



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - PASTOR SUSAN

DISCOVERING GOD'S FUTURE- DISCOVERING OUR FUTURE

Come, join in the conversation as we discern God's future together! The Engagement Team invites you to take part in these activities as we listen, learn, share and imagine what we are called to be and do together as the body of Christ in Byron, Minnesota. What type of leadership is needed to bring the vision to reality? What is our identity? What are our core values and commitments? Your participation is important to our discernment process! The Engagement Team will use what you share to complete the Ministry Site Profile, the document that introduces us as a congregation to pastor candidates who are considering a new call.

Please bring your insights and hopes to these upcoming events. Dates and times will be shared soon.

Timeline Experience: During coffee hour, learn about Christ Lutheran's rich history, and how God has worked through CLC to bless our community. How does our history shape our expectations for the future? Put yourself in the story of God's working through CLC. Add your hopes to the timeline for "2025 and Beyond."

Congregational Survey: The Team will launch a congregational survey to hear from you on a range of topics, including the gifts, talents and experiences we think are most important for our new pastor to bring. You may take the survey on-line or in paper form.

"Play It Forward" Come for coffee between services and join in a simple game designed to help us understand ourselves better as a congregation. The Engagement Team will lead us. What is our culture here? What are our values?

"Who Is My Neighbor?" Guest speakers will provide insight into the projections and trends expected to impact Byron and SE Minnesota's future. How will we as a church be bearers of God's grace to a changing community? Watch for dates and times.

Hopes and Dreams Join in a small group conversation, as well as large group experiences, for relaxed conversations and reflection to explore what matters most to us at Christ Lutheran, Byron. What are our hopes and dreams for the future? What is God calling us to be and do. Watch for specific dates.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

This year we will continue to use Spark Lectionary curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. The lessons correspond to the Revised Common Lectionary used in worship service to connect kids with Bible stories heard in worship.

We still need more teachers for this year! We have at least one teacher for each grade already, but would love to have 3-4 teachers for each class to decrease the commitment on each teacher. As a "thank you" we are waiving the registration fee for children of parents who are teaching. Please let Francine Kovash know if you are interested in teaching or helping in the classrooms! (507) 951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com

Sunday school will run from September 8th, 2024 through May 18th, 2025 and is for 3 year olds through 6th graders. Registration forms and class schedules will be in the entry. Class runs from 9:05 am to 9:50 am. Preschool through 2nd graders will need to be picked up and dropped off by parents/guardians.

Rally Sunday for the start of Sunday school will be Sept 8th at 9:05 am. Parents/guardians meet in the sanctuary with your children for a short meeting and then we will have a fun carnival to celebrate the start of the school year. Parents will stay with their child(ren) for the carnival and get to see the classroom and meet their teachers.

September Lessons

9/8 - Rally Sunday Carnival

9/15 - Lectionary 24/17 Pentecost: Peter's Faith (Mark 8:27-38)

9/22 - Lect 25/18 Pent: Who Is the Greatest? (Mark 9:30-37)

9/29 - Lect 26/19 Pent: Share God's Love (Mark 9:28-50)
3rd graders will receive their Bibles on 9/15 during the 8 am and 10 am services.

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/

3RD GRADE BIBLES - Third graders will receive their bibles on Sunday, Sept 15 at either the 8am or 10am service. Please join us and invite grandparents and godparents to attend!

VBS was a splashing good time!!



CONFIRMATION NEWS - Confirmation starts in less than one month for 7th and 8th grade students! It's not too late to register your child -use the link below for easy registration. [Link to Confirmation Registration](#)

Important confirmation dates:

-Wed, September 4 from 7pm-8pm in the sanctuary: Parent and confirmation student mandatory meeting.

-Sat, September 7 All Day: Mandatory confirmation retreat at Eagle Bluff for both year 1 and year 2 confirmation students. More details to come via email from CLCConfirmationMentor and at the mandatory parent/student orientation night. Thanks! Tina Jordahl, Confirmation Coordinator

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastors Susan and Judy would like to invite any and all of you to come to our weekly Bible Study at 10:00 am on Wed. mornings. ALL are welcome!

This fall, we will be starting Brian McClaren's book, "We Make the Road by Walking". This Book offers everything we need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today."

Each week will focus on scriptural passages, and explore their relevance in our post-modern world. The goal of each weekly study chapter is to: cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian Faith in the 21st Century; engage one another with study questions designed to challenge, stimulate and encourage; and re-imagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as God's agents of justice, love, forgiveness, creativity and peace.

