



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." Proverbs 16:9
What Comes Next? A Time of Self-Study and Discovery

Thank you for the warm welcome you've given me! These past 4 weeks have been, for me, an exciting time of getting to know you and learning more about the important ministries you share at Christ, Lutheran. You are a caring and lively family of faith! There is much to celebrate and be thankful for here. I have seen the Spirit at work already in so many ways. In meaningful worship, bible study, planning for Vacation Bible School, and caring for each other in times of loss or illness, you are embodying the love of Christ. Even in a time of transition, your ministry and mission continue strong because of your commitment, energy and love.

We are preparing to begin the second phase of transition we call **The Self-Study**. This is a time of discovery, reflection, and preparation. The Synod's handbook, "Interim/Transition Time Manual for Pastors and Congregations", offers this description of the process: *"The self-study process is designed so that the members of the congregation can listen to God, one another, and the community as they consider their ministry and mission. The process enables the congregation to:*

- *identify and address issues of conflict, grief and/or guilt that affect congregational life and ministry*
- *review its life and mission*
- *consider and discuss the challenges and opportunities it faces in the next 5-10 years*
- *evaluate its present strengths*
- *identify specific areas where it feels called to strengthen its ministry*
- *identify its present context for mission (its community context)*
- *identify the gifts that are most important for the next pastor to possess."*

The Council is gathering an Engagement Team to lead the self-study process. They will offer opportunities for congregational conversation and input as you reflect on where you've been, where you are now, and where God is leading you in the future. I hope you will enjoy taking part in the variety of activities that should be fun and inspiring! Together, we will reflect on our life together, our identity and core commitments, values, mission, and vision for the future. Some activities will be designed to help us learn more about the community around us, and how God is calling Christ Lutheran to respond to the needs of our neighbors, near and far.

You will also be invited to consider what kind of pastoral leadership gifts, skills and experience are needed to carry out the mission and vision that emerges. The Engagement Team will then use all that is gleaned to complete the Ministry Site Profile, a document that will introduce potential pastoral candidates to CLC, Byron. The Spirit works through this Profile to bring forward pastor candidates who believe they may be called to serve with you, as together you live out the vision you have embraced. Continued on page 6



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR AUGUST

Teachers are needed for the upcoming Sunday school year! 4 teachers for each class would assure team teaching so there would only be a 1-2 Sunday per month commitment for each teacher. No experience is required! It is a fun and rewarding way to learn about the greatness of God alongside the kids. Also, the registration fees will be waived for any kids who's parents teach! Please let Francine Kovash know if you are interested! (507) 951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com

Rally Sunday for the start of Sunday school will be Sept 8th at 9:05 am. We will meet in the sanctuary for a short informational meeting and then have a fun carnival to celebrate the start of the year! Sunday school will run from Sept 8th through May 18th and follows the Byron school calendar. 3 year olds through 6th graders are welcome. Sunday school is from 9:05-9:50 and children 3 years old through 2nd grade are expected to be dropped off and picked up in the classroom with a parent/guardian. Registration forms and class schedules will be in the entry. Thanks! Francine Kovash, Sunday School Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS

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

MISSION TRIP - Our 2025 mission trip will be to Kansas City, MO from June 22-27, 2025. A registration form and \$150 deposit holds your spot. 15 spots have been booked, consisting of 2 leader and 13 youth spots. If you are interested in being a leader, please let the office know. Registrations are due by Dec 1. Contact one of the pastors if you would like a scholarship. Full cost details will be coming out in September.

MISSION TRIP 2024 LEADER COMMENTS...

"I witnessed the result and the impact of how CLC has provided and guided our youth to be stewards of faith and simply good humans. If you have ever wondered if you could or should do more for CLC please consider getting involved with teaching Sunday school, VBS or support confirmation and post confirmation youth. Those hearts and minds are CLC's future," JoAnn Brooks.

