffee makers, and wipe down the cabinet fronts, countertops and sinks.

FOOD PACK AT CLC! - November 19

On November 19 at 6:30pm the Confirmation kids, 6th graders, and youth group kids will be doing a food pack through Real Hope For the Hungry in CLC's fellowship hall. In about an hour they will pack 1 pallet of food.

If we have 40 interested volunteers, we can pack an additional pallet at 5:30pm. If you, and any neighbors/friends are interested in doing a food pack at CLC, contact the office.

Donations to cover the shipping and ingredient costs are welcomed!

5TH QUARTER - Friday, October 3, after the football game until 11:30pm

Open to all Byron high school students. Nachos, treats, bean bags, Slammo, Karaoke, Swat, board games, Rock Band, Mario Kart, carpetball, foosball, prizes. Sponsored by the Youth Committee

TRICK OR TREAT COSTUME PARTY - Sunday, October 26th from 5:30pm - 7pm 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 in early October. Families provide candy for the trick or treaters. Decorating your door and dressing up is optional, but encouraged.



CLC SHARING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for the Benedictine Senior Living Center in Byron. They provide services for assisted living and memory care.

"At Benedictine, they believe that everyone deserves to live fully and live well. Experience the warmth of a senior living community where personalized care, well-being and life enrichment are at the heart of everything they do. Live life with purpose there."

A list of the items needed will be available on the Sharing Tree mid-October. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 14, 2025.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUB - will be meeting Tue, Oct. 7th at 6pm at CLC. We will be discussing "Where'd You Go Bernadette ". November's book will be handed out at that meeting. We typically get something called Book in a Bag so everyone gets a copy to borrow. This saves on not needing to purchase a book or wait your turn for an available copy at the library. Anyone is welcome to join! Questions, contact Ruth at Auntierootie@gmail.com or Kristie at kjn0312@gmail.com. Our October read is "The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches" by Sangu Mandanna

CARD MAKING - We will meet Oct 18 and Nov 15 from 9am - noon. We will not meet in Dec., but resume in Jan 2026. All are welcome as we make cards for others! Contact is Kari Prigge.

MEALS ON WHEELS - This September, our volunteers delivered 13 - 20 meals a day, during the month. If interested in volunteering, contact Sandy Erickson.

JOY CLUB - Please join us on October 14 at 11am at the Bears Den, followed by visiting Tiegens Pumpkin Patch at 3337 CR 3 SW, Byron. There are pumpkins, gourds, mums, straw bales, corn stacks, and fall decorating items for sale. New members are always welcomed!

BYRON FOOD SHELF

The Food Shelf is located at DACS building, 630 1st Ave NW, Byron. Hours are: Mon 10-11am, Wed 9-11am, Thur 12-2pm, and 1st Fri of month 6-8pm. Request an appointment for other times, 507-775-2336. CLC's food collections go to the Byron food shelf.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR - OCT TO DEC

Treats for fellowship time are needed every week. If your last name starts with U - Z, please drop off the treats before 8am on Sundays. Home made or store bought are appreciated. Contact Sandy Erickson if you want to help with the kitchen crew for coffee hour.

JUBELLANCE

JuBELLance practices every other week, starting Wed. Sept. 10th at 6pm. Please contact Jane Cabaya at 507-775-6183 or jcabaya25@gmail.com. We play once a month at the 8am service.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir meets every other Wed at 6:30 in the Chapel. We play once a month at the 8am service. Hope to see you there!

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - The quilting group is now sewing dresses for Africa, in the fellowship hall. The goal is to make 150 dresses that will be delivered to Africa in February!

We will meet Fridays, October 10 and 24 from 9-12

All needed supplies will be provided: Pattern, fabric, bias tape, elastic and lace or trim as desired. Ironing board, iron, cutting mats and rotary cutters. You can bring your sewing machine if you would like to do some sewing. You don't have to know how to sew as there is ironing fabric, cutting fabric from the provided pattern etc.

If anyone has boy shorts / t-shirts for the boys sizes 3T and up for the boys that could go to Africa along with the dresses for the girls.

If you have any questions please contact one of the following:

Deb Fugleberg: debfugleberg@gmail.com or 507-250-4099

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

Recently seen around CLC...



STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING - SEPT 16, 2025

The Christ Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President, Randy Holz.

Members present: Tim Anderson, Luke Brown, Ashley Ebenhoh, LuRaye Eischens, Linda Danielski, Randy Holz, Cece Meek, DrewAnne Oestreich, Carol Smith, Tom Tweite, Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

Members absent: Joe Biewer and Jason Pfeilsticker.

