



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - OCTOBER

1 Corinthians 1:4, 7–9

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus... so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ... God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Greetings Christ Lutheran Church!

It is officially fall! The leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter, and before long kids—and probably a few adults—will be deciding what they want to be for Halloween.

As we approach Halloween, we also approach All Saints Day. Halloween gets its name from "All Hallows' Eve," the evening before All Saints Day. For centuries, the church has used this time to remember the saints who have gone before us and to give thanks for the people whose faith and lives have helped shape our own.

I have always appreciated All Saints Day. There is something meaningful about taking time to remember those who came before us—the people who loved us, taught us, encouraged us, challenged us, and shared their faith with us. But remembering the saints isn't only about looking backward.

There's a saying that we need to know where we've come from in order to know where we are

going. I like that idea. We can give thanks for our history and for the people who helped make us who we are, while at the same time looking ahead to where God might be leading us next.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that they have already been given what they need: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift." And then he reminds them of something even more important: "God is faithful." I think those are good words for the church in every generation.

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the people who built, served, taught, worshiped, gave, prayed, and passed the faith along. And then we remember that God isn't finished with us yet.

There are still people to welcome. There are still neighbors to serve. There are still children and young people to encourage in their faith. There are still people who need to hear words of grace, hope, forgiveness, and love.

So this fall, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, may we also look ahead with hope. We carry their stories with us, but we also get to be part of the story God is writing now.

God has been faithful. God is faithful. And God will continue to be faithful in whatever comes next.

Blessings!

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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - Oct

We are off to a great start of Sunday School! We do need more help for preschool, 4th grade, and 5th grade. If you are interested in teaching or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash or Laura Christensen. Francine: (507) 951-2234, fkovash@hotmail.com. Laura: 507-469-8911, lorlee_79@yahoo.com

The lessons for October will be:

10/4 - Parable of the Vineyard - Matthew 21:33-46

10/11 - The Wedding Banquet - Matthew 22:1-14

10/18 - Paying Taxes - Matthew 22:15-22

10/25 - The Greatest Commandment - Matthew 22:34-46

5th Graders have started the First Communion Lessons and will have them every Sunday leading up to 1st Communion on 10/25 at the 8 and 10am services. They will also have bread making project/presenting on Monday 10/19 evening.

Preschool through 4th graders will sing at the 8 AM service on 10/18. Offering collected during Sunday school and in the globe 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 Kovash, Coordinator

CONFIRMATION

For 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation students looking for a great service project opportunity for the month of October, you can participate in the Annual Fall Church Cleanup on Sat, Oct 17. For 7th & 8th grade, helping

for 2 hours = 1 Service Project. It's best to try to complete as many service projects as you're able before the start of the new year because there are many opportunities in the fall and winter months for serving others. Students can also use the Food Pack for Real Hope for the Hungry happening during class time on 11/18/26 as 1 Service Project.

For 6th grade Confirmation this October, we'll be discussing the topics of Worship, Church Seasons and Martin Luther. For 7th & 8th graders, we'll be finishing up our Bible Unit and will participate in a church cleaning night during class on 10/7/26.

H.S. YOUTH GROUP

Happy October! I hope everyone is settling into school routines and activities well. This month (though we don't have official dates for everything yet) we have a lot to look forward to: helping at a worship halftime (10/21 at 6:30!), possibly some yard work volunteering towards the end of the month or early November, and maybe even a movie night! Of course we're still meeting every week (see you at 7 on Wednesdays), and

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 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](#)

BREW CREW BIBLE STUDY

Brew Crew will continue meeting October 5, 19, and 26 at 10:00 a.m. as we explore our current study, "Ordinary Life in Biblical Times." What was everyday life actually like for the people we read about in the Bible? Together, we'll step into their world and learn about things like homes and villages, farming and food, clothing, work, family life, travel, and other parts of daily life. Along the way, we'll see how understanding the ordinary world of biblical times can help familiar stories and passages of Scripture come alive in new ways. All are welcome to join us for good conversation, coffee, and learning together. You don't need to have attended previous sessions—come whenever you can!

MISSION TRIP INFO...

Milwaukee, WI, June 20-25, 2027

Approximate trip cost/student is \$725. The youth committee would like to keep family expenses to about \$400 through fundraising. Please register and get your \$150 deposit turned in to secure your spot.

Parents, please let the office know if you are interested in being a mentor.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeywSCXgZ3HztVoSgRVQ2MDZUle-kqcWJpgy7B2dq8wviA/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

please remember to check the board if you're not getting updates. We now have both a snapchat group chat and an instagram! Updates are posted to both regularly. Please feel free to stop by for even just a few minutes to grab snacks and chat.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Oct 18 - Sunday School sings at 8am worship

Oct 25 - 1st Communion at either service

KID'S CLUB

Tuesday, October 20, 3-5pm

God's Harvest, Fruit of the Spirit

Join us for an afternoon of snacks, games, crafts, activities, and fun as we grow together in faith!

Link to register:

<https://forms.gle/Sea48G9iDrrZ3c727>



FALL AT CLC/OUTREACH

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)

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.

FOOD PACK AT CLC

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

This community program has been active since 1990, when Ruth Brooks helped organize this program with two other churches in Byron. CLC delivers up to 20 meals, daily, to neighbors in our community every third month. The CLC volunteers are very reliable and

community minded. Thank you for all who help with this program. Additional volunteers are needed for December. Please contact Sandy Erickson if you are interested in helping.