YOUTH GROUP -

Please join us on Wednesdays throughout the summer from 7-8pm at CLC, unless we have another location planned. On Wednesday, August 14 we will meet at the David & Nancy Heinz house for a movie in the backyard. Last year's 8th graders, please join us! Contact Kim Postier, Youth Group Coordinator, with questions.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2HTireqUqSiI988h1S6puySf5iAbOwOYBy4wHBinOppblEw/viewform>

CONFIRMATION NEWS - Mark your calendars for the mandatory **confirmation retreat at Eagle Bluff** on Saturday, Sept 7 for both year 1 and year 2 confirmation students. If you are interested in being a year 1 mentor, please contact Tina Jordahl, confirmation coordinator, by emailing tina_jordahl@hotmail.com or texting 319-404-1377.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am for Bible Study in the fellowship hall, led by the pastors. Contact is Sylvia Alberts at 251-1962. We will discuss the book of Ruth in the first couple weeks in Aug.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9: "As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, "



Mission Trip 2024

St. Louis, MO



EDUCATION/YOUTH

JOY GROUP - Joy Club will meet on Tues, Aug 13th at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. Hosts for this meeting are Vicky Boelter and Sue Hoenk.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME - Fellowship time will resume Sept 8th at 9:00 am. A schedule of clean-up volunteers will be mailed by August 25. If interested in helping contact Sandy Erickson.

CARD MAKING - Card making group will meet on Fri, August 16 from 9 - noon. Contact Kari Prigge for more details.

POP-UP PRAISE! - Join us on Sun, Aug 18th in the chapel at 8:30 to praise God, have fun and learn a song. All ages are invited to come share your voice. Knowing how to read music may be helpful, but not necessary. Come make a joyful noise with us and then lead the congregation during the 9am service. The more the merrier, so bring the whole family!

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - On the first Sunday of each month, one of the pastors will be available for individual prayer and/or anointing at the altar railing. Prayers could include physical or emotional healing for yourself or loved ones. Requests at the railing will be kept confidential.

THANK-YOU - for your cards, all your visits and thoughtfulness. I enjoy company when you stop over. Thank you so very much. God bless you. Sincerely, Ardys Glasrud

THANK-YOU - A special hi and thanks a million to Joan Skare for the pretty birthday cards she made for me and thanks so much to all my friends who gave me birthday cards. I love them all so much! They all made my 95th birthday a special day! Thanks again! God loves you and so do I! -Beverly Smith

BOOK CLUB - The book club will begin meeting on Tues, Sept 3rd at 6pm. The book to be discussed is "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. Books will be in the church office on the morning of Wed, July 31. Book Club members can pick one up and sign the number of book you take on the sheet. This gives you time to read and be ready for Sept. 3. We would love to have new members! If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact: Ruth Ramsey by email at Auntierootie@gmail.com or Kristie Nelson at Kjn0312@gmail.com

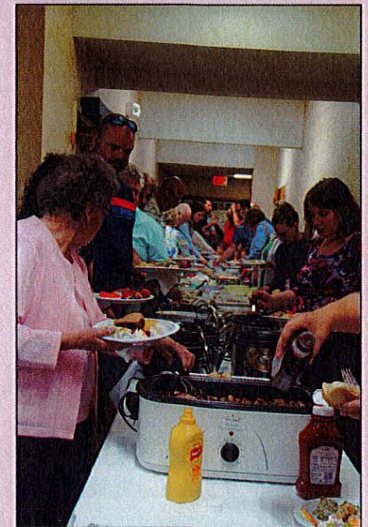
DID YOU KNOW... Members of the church have mowed the church yard for the past 30 years. In 1994, when Brad Hjellming was the janitor, he mowed the then west part of the church since the east side was the parking lot. Then the new church was built and things changed but members have mowed ever since. What a savings for the church!! CLC is fortunate to have wonderful, dedicated volunteers, in all areas!!