Joys and Concerns; Devotions: By L Eischens

Approval of Agenda: R Holz added two items to the agenda—Concerns by JoAnn Brooks and the mortgage pay-off. Motion made to approve the modified agenda by L Danielski. C Smith seconded, motion passed.

Approval of August Minutes: Motion made by L Brown to approve the August minutes. T Tweite seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: R Holz presented the Treasurer report. August income \$18,461.54; August expenses \$28,837.63; August difference -\$10,376.09;

YTD Difference -\$12,764.77

Pastor Lesson: Pr. Jeremy gave a lesson on mission work and outreach.

Information/Discussion Items:

Constitution Conversation-Questions-Synod Model vs Christ Lutheran: R Holz reminded us to read over the constitution. We will compare it to the ELCA model constitution and discuss this at our October meeting. We will then refer this to a sub-committee made up of 3 council members and a member from the congregation who will work on updating the constitution and bring their ideas to the whole council.

Table/Chair Recap: L Brown updated us on his findings

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.

WORSHIP AT CLC

- Sunday worship at 8am traditional and 10am contemporary
- Communion offered 1st and 3rd weeks of the month at both services.
- Live Streamed services: <https://www.youtube.com/@christlutheranchurchbyronm10/streams>

DONATIONS AND THANK-YOU - Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. Donation options include 1) mailing your offering to Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, 2) online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or Venmo, or 3) drop off your offering 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 \$156 in September in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

on the cost of new tables and chairs for the fellowship hall. An anonymous donor would like to donate new chairs and tables.

Brief Overview of Committees from the Council Reps:

Evangelism Committee: C Smith reported that the chair for this committee, Diane Bisping, is looking into making a list of all members they are visiting. She would also like to address the congregation with "stories of faith".

Stewardship Comm: R Holz mentioned that letters will be going out to the congregation soon with the Time and Talent sheets and Stewardship. Pass the plate started.

Altar Committee: A Ebenhoh reported that Chris Polzin, the chair of the Altar Committee, would like more members on this committee.

JoAnn Brooks expressed her concern regarding safety in our church and the need for a policy addressing safety issues including emergency exits, more signage, etc.

Pastor Jeremy will check with the Olmsted County Resource Officer and get his input and perhaps have him talk to the congregation on this issue.

Mortgage Pay off: The mortgage is paid off!! We will have a "mortgage pay-off celebration" on Sunday October 19. C Smith will order cake.

Action Items: None.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by T Tweite to adjourn the meeting. T Anderson seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be October 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by L Eischens, council secretary

2025 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

CONSIDER QCD DONATIONS - If you are over 70 1/2, consider a QCD. Ask the office for more info.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



Venmo

Vanco



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
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 Byron, MN
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October 2025



Worship Times

8am Worship - Traditional

10am Worship - Contemporary

LiveStream Worship

Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

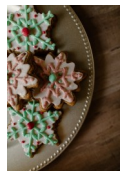
Pastors can be reached by office phone 507-775-6646 or
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 President, Joe Biewer 701-261-5932 or jbiewer@hotmail.com

ADULT FORUM - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 9AM

Making the Best of Thrivent: Opportunities for You and Our Church
 Join us on Sun, Nov 9th, between services in the Fellowship Hall
 to learn how Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and
 other member benefits can support you and our congregation.

CHRISTMAS GOODIE SALE!

Saturday, December 6 from 9-11am.
 you are willing to volunteer, contact
 Evonne Schlobohm at
evonneschlobohm@gmail.com



If

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 ⁸For by grace
 you have been saved through faith, and this is not
 your own doing; it is the gift of God ⁹not the result of
 works, so that no one may boast.

THANK-YOU for all the goodies, quilt, Christmas
 and Easter baskets, and I could go on and on! I
 hope this cover's all of them! I miss my friends at
 CLC, but I have made a few new ones! Thanks again and again.
 Sincerely, Millie Broin



"Trick or treat. I'm an usher."

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please
 pray for Leif Peterson, Jerry Hutchinson,
 Pastor Judy, Brian B., family and friends of
 Ed Korbel, and the shut-ins.

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - On
 the first Sunday of each month, a pastor will
 be available for individual prayer and anoint-
 ing (optional) at the altar railing, following
 worship. Prayers could include physical or
 emotional healing for yourself or loved ones.
 Requests at the railing are kept confidential.

ATTENDANCE

July 2025 Avg	153
July 2024 Avg	115
August 2025 Avg	116
August 2024 Avg	121

Sept 7 (Rally Sun)	202
Sept 14 (3rd Bible)	193
Sept 21	167
Sept 28	160
Sept 2025 Avg	181
Sept 2024 Avg	164