



## 2 TIMOTHY 3:10–17

**“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” -2 Timothy 3:14–15**

Greetings Christ Lutheran Church!

School is in session! Well, almost... Another school year is nearly upon us, and children and young people are getting ready to head back to the classroom. A new school year is a time for new beginnings, new challenges, and—hopefully—a renewed curiosity and passion for learning. Education is one of the most important gifts we can give the next generation.

Of course, learning isn't just for school. As a church, we also have the privilege and responsibility of helping the next generation grow in faith. Through Sunday School, Confirmation, First Communion, youth ministry, and simply being part of the life of the congregation, we teach our children and young people the story of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

But learning and growing in faith isn't something we ever finish. Paul reminds Timothy that the Scriptures are useful for “teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” In other words, God continues to shape us throughout our lives. Whether we are young or old, there is always more to discover about God, ourselves, and what it means to follow Jesus.

That's one of the things I love about the beginning of a new program year. It isn't simply about getting everyone back on the church calendar. It is an opportunity for all of us to begin again—to learn, to grow, to worship, to serve, and to strengthen our faith together.

I invite you to join us on September 13 at 9:00 a.m. for our outdoor worship service as we kick off another year of learning and growing together. Following worship, we'll have our Rally Sunday Carnival, complete with food, fellowship, games, and fun for all ages. We'll have carnival games including Plinko, ring toss, Wiffle ball toss, sailboat races, a sucker tree, bean bag tic-tac-toe, and more!

So whether you're heading back to school, sending children or grandchildren off to school, or simply enjoying a little more wisdom and experience these days, come and join us. Let's celebrate a new school year, support our children and youth, and begin another year of growing together in faith.

Peace, Pr. Jeremy



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# EDUCATION/YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - SEP CONFIRMATION

This year we will continue to use Spark Lectionary curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. The lessons will correspond to the Revised Common Lectionary that is 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 this year. Please let Francine Kovash or Laura Christensen know if you are interested in teaching or helping in the classrooms! Francine: (507) 951-2234, [fkovash@hotmail.com](mailto:fkovash@hotmail.com). Laura: 507-469-8911, [lorlee\\_79@yahoo.com](mailto:lorlee_79@yahoo.com). Sunday school will run from Sep 20, 2026 through May 16, 2027 and is for 3 year olds - 5th graders. Class schedules will be in the entry. Class runs from 9:05am to 9:50am. Pre-school through 2nd graders need to be picked up and dropped off by parents/guardians.

A Rally Sunday Carnival to celebrate the start of Sunday school will be Sept 13 at 10am. All are welcome to come enjoy snacks, games, and prizes!

### September Lessons

9/13 - Rally Sunday Carnival

9/20 - The Vinyard Workers - Matthew 20:1-16

9/27 - The Chief Priests - Matthew 21:23-32

3rd graders will receive their Bibles on 9/20 during the 8 am or 10 am services. Please join Pr. Jeremy at 9:05 for "Get to Know Your Bible" time.

Confirmation orientation for 6-8th grade is Wed, Sept 9 at 7pm.

**Mandatory Confirmation Retreat at Eagle Bluff: Sat, Sept 12** (only for year 1 and 2 kids)

6th grade pre-confirmands, will meet Wednesdays at 5:30pm during the school year.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

September, September! Can you believe summer is already gone and we're back to school (and regularly scheduled Youth Group!)? Starting on September 2nd, join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00pm. We'll do an activity as a big group at 6:30 and then move into our Youth Group meeting around 7. Plan on chatting and playing a game or two to warm up before getting into our topic of the week. If you have any questions or ideas for topics, feel free to reach out to Pastor Jeremy or I. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Contacts: Samantha Erickson ([sam@clcb Byron.org](mailto:sam@clcb Byron.org)) and Jen Oestreich ([oestreichj@yahoo.com](mailto:oestreichj@yahoo.com))

## KWIK TRIP CAR WASHES

Purchase cards for \$40/5 washes on the 1st Sun of the month after worship. Proceeds support the mission trip and Bible Camp.



