

Pastor's Message - November

Hebrews 12:1–2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Greetings Christ Lutheran Church!

November is, of course, the month of Thanksgiving! A time to pause and give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. But I have been thinking lately about what it really means to live with a thankful heart. Not just for one day or one month, but throughout our lives. What does it mean for gratitude to shape who we are and how we live?

November is also a special time in the life of the church. On All Saints Sunday, we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. We remember loved ones who have died, but also the countless people who have helped shape our lives and our faith.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses." I love that image! We do not walk this journey of faith alone. We stand on the shoulders of generations of faithful people who have shared God's love, taught us about Jesus, encouraged us in difficult times, and helped us grow in faith.

And so, we look back with gratitude.

Think for a moment about the people who have made a difference in your own faith journey. Maybe it was a parent or grandparent, a Sunday school teacher, a pastor, a friend, or someone who simply showed you what it means to live as a child of God. We give thanks for these saints, for their faithfulness, and for the ways God has worked through them.

But faith isn't just about looking back. It is also about looking forward with hope!

Just as others have helped nurture faith in us, we have the opportunity and responsibility to nurture faith in the generations who come after us. Every time we celebrate a baptism, we make promises as a congregation to support and pray for the newly baptized in their life in Christ. Parents and sponsors make promises to help their children grow in faith, but the congregation makes promises too. We promise to walk alongside them, encourage them, and help them know the love and grace of God.

What a wonderful thing to consider! Just as we can look back and name the people who have shaped our faith, someday others may look back and remember us. Not necessarily because we did anything extraordinary, but because we were there. Because we cared. Because we shared God's love and helped them grow in faith.

But perhaps even more importantly, faith isn't just about looking back with gratitude or looking forward with hope. Faith is about living faithfully in the moment!

We can spend a lot of time remembering the past and dreaming about the future. Both are important! But God has called us to be the church right here, right now.

Those baptismal promises we make are not simply words spoken during a worship service. They are promises we are called to live out each and every day. We live them out in the ways we worship together, care for one another, teach our children, serve our neighbors, and share God's love. Sometimes through big things, but more often through small, everyday acts of faithfulness.

The writer of Hebrews encourages us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus." We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We have received the gift of faith from those who came before us, and now we have the privilege of sharing that gift with those who will follow. And we do that by faithfully living as God's people today. ***Continued on p2...***



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Education/Youth

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So this Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to look back with gratitude for the saints who have shaped your life. Look forward with hope for the generations who will follow. And most importantly, live faithfully in the present, trusting that God is working through you, me, and this congregation to share the love of Christ with the world.

Thanks be to God for the great cloud of witnesses who surround us, for the hope we have in Christ, and for the opportunity to be part of God's work in the world!

In Christ, Pr. Jeremy

Nov Sunday School News

If you are interested in volunteering to teach or help 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 November will be:

11/1 - Be Humble - Matthew 23:1-12

11/8 - Ten Bridesmaids - Matthew 25:1-13

11/15 - Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14-30

11/22 - Sheep and Goats - Matthew 25:31-46

11/29 - No Sunday School

We are starting preparations for our Christmas Program! The program will be on 12/13 at the 10am service. Starting on 11/1 preschool through 5th graders will be practicing the Christmas Program songs during Sunday school. Students in 4th-6th grade that would like to read a verse in the program on 12/13 will be identified and given their verses to practice. There will also be a rehearsal on Friday 12/11 (time TBD) to run through the program. Dress rehearsal will be during Sunday school on 12/13 with the program to follow during the 10 AM service.

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

Confirmation

Wed, Nov 4:
- 6th Graders: Packing personal care kits, school kits, and fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).
- 7th & 8th Graders: Participating in a mental health night.

Wed, Nov 18 (6:30 PM): All students will help with Real Hope for the Hungry.

Wednesday, Nov 25: No class due to Thanksgiving break.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Best regards,
Amalia Welle

H.S. Youth Group

Happy November! We followed quite an adventure this past October -- from pumpkin carving to a movie night -- all interspersed between questions and discovery, beginning with the beginning: Genesis. With the holiday of Thanksgiving approaching, our goal is to continue exploring Genesis and noting the different things we have to be thankful for. Also, we hope to begin hosting breakfasts the first of each month along with the car wash cards from previous years to help fund our summer mission trip to Milwaukee (and possibly other fun activities for the youth group).

Blessings and Happy Fall! ~Samantha Erickson

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants!