Join us, and find out how fun Bible Study can be!
Your sisters in Christ, Pastor Susan and Pastor Judy



YOUTH/CHURCH LIFE

YOUTH GROUP - Youth group had a fun movie night sponsored by David Heinz in August. Summer has come to an end and school is upon us. We will be having our weekly Wednesday meetings from 7-8 in the church youth room. Will meet outside as long as weather is nice. Hope to see you all for a fun time of worship and fellowship. Kim Postier, Youth Group Coordinator

MISSION TRIP - KANSAS CITY, MO June 22-27, 2025

CLC has reserved 15 spots for this mission trip, 2 adult and 13 youth spots. The trip is open to students completing 8th - 12th grade in 2025. Registration forms (found on the kiosk) and \$150 deposit holds your spot. Total trip cost to families will be coming out soon, expect it to be around \$350-400. Currently we have 5 student deposits in, 8 spots open. Contact the office for more details.

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 and we can email them newsletters or the weekly email updates.

CHANCEL CHOIR - calling all Musicians and Aspiring Musicians!

It's time to join your friends and make a joyful noise! The choir invites youth and adults of various musical ability to sing God's praise with us. Practices are every other Wednesday at 6:30, and our typical schedule has us singing for the traditional service every 4 weeks. The commitment is small, the rewards are many. Come join the choir family starting September 4th, 6:30 in the Chapel!

JUBELLANCE - If you love music, and you are lightly into notes and rhythm, HANDBELLS could be for YOU! JuBELLance practice is every other Wed. evening. You're invited 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!

NEW MEMBER INFO -If you would like to become a member of CLC, we would like to welcome you. Please contact Pastor Susan or Pastor Judy if you are interested in membership. New member informational meeting will be on Thursday, Nov 14 at 6pm starting with supper. We will receive new members on Sunday is November 17 at the 10am service, with a cake reception for new members in the fellowship hall during coffee hour that day.

Philippians 4:4-6 ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

TRICK OR TREAT COSTUME PARTY

Sunday, October 27th 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.

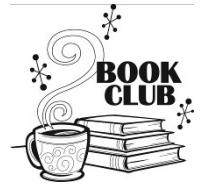


Seen around CLC this summer...



OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting at 6pm, at church, on Tuesday Sept. 3. We will be discussing "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. After discussion, the book for October's read and discussion will be distributed. Contact Ruthann Ramsay (Auntierootie@gmail.com) or Kristie Nelson (kjn0312@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our group. October book will be "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot.



QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - The CLC Quilting Sewing Group will resume meeting on September 14 from 9am - noon. We will continue working on the quilts we started last spring. Main tasks will be cutting fabric, sewing blocks, sandwiching quilt top, batting and backing finishing with binding. We can do either simple straight line machine quilting or tying. Contact is Chris Polzin at 1-507-269-7570 or email: mpolzin@frontiernet.net

MOVIE TIME - Please join us on Friday, September 20 at 7pm for a family friendly movie in our movie theater! We have a new screen and sound system! Movie title will be posted on the kiosk, at the north door bulletin board, or on the movie room door.



CARD MAKING - All crafty ladies, gentlemen too, looking for a fun activity. Join in making cards for others. We meet the 3rd Friday of the month at church. 9 am-12 pm. Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15. We will not meet in Dec, then resume Jan 17, 2025. Contact Kari Prigge for more details.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Meals on Wheels starts in September for volunteers at CLC to deliver meals to our neighbors in the Byron community. We do need additional volunteers. Please call Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321 for details of how this program works in Byron. Time involves about 2 hrs everyday for one week of every 3rd month of a year, but no weekends.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR - Fellowship time starts at 9:05am with coffee, treats, and pleasant conversations. Volunteers who help in the kitchen will be receiving a schedule in the mail of who helps when. If your last name begins with the letters T-Z, please provide a batch of cookies or bars during the month of September.

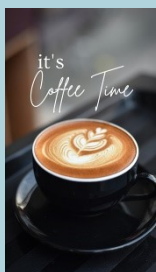
JOY CLUB- JOY Club meets Sept 10th at 10:30am at CLC in the fellowship hall. Hostesses for Sept are Donna Hoffman and Gail Heller. Everyone is welcome.

FALL CLEAN UP - Please join the Building and Grounds Committee on Saturday, October 19 from 9am—noon for the fall church clean up. We will have inside and outside projects to complete. Contact Tom VanHeuklom for more information. Please bring your rakes.