## BREW CREW BIBLE STUDY

Brew Crew has finished our study of Making Sense of Scripture. We'll be taking a couple of weeks off before beginning a new study, "Everyday Life of Biblical Times," on **Monday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m.** We'll explore what daily life was like for people in biblical times, helping us better understand the people, places, and stories we encounter in Scripture. All are welcome to join us for good conversation, coffee, and learning together!

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sept 13, 9am

Please join us for a **Blessing of the Backpacks** during 9am worship!

## REGISTRATIONS Sunday School

[Sunday School Registration 2026-2027 \(Preschool - 5th Grade\)](#)

## Confirmation

[6th Grade Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Registration](#)

## FALL AT CLC

**PRAISE BAND NEEDS A GUITARIST AND/OR BASSIST!!** The Praise Band is looking for a guitarist and/or bassist. If you are interested in either of these roles, please speak with Sarah Palmer for more information. [sarahvpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:sarahvpalmer@gmail.com)

**CHANCEL CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS!!** We want you to stay healthy! Recent studies have shown that singing in a group helps to support your brain health. Singing praise to God is a wonderful way to support your spiritual health. Chancel choir practice begins Wed, Sep 2nd, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. No experience needed. We would love to see you there! For more info, contact Julie Carlblom 507-250-1302 or [alfijcarlblom@gmail.com](mailto:alfijcarlblom@gmail.com)

**JULBELLANCE NEEDS RINGERS!!** This is a SPECIAL invite to anyone with hands and rhythm to share music during worship. Making music with bells is fairly easy and fun. If interested, talk to Jane Cabaya or [janecabaya25@gmail.com](mailto:janecabaya25@gmail.com). No special musical talent needed. This Fall we will meet every other Wed. at 6 pm at CLC, and play once a month at the 8am service. We would love to add you to our group!



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT SUPPLIES NEEDED!** - The 6th Graders 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)

### NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY "CANCER: NOW WHAT?" BY KENNETH C. HAUGK

A cancer diagnosis can leave patients and their loved ones wondering, "What do we do now?" This book offers practical guidance and compassionate support for navigating the many challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis. It can be a helpful resource for anyone facing cancer, as well as family members and friends who want to offer support. Stop by the church library to check it out.

**GLOBE OFFERING: REAL HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY** - This fall, our Globe Offering will support Real Hope for the Hungry, a Kids Against Hunger satellite based in Austin, MN. Real Hope provides nutritious meals to families facing hunger both here in Minnesota and around the world. **Each meal costs just 25 cents**, and a package of six meals can feed an entire family for only \$1.50. Even a small gift can make a real difference. As always, our children are invited to bring their offerings forward during worship and place them in the globe. Adults are invited to participate as well! Consider adding a gift to the Globe Offering as we work together to provide food and hope to families in need. We will gather on **Wed, Nov 18, to pack the meals**. More details about the packing event will be shared as we get closer. *"The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord."*—Psalm 22:26

### YOUNG ADULT SURVEY

Are you a recent high school graduate, current college student, or young adult? Or are you the parent of one? CLC is beginning to develop a Young Adult Group for those who have aged out of our Youth Group and are entering this new stage of life.

Whether you are still living in the area, away at college, working elsewhere, or periodically back home during school breaks, we would love to stay connected! Our hope is to create opportunities for young adults to explore faith and theology, have fun, build friendships, and stay connected to the CLC community wherever life takes them.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Young Adult Survey. Your responses will help us learn who is interested and, most importantly, what would make a Young Adult group something you'd actually want to be part of!

Parents, please encourage your young adult to fill out the survey themselves if possible. [High School Graduate Survey](#)

### RALLY SUNDAY POTLUCK/CARNIVAL

Join us on September 13 at 9am for outdoor worship, led by our praise band, as we kick off another year of learning and growing together! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy worship outdoors. Following worship, stick around for our Rally Sunday Carnival, with food, fellowship, games, and fun for all ages! Carnival games will include Plinko, ring toss, Wiffle ball toss, sailboat races, a sucker tree, bean bag tic-tac-toe, and a bounce house! The church will provide pulled pork sandwiches and fresh French fries. Members are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share, if they would like. The Education Committee will also provide popcorn and cotton candy. Don't miss out on the good times for all ages! Enjoy a great morning together as we celebrate the start of another year at Christ Lutheran!