Hannah Alsleben ***Matthew Dickman***
Abigail Dinges ***Myles Green***
Wesley Hessedal ***Kayson Kovash***
Daphne Long

Registration Sunday School Registration 2026-2027 (Preschool - 5th Grade)

Worship, Coffee, and Delicious Treats — The Perfect Sunday Morning! *November 1, 9am*

What could be better than spending your Sunday morning worshiping God, enjoying great fellowship, and treating yourself to premium, freshly brewed coffee, delectable treats, and fresh fruit? Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10AM on Nov 1 for a little Sunday morning indulgence — all for a great cause! Your freewill donations will support our Youth Committee, helping make mission trips possible and providing scholarships for Bible camp. We'll also have car wash cards available for purchase! Good coffee. Delicious treats. Great fellowship. An even greater cause! Come hungry, bring your generosity, and help support our youth!

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/1FAIpQLSeywSCXgZ3HztVoSgRVQ2MD_ZUIe_-kgcWJpgy7B2dq8wviA/viewform?usp=publish-editor



Fall at CLC/Outreach

Globe Offering: Real Hope for the Hungry

- As always, our kids are invited to place their offerings during worship in the globe. Adults are invited to participate as well! Consider adding a gift to the Globe Offering as we strive to provide food to families in need.

Food Pack at CLC

Join us on Wednesday, November 18, as we come together to pack nutritious meals for those facing hunger through Real Hope for the Hungry! We will have two opportunities to participate. The 5:30 p.m. packing session is open to the entire congregation, and a sign-up sheet is available for anyone who would like to help. At 6:30 p.m., our confirmation students and high school youth will join together for a second packing session. Each meal costs just 25 cents, but the impact can be life-changing! Together, we can make a difference by sharing God's love and helping feed families in need. "The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord." —Psalm 22:26

Meals on Wheels

CLC is active in this community program. Our volunteers will be delivering meals during the month of December. Additional volunteers are needed. Contact Sandy Erickson.

Byron Food Shelf

DACS building, 630 1st Ave NW. Hours: 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.

New Member Sunday - November 22

On Sun, Nov 22, we will joyfully welcome new members into the Christ Lutheran Church family! New members will be recognized during both our 8 and 10am worship services and will receive a special gift as a reminder that they are welcomed, valued, and an important part of our community of faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of CLC, please speak with Pastor Jeremy or contact the church office. We would love to welcome you into our church family!

Day Light Savings Time Ends: November 1

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Services at CLC will be with communion and candles on December 24, at 3pm 4:30pm and 7pm. We need the following volunteers at each service: acolytes, greeter/hosts, communion helpers, readers, and projector volunteers. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please let the office know or use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office, in November.

Christmas Poinsettias

Order forms will be available in later November.

Advent Candle Readings

Please consider signing up for advent readings and to light the candles during the Sunday services in December. The sign up sheet will be on the table outside of the office in November.

Brew Crew Bible Study

Brew Crew will meet on Nov 2 and 9 at 10am as we wrap up our study on "Ordinary Life in Biblical Times." Following our Nov 9 gathering, Brew Crew will take a break for the remainder of the month and return in December with a new topic of study. 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!

CLC Sharing the Holiday Season



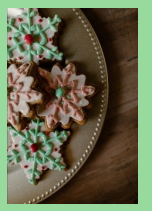
This year CLC Sharing tree will be collecting items for the Woman's Shelter in Rochester. They recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new 75 bed shelter. The new building is a place of safety, hope, healing, and new beginnings. You may donate needed items through Sunday, December 13. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. The Sharing Tree is sponsored by CLC Altar Committee.

Needed Items:

Journals/Adult Coloring or Activity Books, Gift Cards (Visa, Target, Walmart, Kwik Trip, Hy-Vee), Kids Activity Gift Cards (movie passes, Bowling, Bounce House, DQ, McDonalds, Pizza, arcades), New Twin XL sheet set and pillows, Baby Wipes and diapers (size 5-6), New full size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, deodorant), non-perishable snacks, paper products, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils

Christmas Bake Sale

Sat, December 5, 9-11am



CLC will host its annual Christmas Bake Sale in the Entry, We are asking each family please provide a batch of their favorite Christmas baked goods and/or homemade gift items. Drop off times are Friday, December 4 from 4-6pm and Saturday, Dec 5 from 8-9am. Please invite your friends and family to come on Saturday, December 5 from 9 - 11am to pick out their favorite treats and support our bake sale. Contact is Evonne Schlobohm, evonneschlobohm@gmail.com

Church Activities

Joy Club

Joy Club meets the second Tues of the month at 10 am in the fellowship hall at CLC. (November 10 at 10am) New members are welcomed! Treats, conversation, and fun are part of this group!

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!

