



PASTOR’S MESSAGE - JUNE/JULY

“I thank my God every time I remember you...because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:5

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Lutheran,

This month, we celebrate Pentecost, a reminder that the Holy Spirit is always working among God’s people, calling us to bear witness, celebrate, and proclaim God’s saving love in Jesus Christ to all the world. This month, you also begin a new season of ministry at CLC, as you prepare to welcome Pastor Jeremy Johnson and his family to join with you in life and ministry here. Our season of reflection, and looking forward together, comes to a close. In consultation with the Council Executive Team, we have set Sunday, June 22 as my last day with you as interim senior pastor.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor over these past 12 months. Thank you for sharing your lives and your faith with me. We have had a rich, joyful, and productive season of worship, fellowship, ministry and outreach, for which I will always be grateful. Your commitment to Christ's church, and to one another, has enabled you to accomplish amazing things, We have had opportunities to discover how adaptable, creative, and patient we can be. We have imagined together how God is calling CLC, and each member, to embody the love of Christ in Byron and beyond.

Together, we have prayerfully reflected on the ministry and mission of Christ Lutheran: where you have been, where you are now, and where God is leading you into the future. You have taken a step of faith and commitment in calling Pastor Jeremy to be your next pastor. It will be exciting to discover what God has in store for you in the months and years ahead.

I am filled with gratitude for God’s faithfulness this year. Thank you for welcoming me, and for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for sharing your ideas, your insights, your joys and concerns. Thank you for sharing your many and varied talents, which all came together to make our life together and our mission possible.

Please know that you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I thank God for our time together!

May God continue to bless you and guide you. I will miss you!

With much love,
in Christ,
Pastor Susan Li



SUMMER TIME CHANGES

Sunday worship: May 25 - Aug 31 at 9am

Office Hours: Jun 2 - Aug 27, Mon - Wed from 9am - 1pm

	<p>Susan Li Interim Senior Pastor clcpastorsusan@gmail.com</p>		<p>Judy Thompson-Reitz Interim Part Time Pastor peacejudy@hotmail.com</p>
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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR JUNE/JULY

Parents please consider being a team teacher for the 2025-2026 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 family's 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! Fkovich@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, 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. CLC pays for 60% of camp costs (up to \$225 max per kid) for kids attending Good Earth Village.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - JUNE/JULY

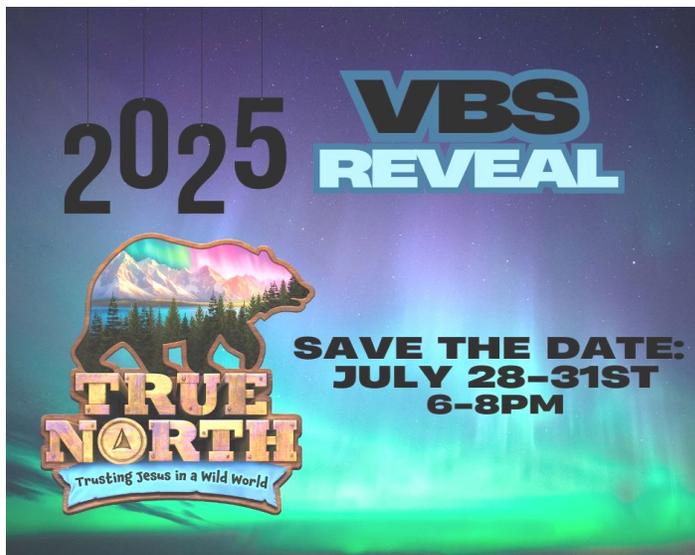
We are looking for a 2025-2026 Confirmation Coordinator and mentors for 7th grade confirmation. If you are interested, contact the Education Committee. The MANDATORY Confirmation Retreat has been set for Saturday, September 6 at Eagle Bluff. First year kids will do a ropes course and second year kids will do a rock climbing wall and ropes course.

2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION - Registration for Sunday School and Confirmation will be available this summer. Watch for more details in the weekly emails. **Mandatory Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, September 6 at Eagle Bluff.**

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - Registration forms are on the kiosk, or on our website. CLC pays

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 SENIORS!!

Julie Bjelland	Katie Bjelland	Jaxon Boynton
Madison Brion	Bode Brown	Emma Clark
Ryan Hewitt	Alex Hoerle	Jackson Ihrke
Taylor Matter	Tyler Matter	Lynsey Mittelstadt
Olivia Quam	MaKenna Scheerer	Katie Schoeppner
Kailani Schroeder	Paige Seifert	Jack Stalboerger
Lukas Swenson	Kyle Theis	Amara Weis
Owen Yennie	Thadeus Zabel	



Set Your Compass to True North! Join us for Vacation Bible School

This summer, we're going on an exciting journey to discover **True North** – the ultimate direction for our lives! Through fun games, powerful lessons, music, and crafts, we'll explore what it means to follow God and find our true purpose.