# CHURCH ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

**JOY CLUB** - Joy Club meets the second Tues of the month at 10 am (Sep 8) in the fellowship hall at CLC. New members are welcomed! Questions, please call Sandy Erickson and Carol Smith.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship Time: Please join us for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall following worship! If your last name starts with M-R please donate a batch of cookies by Sunday at 8:45am. The list of volunteers is posted in the kitchen. Contact Kari Prigge or Sandy Erickson to volunteer in the kitchen for fellowship time!

**BYRON FOOD SHELF** - Location is at the DACS building, 630 1st Ave NW. 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.

## TRICK OR TREAT EVENT - SAVE THE DATE!!

Save the date for Sunday, October 25 from 5:30-7pm for the annual Trick or Treat event. A sign up sheet to secure your favorite door will be out in later September!



**SEWING GROUP** - Sewing group will meet Thur, Sep 3, in the fellowship hall from 9am - noon.

We will continue working on throw size quilts for either Project Linus or the Landing, baby blankets for tummy time for the Family Resource Center, or we have 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. All are welcome to come, even non-sewers! Supplies provided are cutting mats, rotary cutters, scissors, rulers, iron and ironing board. Questions, contact Chris Polzin at [mpolzin@frontiernet.net](mailto:mpolzin@frontiernet.net) or 507-269-7579

**MEALS ON WHEELS** - CLC will be delivering meals to neighbors in September. Additional drivers are needed. Please contact Sandy Erickson if interested in helping with this community program.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST - Top 10 Myths of the Bible

Join us on Thursday, September 17, at 9am at Otto's Bakery. We'll enjoy coffee, donuts, fellowship, and Bible study as we begin a new study: "Top 10 Myths of the Bible." Have you ever wondered if some of the things we commonly say about the Bible are actually in the Bible? We'll look at ten popular sayings, ideas, and stories that are often misunderstood or simply aren't found in Scripture—and see what the Bible actually says. Come for the breakfast, stay for the conversation and Bible study. All men are welcome!

## SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday, September 27, 9am, Chapel  
Please join us as we learn about the progress of the Constitution updates.

**BOOK CLUB** - CLC Book Club will meet Tuesday, Sept 1, 6:00 pm at church. We will be talking about "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". At the end of our meeting, our next book will be distributed. It is "Blessings" by Anna Quindlen. That book will be read and discussed at our next meeting Oct. 6.

Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions you can contact: Kristie Nelson at [kjn0312@gmail.com](mailto:kjn0312@gmail.com)

Recently seen around CLC. Lots of VBS fun!!



# STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

## CLC COUNCIL MEETING 8/25/2026

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

Members Present: T Anderson, L Brown L Danielski, A Ebenhoh, L Eischens, D Fugleberg, G Jaben, C Meek, J Pfeilsticker, C Smith and Pr J Johnson.

Members Absent: J Biewer and D Oestreich.

Joys and Concerns; Devotions: G Jaben

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

Approval of June Minutes: Motion made by Luke Brown to approve the June minutes. Linda Danielski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer report. July income \$17,033.99; July expenses \$20,084.96; July difference -\$3,050.97; YTD Difference -\$2,388.68.

### Information/Discussion Items:

Constitution Update: Pastor Jeremy reviewed several sections of the constitution for which the committee was seeking input from the council. An informational forum is scheduled for September 27 between services. The committee will review the constitution at that time, give feedback and answer questions that anyone might have. They are currently working on updating the bylaws. Building Use Policy: The updated Facili-

ty Use Policy and Rental Agreement was reviewed and discussed. Council members provided feedback and input on this updated policy. See motion below.

Transportation/Youth permission policy: The Youth Ministry Transportation Policy was reviewed and discussed. A few minor changes were made. See motion below.

