



Dear Blessed Friends in Christ,

My time as your Interim Pastor will be ending this month. The two years I have been privileged to serve you leave me with a very, very full heart.

I have been so blessed to walk with you in ministry at Christ Lutheran. I thank all Sunday School teachers, mentors, Youth group leaders and mission trip chaperones! The VBS coordinators, leaders, youth, volunteers, and kids made VBS a complete delight. To every committee and committee member, thank you for giving of your time and talents. Thank you to the wonderful staff in this place, your faithfulness is a blessing! And to the musicians of Christ, who bless this place with uplifting music week after week for two services, I am so thankful!

The Council has faithfully stewarded this congregation through big transitions, saying good by to Pastor Nirmala, Pastor Steve, Interim Pastor Susan, and into the new chapter of leadership with Pastor Jeremy, who, in my opinion, is as solid as they come, (plus tech savvy to boot!) Centered in grace and Lutheran theology, Scripture and service, I am excited for Christ Lutheran's future with Pastor Jeremy.

We have lost dear souls during my tenure, but they will live on in our hearts still, because love never ends. We have shared joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, and the blessing of the Holy Communion of all the saints. I want to thank you for your witness of the Living God in Christ Jesus, our Lord whom we all love and serve. Ministry goes both ways!

During my time among you, I have tried to the best of my ability to bear witness to the inclusive, forgiving love of God in Christ, his promises, his presence with us each day, and above all his AMAZING GRACE. Where I have failed, I ask for your forgiveness. During times when folks felt I was being too "political", please know my words were born of the theological imperative of my ordination promises, especially the promise "to work for peace and justice in all I say and do."

As our time together draws to a close, know that it has been an absolute honor and joy to walk with Christ with you all! God's Blessings, peace, and grace be with you all!

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Judy

Pastor Judy's last Sunday, is May 31. Please join us for worship that day at 9am to celebrate our time with Pastor Judy!

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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May Sunday School Lessons:

5/3 - God's House - John 14:1-14
5/10 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-21
5/17 - Year End Program/Celebration!

The End of Year Program will be on 5/17 starting at 9:05. All teachers, parents, helpers, and students will meet in the sanctuary for a short program followed by donuts and refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this school year great!

Please let Francine Kovash know if you would like to teach or be a helper in Sunday School next year! 507-951-2234 or fkovash@hotmail.com. Sunday School teachers will have the Sunday School registration fee waived for their kids!

Offering collected during Sunday school and to the left of the altar in the sanctuary from January through April will go to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. May through August will go to the Byron Food Shelf. September through December will go to Real Hope for the Hungry.

Thanks! Francine, Sunday School Coordinator

VBS - August 3-6, 2026

BREW CREW BIBLE STUDY

We will not meet on May 4 or 25, but will wrap up our study on Christian

YOUTH GROUP WELCOMES 8TH GRADERS!!

The Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in May, June, July, and August. On May 13, the 8th graders are invited to join us as we celebrate the end of the school year with a cookout and bean bag tournament! A sign-up sheet for families to host a youth group night is posted on the bulletin board outside the youth room. Some Wednesday nights will include special outings for service projects (like packing food) or fun events such as going out for pizza and a concert. More details will be shared in the coming weeks—stay tuned!



denominations on May 11. Starting May 18, we begin a new series, "Bible Basics," exploring how the Bible came to be, who wrote it, and how it was passed down to us today. We'll meet through the end of June.

MISSION TRIP 2026 Duluth, MN July 19-24

Final trip payments are due. If you would like a scholarship, speak with Pastor Jeremy privately.

Upcoming meetings: Wed, May 27 at 7pm and Wed, July 8 at 7pm (both meetings are for the student and at least 1 parent/guardian)

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP

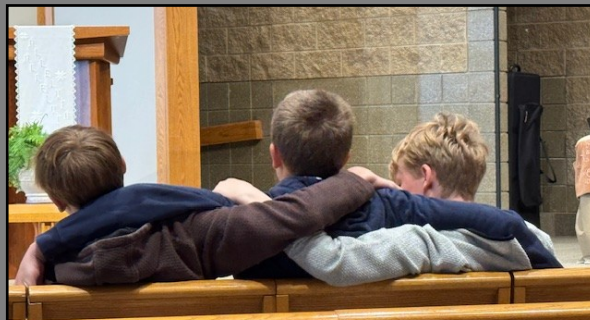
Registration is available for youth summer camp at www.goodearthvillage.org Good Earth Village is our congregationally supported church camp. CLC pays for 60% of camp costs (up to \$225 max per kid) for kids attending GEV.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Registration forms are on the kiosk or on our website. CLC pays 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

CONFIRMATION MENTORS AND COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

Please prayerfully consider becoming a mentor or the Confirmation Coordinator for next year. Helping and guiding the youth of our church as they grow in their faith is an amazing and rewarding experience! If you have questions, Holly Alsleben is happy to fill you in on the details!