BYRON FOOD SHELF - Did you know the Byron Food Shelf is operating again? It is located in the DACS building at 630 1st Ave NW, Byron. Operating hours are: Mondays 10-11am, Wednesdays 9-11am and 12-2pm, and Thursdays 12-2pm. Request an appointment if you are unable to shop during drop in hours. 507-775-2336. We will send our blue barrel collections to the Byron food shelf the next time it is filled. Our blue barrel is currently empty so consider helping us fill it up!



FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD - 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, snacks and conversation, or a game or puzzle night, one time during the year. Your commitment is to host once, at your home, at a restaurant or coffee shop, or even at the church, 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.



THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - NEW THIS FALL!!!

Please join us on Thursday morning for coffee and conversation at 10am. No agenda, just a time to chat. Please join us starting on Thursday, October 3 and ongoing. Contact Gayle Jaben with questions.

STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 8/20/24, 6:30PM

Members present: Ashley Ebenhoh, Joe Biewer, Carol Smith, Randy Holz, Tom Tweite, Luke Brown, Dave Schlobohm, Mark Turany and Pastor Susan

Members Absent: Tim Anderson, Joan Skare, Josh Dickison, Allie Petersen

Joys and Concerns. Devotion and Prayer by Luke

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Randy 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. July income \$20,487.81, Expenses \$22,791.12

July difference (2,303.31), YTD (2,638.05)

Pastor Susan Lesson on Who's Our Neighbor

Information/Discussion

Monthly Council Table for Sept will be Randy, Luke and Dave

Call Process and Engagement update was given by Mark and Pastor Susan

Call committee members will be announced at the Sept or Oct Council meeting

Action Items

Randy recommended we have an Employee Dinner including a guest. Motion was made by Carol and Seconded by Luke. Motion Passed

Randy will send invites and set date.

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 Sept 17th 2024 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Randy Holz, council secretary

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We want to hear from you, as the Spirit works through our sharing, in both speaking and listening to others, Please pray for our discernment process, and for the call process to come! God is doing a new thing in our midst.

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18 -19

Questions? Contact members of the Engagement Team: Holly Alsleben, Kristine Ihrke, Amanda Pfeilsticker, Drew Long, Kim Postier, Sue Briske, LuRaye Eischens, or Pastor Susan.



FALL TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship starting Sept 8: 8am Traditional, 10am Contemporary

Office Hours starting Sept 3: Mon - Thurs 9am - 3pm

2024 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

WORSHIP AT CLC

- In-church worship at 8am, traditional style and 10am contemporary style
- communion offered the 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 in a donation to Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, 2) online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or Venmo, or 3) dropping off a donation during church services or office hours.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



Venmo

Vanco



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 \$98 in August in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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Worship Times

8am Traditional Worship
 10am Contemporary Worship
 LiveStream Worship
Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646 or
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PASTORAL CARE REMINDER: Pastor Susan and I ask that if you (or a loved one) is in need of spiritual care, or a pastoral visit, or if there is a change in health status with you or a loved one, and you would like pastoral care, please let us know directly. If we are not aware of these things, it is difficult to follow up. Our phone numbers are on the website and in the Newsletter. You may also call the church office. Thank you so much for your help in this!

God's Peace and Blessings to you all. Pastor Judy and Pastor Susan

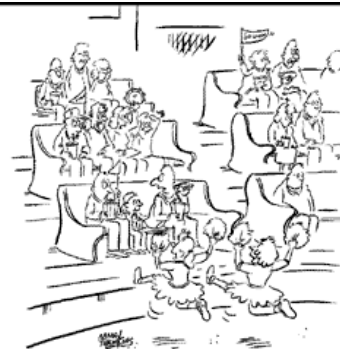
PICTURE TAKERS NEEDED! - With Pastor Steve retired, we need access to more pictures of events. If you have taken a picture of something at church, consider emailing it to office@clcbyron.org. If you would be willing to take pictures of events at CLC, let the office know so we have a pool of photographers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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Sue Hoenk, Aaron Stolp, Charlie Finley, Al Ronnenberg, Arlene Polzin, Chuck Bayuk, Joan Skare and Ed Korbel.

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - On the first Sunday of each month, a pastor will be available for individual prayer and anointing (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

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| June 2024 | 142 |
| June 2023 | 115 |
| July 2024 | 115 |
| July 2023 | 109 |
| 8/4/24 | 159 |
| 8/11/24 | 104 |
| 8/18/24 | 103 |
| 8/25/24 | 117 |
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"It was nice of the church to donate these old pews to the high school."