Staffing update and custodial position update: Samantha Erickson, our new Assistant in Ministry, has started her position and is doing well. She is settling in nicely and becoming more comfortable in her role and responsibilities. Scott Esser is taking the lead on the custodial position as Conner Esser leaves for college.

Use of the church: The Cub Scouts will continue to have a few more meetings in the church. The Byron Farmer's Market will be using the church parking lot on Saturday mornings. The church will not be open during these events, and this will be held on the parking lot only. We will confirm with them that they have their own insurance.

Wi-Fi Network: The church Wi-Fi needs to be upgraded, as there are several areas throughout the church where the signal is weak or unavailable. David Heinz gave us an estimate on equipment and materials. Funds from the Undesignated Memorial Fund will be used to pay for this. See motion below.

Rally Sunday: Rally Sunday will take place on September 13. There will be

one service that day at 9:00. This will be an outdoor service with food and games following the service. Pulled pork sandwiches and home-made French fries will be provided. Funds from the Rally Sunday budget will be used to cover this. The lunch will be provided at no cost. Church members are invited to bring their own lawn chair for the service and a salad or dessert to share.

### Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: L Eischens reported that ceiling tiles in some of the classrooms are being replaced. D Fugleberg reported that a few trees will be cut down.

### Action Items:

Motion made by L Brown to approve the Facility Use Policy and Rental Agreement, C Meek 2nd, motion passed.

Motion made by J Pfeilsticker to approve the Youth Ministry Transportation Policy with the discussed changes. Deb Fugleberg 2nd, motion passed.

Motion made by J Pfeilsticker to approve the Wi-Fi upgrading estimate, with the cost to be covered by the undesignated memorial fund. L Brown seconded, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by L Danielski to adjourn the meeting. J Pfeilsticker 2nd, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be on September 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

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

## WORSHIP AT CLC - FALL SCHEDULE

- Sunday worship at 8am traditional and 10am contemporary (starting Sept 20)
- 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 \$25 in August in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

## 2026 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

### ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



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 201 Frontage Road NW  
 Byron, MN 55920      [www.clcbyron.org](http://www.clcbyron.org)  
 Office Hours: 9am - 3pm Mon - Thu  
 507-775-6646      [office@clcbyron.org](mailto:office@clcbyron.org)

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**September 2026**



### Worship Times

Worship - (starting Sept 20)

8am Traditional

10am Contemporary

LiveStream Worship

*Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays*



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Pastor Jeremy 507-481-4394 or [pastorjeremy@clcbyron.org](mailto:pastorjeremy@clcbyron.org)  
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**PHOTO DIRECTORY - Photo sessions are scheduled for: Sep 15-16.** Link to online scheduling: <https://ucdir.com>  
 Church Code: mn649 Password: 649mem

*Everyone photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. Pictures will be available for purchase.*

**THANK-YOU!** A huge thank-you to all of the members of Christ Lutheran Church for their continued donations the Byron Food Pantry. It is such a blessing!

## CLC FALL SCHEDULE

### Sunday Worship:

Sep 6 - 9am; Sep 13 - 9am;

beginning Sep 20, 8am traditional, 10am contemporary

### Office Hours:

Beginning Aug 31, Mon-Thur 9 - 3

## GRANDPARENT DAY - September 13, 2026

Thank you, God, for the gift of grandparents and spiritual mentors — for their steady love and faith passed down through generations (2 Timothy 1:5). Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live.



**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** - Please pray for Fred Dickison, Jerry & Marcia Hutchinson, Allen & Debbie Kvittem, Mary Isensee, Bev Smith, and all shut-ins.

**FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME** - On the first Sunday of each month, Pastor Jeremy 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 2026 Avg   | 113 |
| June 2025 Avg   | 115 |
| July 2026 Avg   | 107 |
| July 2025 Avg   | 153 |
| 8/2/26          | 108 |
| 8/9/26          | 107 |
| 8/16/26         | 134 |
| 8/23/26         | 88  |
| 8/30/26         |     |
| August 2026 Avg |     |
| August 2025 Avg | 116 |