less. **Area camps to consider: Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega.**

[Wwww.clcbyron.org/camp/](http://www.clcbyron.org/camp/)

6TH GRADE & CONF NEWS

Current 6th graders can kickstart service projects for 7th grade Confirmation this summer by signing up to help with the Ice Cream Social at the church in mid-July or Vacation Bible School the first week in August. Incoming 7th & 8th grade Conf. students will need to complete 3 service projects during the school year and this is an easy and fun way to get a headstart on projects for any of the Confirmation students. *A reminder for the newly confirmed 8th graders, Youth Group meets on Wednesdays!*

KID'S CLUB (GRADES 3-5)

Join us on **Tuesday, May 19**, after school—5PM at Christ Lutheran! Kids will learn about Jesus and what it means to grow in faith and bear fruit. We'll paint a terracotta pot, enjoy a spring snack, hear a Bible story, play games, and plant a flower to take home. A \$5 donation is suggested to help cover costs. All are welcome! Bring a friend or two! Link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/4eaLXV6>



YOUTH CONT./OPEN POSITION/SUMMER FUN!

THANK-YOU

Thanks so much for the great Easter basket. Everything was good, the cookies, muffins, candy and much more stuff. :) Thanks and God Bless, Stella Anderson

Thank-you to the CLC ladies for the Easter Basket!!

-Rose Gottschalk

Ardys and her family would like to thank the volunteers at church for all the kindness you have shown her. She deeply enjoys the visits, thoughtful gifts and prayers. Thank-you! -Ardys Glasrud Family

Thank-you for the Easter Basket filled with goodies! Happy Easter to everyone! Connie & Donna Hoffman

Thank-you for the kind words on Administrative Assistant's Day! I have always known that I have the best job out there! -Elaine Meek

HONKERS GAME

Take me out to the ballgame... and join Christ Lutheran for a fun night at a Rochester Honkers game on *Sunday, June 14 at 5PM!* We'll have group seating together and will meet at the ballfield. Rumor has it Pastor Jeremy may even compete in the "Faster Pastor" race! Sign up on the kiosk in the entry. Cost is about \$7/ticket!



SENIOR SUNDAY - High School senior recognition is Sunday, May 3rd. A reception with cake will be at 9am with recognition at the 10am worship service. Your CLC family wants to congratulate you on completing another important milestone.

KWIK TRIP CAR WASHES

Buy car wash cards for \$40/5 washes on the 1st Sun of the month. Proceeds support the mission trip and Bible Camp Scholarships.

SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT IN MINISTRY

As part of our ongoing conversation about staffing, one of the options being considered is adding a part-time Assistant in Ministry. This is a paid position that would work alongside the pastor to support the life of the congregation and help people grow in faith and connection.

We're looking for someone grounded in Lutheran theology who has a heart for teaching, leadership, and building meaningful programs. This role includes helping coordinate Wednesday night ministries, leading the high school youth group, and supporting other youth activities.

This person will also connect with young adults, building relationships and helping strengthen community both in person and online. There may also be opportunities to assist with parts of Sunday morning ministry.

If this sounds like you, or someone you know, we'd love to start a conversation.

PHOTO DIRECTORY – SAVE THE DATES!

We're excited to begin work on a new church photo directory! **Photo sessions are scheduled for: August 13–15 and September 15–16.** More details and sign-up info will be shared soon, but for now, please mark your calendars and plan to participate!

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. You can purchase as many shares as you want. There will be a presentation following the trip with treats and a video, for shareholders.

Shareholder event will be July 26 at 10am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS!

Lillian Alsleben	Calvin Esser
Henry Green	Matthew Hollister
Ava Holmseth	Cody Johnson
Jaxon Kovash	Gavin Plank
Audree Poulter	Alex Quinn
Greta Schmitt	Eli Sorenson
Kayla Theis	Sophia Yennie



CHURCH ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00. We will be discussing "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson. Anyone is welcome to join us. This will be our last meeting until September as we take the summer off. Information will be sent sometime in July regarding our meeting in September. Date, time and the book to read prior to that gathering will be shared at that time. Contact Kristie Nelson at kjn0312@gmail.com with questions.

CARD MAKING - We will not meet anymore due to lack of interest.

JOY CLUB - Joy Club meets Tuesday, May 12 at **10am (new time!)** in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are Carol Smith and Diane Bisping. Anyone interested, please join us on May 12!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship time between the Sunday church services starts at 9am. Treats are donated by members whose last name starts with F - K for the month of May. The treats include cookies and bars that are homemade or purchased. Helpers are needed with setting up and cleaning up. Contact Sandy Erickson or Kari Prigge.