Dates: July 28th-31st

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Christ Lutheran Church

For Ages: Preschool-5th Grade

\$10/child event with snacks, activities, and lots of fun!

Ready to set your compass for an unforgettable adventure?

60%, up to \$225 of the registration fees at Good Earth Village. For other Christian Bible Camps we will 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



Scholarship winners: Katie Bjelland and Alex Hoerle

YOUTH/CHURCH EVENTS

KWIK TRIP CAR WASHES

The Youth Committee is selling Kwik Trip Car Washes to support the mission trip and Bible Camp Scholarships. The cost is \$40/5 washes. The Youth earn \$20/card. Cards will be sold between services by the mission trip kids, or in the office.

MISSION TRIP SHARES - Forms can be found on the kiosk. Shares are \$25 each and help cover youth and chaperone expenses on the mission trip. There will be a presentation following the trip with treats and a video, for shareholders.

MISSION TRIP - KANSAS CITY, MO

June 22-27, 2025 - 20 kids are attending and 4 adult leaders. Total trip cost to families is \$375 (total per student cost is about \$650).

YOUTH GROUP - 8th graders, please join us!

Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. With the warmer weather, the youth group will be having their meetings outside roasting marshmallows and enjoying the outdoors, so bring a blanket or camp chair. If it is raining, join us in the Youth Room.

Dates to remember this summer: June 11 - Meek House 7pm; July 9 - Esser House 7pm; July 12 - Feed My Starving Children Food Pack, time TBD; July 30 - Johnson house 7pm; Aug 20 - Heinz house movie night 7pm; all other Wednesdays we will meet at CLC, outside, around the fire pit.

Please contact Kim P or sign up on the calendar outside the youth room at church if you can volunteer (Youth Parent/Guardian) on a Wednesday during the summer months to be a leader for the night. You could be at your house when you host, or host at church. If you have questions or want to connect with this group, contact Kim Postier, Youth Group Leader

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

4-30-2025

The Special Congregational Meeting to call a Senior Pastor was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Joe Biewer. Members Present: 103 church members were in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Pr Susan gave an opening prayer.

Action Item: Evonne Schlobohm made a motion to extend a call to Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Jim Ronnenberg seconded the motion.

A biography on Pastor Jeremy Johnson was handed out. Questions and answers from the church members were discussed.

After the discussion, written ballots were handed out to vote yes or no to call Pastor Johnson. Two-thirds majority of the members in attendance is needed in order for the motion to pass.

The ballots were counted and the results were 100 yes votes and 3 no votes. The motion was passed to call Pastor Jeremy Johnson to serve Christ Lutheran Church as our new Senior Pastor.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Bob Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Jim Ronnenberg seconded the motion.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

A PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us: through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SHAREHOLDER EVENT

Sunday, June 29, 10am
Donuts, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee and a presentation by the mission trip kids!
Open to all people that purchased mission trip shares.



YOUTH GROUP/MISSION TRIP POOL PARTY

Sunday, June 29
All youth from 8-12th grade, please join us at Centerstone Plaza Hotel in Rochester for a pool party on Sunday, June 29 from 3-5pm.
Swimming/Games/Food
401 6th St SW, Rochester



CLC RUMMAGE SALE

Save the date!! Rummage Sale will be July 25 and 26. Setup/Drop off will be July 23 and 24. A flyer for volunteers will be posted soon on the kiosk. Contact JoAnn Brooks for more details.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT CLC

Saturday, July 19 from 1-3pm
Volunteers are needed!
Contact Sylvia Alberts if interested in helping.



CHURCH LIFE/OUTREACH

BOOK CLUB - Book club does not meet during the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 2.

CARD MAKING - All crafty ladies, gentlemen too, looking for a fun activity? Join us in making cards for others. We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, June 21 and July 19, at CLC from 9 am-noon. Contact is Kari Prigge.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Our CLC volunteers will be delivering meals to community neighbors who are enrolled in the Meals On Wheels program during the month of June. 20 is the average number of neighbors who receive meals. Thank-you for volunteering with this program.

JOY CLUB - Joy Club meets on June 10th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess are Alice Blom and Diane Bisping. July 8 will be our annual potluck picnic. Meet at the Red Park in Byron by 11:30am.