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.

BLANKET COLLECTION

The JOY Group is collecting new and gently used blankets sized twin size or smaller, for the Landing. The collection box is in the Coat Room.

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 for our youth.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8

CLC will be welcoming new members on Sunday, November 8 at the 10am service. More details will be coming. If you or someone you know is interested in joining membership at CLC, please speak with Pastor Jeremy or the office.

GOOD GIFTS GALA - A Benefit for Good Earth Village

Thur, Oct 15, Rochester Golf & Country Club
Cost to attend is \$100/ticket. If you are interested, contact the CLC office. Good Earth Village has had some challenging years, rebounding from COVID, and are looking to change that.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: November 1

CLC SHARING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for the Woman's Shelter in Rochester. They recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new 75 bed shelter. The new building is more than a shelter. It is a place of safety, hope, healing, and new beginnings. The Sharing Tree will be put up mid-October. A list of desired/needed items will be available at that time. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 13. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. The Sharing Tree is sponsored by CLC Altar Committee.



TRICK OR TREAT EVENT OCT 25, 5:30-7PM

A sign up sheet to secure your favorite door is on the kiosk.



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. Families provide candy for the trick or treaters. Decorating your door and dressing up is optional, but encouraged.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

JOY CLUB

Joy Club meets the second Tues of the month at 10 am in the fellowship hall at CLC. New members are welcomed! On October 13th we will have a special outing and visit Tiegen's Pumpkin Patch, followed by lunch at County Seat Coffee House in Mantorville at 11:45. Meet at CLC parking lot at 10:15 am for carpooling. Questions, please call Sandy Erickson and Carol Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall between worship services from 9-10am. If your last name starts with R-U please donate treats by Sunday at 8am. Contact Kari Prigge or Sandy Erickson to volunteer in the kitchen for fellowship time!

FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 17, 9am - noon

Please join the Building and Grounds Committee for the fall clean up. Please bring your rakes. Contact Jerry Rieser for more info.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 17, 9:30am



SEWING GROUP

Thur, Oct 1, fellowship hall, 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 or 507-269-7579

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Top 10 Myths of the Bible

Join us on Thur, Oct 8, 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!

BOOK CLUB

The CLC Book Club has our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6. We meet at 6:00 at church to discuss "Blessings" by Anna Quindlen. When we meet in October, the next book to read and discuss in November will be distributed. November's book is "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions you can contact: Kristie Nelson at kjn0312@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 5, 9-11am

It's time to start thinking about your favorite Christmas baked goods that you would like to provide for the bake sale! If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Evonne Schlobohm, evonneschlobohm@gmail.com



Recently seen around CLC... Outdoor Worship & Rally Sunday



STEWARDSHIP/WORSHIP

CLC COUNCIL MEETING

9-15-2026

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

Members Present: Tim Anderson, Joe Biewer, LuRaye Eischens, Deb Fugleberg, Gayle Jaben, Jason Pfeilsticker, Carol Smith and Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

Members Absent: Luke Brown, Linda Danielski, Ashley Ebenhoh, Cece Meek, DrewAnne Oestreich.

Joys and Concerns

Devotions

Approval of Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by Tim Anderson. Deb Fugleberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of August Minutes: Motion made by Gayle Jaben to approve the August minutes. Jason Pfeilsticker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer report. August income \$20,370.85; August expenses \$22,291.33; August difference -\$1,920.48; YTD Difference \$4,073.63.

Information/Discussion Items:

Constitution Update: The bylaws are

a work in progress. Pastor Jeremy reviewed a few sections of the bylaws for clarification. The constitution is mostly finished, just a few minor adjustments are being made. 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.

Parking Lot: Discussion was held regarding moving forward with the project, with possible completion in the spring of 2027. We discussed improvements to the north side of the parking lot and the path extending from the garage to the white post, and seal-coating the rest of the parking lot. The goal is to establish a parking lot fundraising committee to look into raising funds and moving the project forward.

Action Items:

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Deb Fugleberg to adjourn the meeting. Carol Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be on October 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

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 or email: sarahvpalmer@gmail.com

CHANCEL CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS!

Choir practice is every other Wed, 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

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 email: 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!

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

2026 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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

WORSHIP AT CLC - FALL SCHEDULE

- 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 \$26 in September in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



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Worship Times

Worship - 8am Traditional

10am Contemporary

LiveStream Worship

Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, Nov 1, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday, a day when we remember and give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith.

During worship, we will especially remember members of our congregation and loved ones who have died during the past year. As we light candles and speak their names, we give thanks for the promise that, in Christ, death does not have the final word. We gather in hope, trusting that we remain joined together with all the saints in the love of God.

THANK-YOU! Thank-you so much for all the prayers during my health problems. I've felt very lifted up through all the letters, thoughts, and prayers I have received from the congregation. Thank-you! Katie Wild

GREETER-HOST INFORMATION

The Worship & Music Committee has created new guidelines for the Greeter-Host volunteer on Sunday mornings. To review the document, access at:
<https://clcbyron.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Greeter-Host-Guideline-9-2022.pdf>



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Fred Dickison, Allen & Debbie Kvitem, 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

8/2/26	108
8/9/26	107
8/16/26	134
8/23/26	88
8/30/26	99
August 2026 Avg	107
August 2025 Avg	116
9/6/26	74
9/13/26	160
9/20/26	171
9/27/26	141
Sept 2026 Avg	137
Sept 2025 Avg	181