BYRON FOOD SHELF - Location is at the DACS building, 630 1st Ave NW, Byron. Hours are: Wed 9-11am, Thur 12-2pm, and 1st Fri of month 6-8pm. CLC's food collections go to the Byron food shelf.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP

We will meet Thu, May 7 in the fellowship hall from 9am - noon, and work on sewing blocks together for several throw size quilts, for either Project Linus or the Landing. We will also work on baby blankets used for tummy time for the Family Resource Center. We have a couple lap quilts if folks are willing to tie them. We have donated flannel fabric to cut, sew and assemble simple blankets/quilts. Feel free to bring your sewing machine. Supplies provided are cutting mats, rotary cutters, scissors, rulers, iron and ironing board. Questions, contact Chris Polzin at 507-269-7579 or mpolzin@frontiernet.net

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers deliver meals to Byron neighbors during the month of June. We deliver Mon thru Fri, no weekends or holidays. Contact Sandy Erickson if you are interested in helping with this community program.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us Thur, May 21 at 9AM at Otto's Bakery for coffee, donuts, and conversation. We're currently studying Martin Luther—all are welcome! Invite a friend, neighbor... or even someone you meet along the way.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, July 18, 2-4pm. More info to come!

SUMMER BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

Summer can be a challenging time for students who rely on school meals. Our local schools offer a summer backpack program that provides weekly bags of healthy food and snacks for students in need and CLC is helping!

We'll pack bags every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM, beginning June 10, at the Community Education Building. Supplies are provided, just come and pack! It takes about 4-5 people and around an hour each week. This is a great opportunity for a small group, family, or friends to serve together. Sign up in the CLC entry.

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around CLC....



STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING - 4/21/2026

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

Members present: Tim Anderson, Joe Biewer, Luke Brown, Linda Danielski, Ashley Ebenhoh, LuRaye Eischens, Deb Fugleberg, Gayle Jaben, Cece Meek, Jason Pfeilsticker, Carol Smith. Members absent: DrewAnne Oestreich and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Special Guest: Sue Briske

Joys and Concerns

Devotions: By Jason Pfeilsticker

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

Approval of March Minutes: Motion made by J Pfeilsticker to approve the March minutes. L Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer report. March income \$27,573.88; March expenses \$25,851.31; March difference \$1,722.57; YTD Difference \$1,636.77.

Information/Discussion Items:

Constitution Update: Tim Anderson and Sue Briske reported that the Constitution subcommittee has been making good progress. They hope to wrap it up next month and then start working on the bylaws. The council responded to several of their questions and offered guidance on several items they needed clarified.

Pastor Judy: Pastor Judy's last day will be Sunday, May 31. We will organize a farewell reception after the 9:00 service.

Assistant in Ministry: Three people have applied for this position so far. We are assembling a team of interviewers representing multiple age groups including older and younger adults.

Endowment Fund: The Endowment committee met and reviewed each of the funds and their purposes. Disbursements have previously been applied to the initial gift to continue to grow interest. Going forward, the committee will look to disburse funds according to the intentions of the gift or in accordance with CLC bylaws. The Endowment committee asked to have oversight over the Berg fund but allow actual use to be determined by Youth and/or Education per gift intention. The council agreed with this approach.

Parking Lot Update: We are starting to get bids for resurfacing a portion of the parking lot.

Deb Fugleberg donated two first aid kits. One will be kept in the kitchen, and the other one will be in the audio/visual area in the back of the church.

Action Items: None.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Cece Meek to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Ebenhoh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be May 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

SAMARITAN BETHANY GOLF CLASSIC

June 18, Willow Creek Golf Course, Rochester

Sign up: <https://webforms.eleoonline.com/FormDatas/27/a08e58a0-d803-4546-99b7-c81e229c76e5>

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

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 \$450 in April in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

2026 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

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

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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
 Pastor Jeremy 507-481-4394 or pastorjeremy@clcbyron.org
 Pastor Judy 507-330-0722 or peacejudy@hotmail.com
 President, Joe Biewer 701-261-5932 or jbiewer@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CLC

Lawnmower Group - We are looking for a couple people to assist with lawn mowing. We meet on Thursdays at 1pm throughout the summer and mow for about an hour. If you are interested as a 'regular' or a 'sub', please email Dan Tweite at dptweite@hotmail.com

Welcome Center - We need a couple more people willing to volunteer at the welcome center on Sundays between services, or in the summer, after the 9am service. If you are willing to assist with this, please let the office know.

SUMMER TIME CHANGES



Sunday Worship: May 24 - Sep 9, 9am
 Alternating between traditional & Contemporary

Office Hours: Jun 1 - Aug 26,
 Mon - Wed from 9am - 1pm

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Jerry Anderson, Jerry & Marcia Hutchinson, Bill Jones, Allen & Debbie Kvittum, Bev Smith, Dave & Karen Winters, and the shut-ins.

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

Feb 2026 Avg	168
Feb 2025 Avg	131
Mar 2026 Avg	140
Mar 2025 Avg	134
4/5/26	326
4/12/26	168
4/19/26	182
4/26/26	247
Apr 2026 Avg	231
Apr 2025 Avg	238