BYRON FOOD SHELF - 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 sends our food collections to the Byron food shelf.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR - JUNE/JULY

Fellowship time between services at CLC will be at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings starting June 1 - Aug 31. Members with their last name starting with M - P are being asked to donate a batch of cookies or a pan of bars on Sundays in June and July. Deliver the treats by 9:00 am on Sundays or any day of the week the church is open.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - We will not meet June, July or August, but start up again Sat, Sept 13. We will be sewing quilts for Linus Project as well as Pillow Case dresses for girls in Africa. We have been donated with generous amounts of flannel and cotton fabrics. Contact Chris Polzin at mpolzin@frontiernet.net or 507-269-7579

SAMARITAN BETHANY GOLF CLASSIC - June 26, 2025, Willow Creek Golf & Events. Flyers are on the kiosk for more info.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP - Share your musical talent with your church family this summer! Contact Julie Carlblom (jcarlblom@kmtel.com or 507-250-1302) to schedule a time to enhance a worship service with your musical message. Vocals and instrumentals are welcomed, but songs do need to be pre-approved for streaming.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY? - If you are interested in attending a summer bible study, contact Sylvia Alberts at 507-251-1962.

Recently seen around CLC...



NEW THIS SUMMER - PUZZLE EXCHANGE!



Do you have a puzzle to share, or need a new puzzle to try? Check out our CLC library for a new puzzle. If you have a puzzle to donate, you can leave by the puzzles in the library or drop off in the office.



STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 4/15/25

The CLC council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Joe Biewer.

Members present: Joe Biewer, Randy Holz, LuRaye Eischens, Carol Smith, Tim Anderson, Tom Tweite, Cece Meek, Luke Brown, Linda Danielski, Jason Pfeilsticker, DrewAnne Oestreich and Pastor Susan Li (via phone).
Members absent: Ashley Ebenhoh

Joys and Concerns; Devotions: By Carol Smith

Approval of Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by L Danielski, L Brown seconded, motion passed.

Approval of April minutes: Motion made by R Holz to approve the April minutes, T Tweite seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer report. April income \$24,310.29; Expenses \$24,802.90; April difference -\$492.61; YTD Difference \$1144.16.

Information/Discussion Items:

Pastor Lesson: Pastor Susan gave a lesson on a time of change in the early church and how it compares to our transition here at Christ Lutheran.

Joe Biewer gave an update on the church rummage sale, which will take place on July 25-26. JoAnn Brooks is chairing this event. Set up and drop off will be July 22-23 after 5:00 pm.

An ice cream social, similar to last year, will take place on Saturday July 19 during Good Neighbor Days and will be chaired by Sylvia Alberts.

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

- In-church worship at 8am, traditional style and 10am contemporary style
- 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 \$863 in April in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Proceeds from both of these events will go to the parking lot fund.

Randy Holz updated us on the raffle ticket sales for the parking lot fund. 520 tickets have been checked out and the total income from those tickets, if all are sold, will be \$5200.00. The due date for the ticket sales is July 2 and the drawing will be on July 27.

Joe Biewer gave an update on Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Pastor Jeremy accepted the call and he plans to start on July 1. His first church service will be July 6. Plans are in the process of being finalized for his installation date and reception.

Action Items:

Pastor Susan's last Sunday will be June 22. There will be a special litany and farewell reception for her that day.

If it is raining on Memorial Day, The Byron American Legion will be having their Memorial Day Service in our fellowship hall at 10:00.

Pastor Susan will be gone on June 8. If Pastor Judy is not able to be here that day, Pastor Ann Silverling will be our fill-in pastor.

Tom Tweite and JoAnn Brooks will be attending the ELCA Synod Assembly on May 30-31.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by L Brown to adjourn the meeting. J Pfeilsticker seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be June 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

PAVE THE PARKING LOT - RAFFLE 2025

Packets can be picked up in the entry for you to sell to your neighbors, family and friends. The drawing will be Sunday, July 27.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



Venmo

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Christ Lutheran Church
 201 Frontage Road NW
 Byron, MN 55920 www.clcbyron.org
 Office Hours: 9am - 1pm Mon - Wed
 507-775-6646 office@clcbyron.org

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June - July 2025



Worship Times

9am Worship - Traditional &
 Contemporary Alternating
 LiveStream Worship
Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastors can be reached by office phone 775-6646 or
 Pastor Susan 507-254-9875 or clcpastorsusan@gmail.com
 Pastor Judy 507-330-0722 or peacejudy@hotmail.com
 President, Joe Biewer 701-261-5932 or jbwier@hotmail.com
 Pastor Jeremy **starting in July** jeremyjohnson_1@hotmail.com

2025 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE

DONATIONS - After age 70 1/2 and older, individuals may distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from their IRAs to certain charitable organizations without including the amount of the charitable distribution in gross income when filing tax returns. An added benefit is this method of giving also reduces gross income for the calculation determining the amount of Social Security benefits that may be taxable.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Carolyn Reinecke, Lois Rhodes, Kay McKay, Ed Korbel, and Sue Hoenk.

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.



"Frankly, Edna, I think it's more noticeable than your shoes not matching your dress."

ATTENDANCE

Mar 2025 Avg	134
Mar 2024 Avg	243
Apr 2025 Avg	238
Apr 2024 Avg	211
5/4	206
5/11	145
5/18	166
5/25	83
May 2025 Avg	150
May 2024 Avg	166