THANKS TO THE LAWN MOWERS! - Thank you to the lawn mowing volunteers that have been mowing the church yard for 30 years. The current mowers are Lowell Holum, Wayne DePoppe, Rollo Strain, Gary Himmerich and Dan Tweite. We can't forget past volunteers: Connie Hoffman, Dave Tweite, Bob Tweite, Bob Nichols, Les Hartleip, Earl Hart, Les Larson, Bob Quaintance and Marlow Hjellming.



Thank you to Paul Teig for making parts that are unavailable, Bob Brekke for sharpening our blades and Gary Himmerich for trimming.

Recently seen around CLC...



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STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 7/16/24, 6:30pm

Members present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Joe Biewer, Carol Smith, Randy Holz, Tom Tweite, Dave Schlobohm, Tim Anderson, Pastor Susan, Mark Turany, and Joan Skare

Members Absent: Luke Brown, Josh Dickison, Allie Petersen

Joys and Concerns.

Devotion and Prayer by Carol

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

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

Joe presented the Treasurer's report. June income \$18,161.93, Expenses \$28,182.86
June Diff -10,020.93. YTD -334.74. Raffle money taken out to pay for driveway.

Information/Discussion

Monthly Council Table for August will be Mark
The Council is asking for volunteers to be on the Parking Lot Fundraising Task Force (PLTF). Please contact Mark or Randy.

Randy updated the council on the Personnel Meetings with staff.

Mark updated the council on the members of the Engagement Team. The Team is:

Kristine Ihrke, Holly Alsleben, Amanda Pfeilsticker, Drew Long, Kim Postier, Sue Briske, LuRaye Eischens
Vacation Bible School is July 29-Aug 1st 2024

Action Items

Motion to adjourn by Joe and seconded by Joan:
MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 20th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Randy Holz, council secretary

PICTURE TAKERS NEEDED! - 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.

JUBELLANCE

If you love music, and you are lightly into notes and rhythm, HANDBELLS could be for YOU! RINGING IS FUN, ENJOYABLE AND SOMETIMES EXCITING!
JuBELLance practice is every other Wed. at 6pm. You're invited you to visit with the director, Jane Cabaya for more information. Our group is fun and supportive! Please stop after the traditional service sometime and/or call Jane at 507-775-6183. We'd love to have you RINGING!

FALL TIME CHANGES



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

2024 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

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 1) mailing in a donation to Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, 2) online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or 3) dropping off a donation during church services or office hours.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



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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 \$56 in June 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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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please

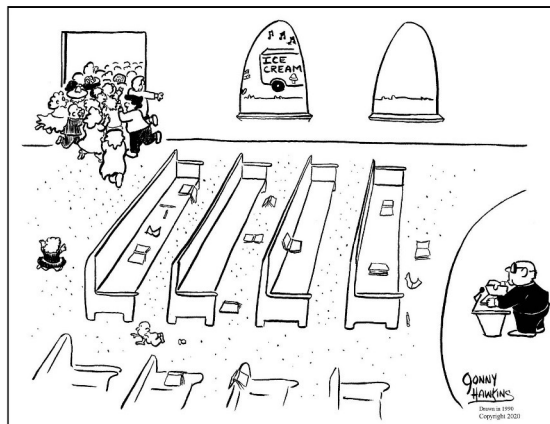
pray for Dave Grande, Sue Hoenk, Millie Broin, Aaron Stolp, Charlie Finley, Ruth Brooks, Darell Carlblom, Al Hovey, Arlene Polzin, and Kay Schmidt.

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Once the Self-Study is complete, and the congregation has had a chance to respond, a Call Committee will begin **Phase 3, The Interview Process**. The yet- to- be formed Call Committee will begin their work, reviewing candidates' profiles and interviewing pastors, to discern which one may be called to serve as your next installed, settled pastor. We trust that God will be at work in each conversation and every step of the way, as we prayerfully seek the Spirit's wisdom and direction.

Please pray for the process! May there be new insights and joy, as you discover a vision for the future to which God is calling you.

Thank you, again, for inviting me to share this journey of discovery with you! Trusting in God's faithfulness, Pastor Susan



ATTENDANCE

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