Sewing Group

Thu, Nov 5, fellowship hall, 9am - noon. We will continue working on throw size quilts for Project Linus or the Landing, tummy time baby blankets for the Family Resource Center, or 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, 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

Recommended Reading From Our Library

"The Complete 54-Book Apocrypha"

Have you ever wondered about the books that didn't make it into our Bible? This fascinating collection includes ancient Jewish and early Christian writings, including the books of the Apocrypha, Enoch, Jubilees, and writings of the early church fathers. While many of these books are not part of the Lutheran biblical canon, they offer an interesting glimpse into the history, beliefs, and traditions of the ancient world. They can help us better understand the religious world in which Jesus and the early church lived. Whether you're curious about biblical history or simply enjoy exploring Scripture and its background, this book is worth a look! Stop by the church library to check it out.

Men's Breakfast

Top 10 Myths of the Bible
Join us on Thur, November 12, 9am, at Otto's Bakery.

Book Club

The CLC Book Club will next meet on Tues, Nov. 3 at 6pm at church to discuss "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier. Each time our group meets, the book for our next month's gathering is distributed. Feel free to join us! January's book is "The Camel Bookmobile" by Masha Hamilton. If you have questions, contact: Kristie Nelson at kjn0312@gmail.com

Fellowship, Fun and Maybe a Little Food!

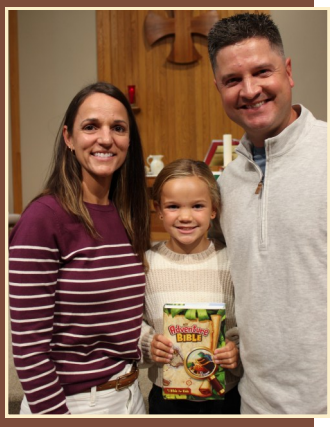
Get to know your fellow CLC members! Anyone can sign up: singles, couples, and families! You will be placed with 2-3 other family units and each will host a gathering which could feature snacks and a game night **or** a meal, one time during the year. Your commitment is to host once, and then simply 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.

Recently seen around CLC…











Stewardship/Worship

CLC Council Meeting

October, 20, 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, Jason Pfeilsticker, Carol Smith and Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

Members Absent: Cece Meek, DrewAnne Oestreich.

Joys and Concerns - Devotions By Deb Fugleberg

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

Approval of September Minutes: Motion made by Deb Fugleberg to approve the September minutes. Jason Pfeilsticker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jason Pfeilsticker presented the Treasurer report. September income $24,496.51; September expenses $22,825.12; September difference $1,671.39; YTD Difference $5,745.02.

Information/Discussion Items:

Constitution Update: Work on the bylaws is ongoing, with minor revisions and adjustments being made. Pastor Jeremy reviewed a few sections of the bylaws for clarification. The council will review the bylaws at the November council meeting and then make them available to the congregation. An informal congregational meeting will take place between services in early December to review the bylaws and constitution and address any questions from the congregation.

Building and Grounds: Deb Fugleberg reported that several bids were received for snow removal and Logan Laures, who provided this service in the past, was selected. Carl Fugleberg will sign the contract in the near future.

Deb Fugleberg also reported that 6 trees were removed and the Building and Grounds Committee is requesting money to replace some of the trees. There is money in the Building and Grounds Memorial fund which will cover this cost.

Action Items:

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Jason Pfeilsticker to adjourn the meeting. Tim Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be on November 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LuRaye Eischens, council secretary

Time and Talent Forms/ Pledge Cards

Please bring your ***pledge cards and time and talent sheets*** to the worship services during November and drop in the offering baskets. To update your Time & Talent sheets (volunteer opportunities at CLC) for 2027, complete the form you will receive in the mail or update online at: www.clcbyron.org/time-talents/ If you do not submit changes, your current selections will continue indefinitely.

CLC Nominating Committee -

Thank-you to all the committee members who are serving on the various committees. We appreciate the work you have been doing at Christ Lutheran. If you no longer want to serve, please let council president, Joe Biewer, know. If you are new to the church and would like to serve in various committees, according to your gifts, please complete our Time and Talent Form.

(clcbyron.org - participate)

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 $108 in October in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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

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Prayers of the Church

Please pray for Jeanne Tweite, Fred Dickison, Allen & Debbie Kvittem, Mary Isensee, Bev Smith, and 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.

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.

Praise Band Needs a Guitarist and/or Bassist!

The Praise Band is looking for a guitarist and bassist. If you are interested, please speak with Sarah Palmer or email: sarahvpalmer@gmail.com

Adult Forum – November 8

Join us between worship services on Sunday, Nov 8, for a special Adult Forum hosted by Thrivent. A Thrivent Advisor will present "Charitable Strategies to Maximize Impact," sharing ways to make the most of your charitable giving and support the causes and organizations that matter most to you. All are welcome!



Attendance

August 2026 Avg	107
August 2025 Avg	116
Sept 2026 Avg	137
Sept 2025 Avg	181
10/4/26	121
10/11/26	157
10/18/26	184
10/25/26	227
Oct 2026 Avg	172
Oct 2025 Avg	209