



BY grace
THROUGH faith
IN Christ ALONE
EPHESIANS 2:8-10

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 28, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** TODAY IN WORSHIP** we celebrate Life Sunday. In conjunction with that, the names of all those baptized into God's family in the past year will be read as a part of our prayers today.



Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live – for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Church Narthex

THIS WEEKEND, January 28, at Noon
Chili - Soup Cook-off

Annual Voters Meeting – Sunday January 28, at 12:45 p.m.

Agenda: Presentation of the written State of the Church Report,
Written General Fund Treasurer & Special Funds Treasurer Reports
Vote to authorize Chairman of Congregation to sign purchase agreement for
3 properties north of school that voters previously voted to purchase;
and discuss funding for the purchase of the properties.

Mission Memo ... Pray for Church Workers around the World and Orphan Grain Train

From the Big Mission Event in 2017 we gave \$9,377.36 to **Orphan Grain Train for Relief for Human Need Worldwide**. Joe Boway with Lutheran Church in Liberia is receiving from the Norfolk warehouse school desks, student chairs, classroom tables and file cabinets. The children will receive edible beans which may be the only meal they may eat in a day. Indiana Branch volunteers loaded 1,140 boxes of quilts, clothing and coats to be delivered to Arkansas and then continued their journey to the Republic of Georgia, sharing with families and children living in poverty, for the disabled, elderly and the homeless. Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 36 pallets of clothing to be delivered to Valley Baptist Retreat Center in Mission, Texas, as they distribute it among local organizations and families in need on border missions. Norfolk warehouse loaded 522 boxes of clothes and 12 pallets of various foods for Navajo Nation in Halbrook, AZ and Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Wisconsin Branch sent 89,583 pounds of potatoes to four different Texas towns with recipients that support border missions. **Pray for God's blessing on these gifts of mercy!**

DAILY DEVOTIONS from LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES are available on line at: www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

**** PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST** in remembrance of Roe vs. Wade, is being held this Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 105 Elm Avenue. Come enjoy a hot breakfast of pancakes, eggs and ham, hosted by Norfolk Area Right to Life with proceeds going toward local pro-life education and billboards. All are welcome.

**** TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will meet with sister congregations on Thursday, February 1 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 2nd Street & Omaha Avenue, from 2-4 p.m. You may bring snacks; drink is provided.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

Share God's Word – Share His Love – Do It Now!



DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD ...



BIBLE STUDIES & SUNDAY SCHOOL JUST FOR YOU

BIBLE STUDIES

<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	Pastors Winter / Goehmann	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
<i>9-12 High School Study</i>	Wingert	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Chapel
<i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i>	Bryant/Kolterman/Wingert	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Blue Room CLS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

	Lisa Moreno, Coordinator		
<i>Parents & 2's</i>		Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Room 206
<i>Preschoolers</i>		Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Rooms 103 & 105
<i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 & special needs adults</i>		Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Gym

(Please note – the school will remain locked until 9:15 a.m. to allow teachers fellowship time following the 8:00 service)

**** GRACE LUTHERAN MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY** will meet Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 a.m. The group meets every other Tuesday morning at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9th Street (formerly Brass Lantern). There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

**** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – will meet Saturday, February 17, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation, young and old, are invited to join us for a hot breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, and a Bible study designed just for you. Contact the church office (402-371-1210) or email dgoehmann@clnorfolkmail.org. to reserve your spot now. (This helps with preparations for study material and food.)

LIFE QUOTE: "Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities -- A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

*He who receives you receives me,
and he who receives me receives the
one who sent me.*

Matthew 10:40

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



Lutheran High Northeast

2010 N. 37th St. Norfolk, NE 68701
Office 402-379-3040 Fax 402-379-8340
Email info@lhne.org Web www.lhne.org

**** LHNE SCRIP** Please support Lutheran High and its students by purchasing SCRIP. You can buy SCRIP at the store-front location - The Abbey Christian Store during regular business hours (M-F, 9-8; Sat. 9-6) or at LHNE. Scrip makes great gifts.

**** SEEKING HOST FAMILIES** – Would your family be interested in hosting a foreign exchange student this coming fall? LHNE is looking for families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to host exchange students for the next school year. If you are interested, please contact Principal Sievert, for more information. (dsievert@lhne.org)



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lisa Moreno – Children’s Ministry Coordinator

lmoreno@clnorfmail.org phone: 371-3898

facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-Lutheran-Norfolk-Sunday-School/207797372579875>

Please note – School doors are locked until 9:15 a.m. to allow teachers fellowship time after the 8:00 service.

**** TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** the story of Stephen (Acts 6–7), the first martyr is discussed. The children learned how we are crushed by and enraged at the accusations of God’s Law, but the Gospel comes to bring peace and quietness with the forgiveness of our sins. Talk with your children and point out that in church we hear from the pastor the same Word of God that Stephen preached: “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED IN THE COMING WEEKS:** Cool hot glue guns to keep or borrow; graham crackers, tube frosting, blue craft foam, 1/2” disc magnets, and kelly green sheets of card stock. If you can contribute any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!!

**** STAFFING NEEDS:** We praise God for some recent volunteers who answered the call to help with Sunday school! We still have the following needs:

* Sunday school greeter to work 9:15 - 9:35, greeting people at the door on weeks they choose

* Team teacher for Preschool to teach one Sunday a month and help once a month

* Station leader to lead a prepared 15 minute station 1-2 Sundays a month on dates you choose.

If you can help in any of these areas, please call the church office or contact Lisa Moreno at 371-3898.



**** KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED** - Your child is going to be 5 by this summer! It’s time to be thinking about the start to their formal education. CLS is hosting open houses during February to help inform parents about the advantages of a Christian education. Join us from 5:30-7:00 on February 6 or February 22. By attending this event you and your future Kindergarten student will have the opportunity to: meet with our *Lutheran School State Certified Kindergarten teachers*, check out the classroom where your student would be receiving a *college prep/faith development education* each and every day of their elementary school journey. Bring along your questions about how you can get started in being a part of the Christ Lutheran School family. Kindergarten teachers will be available to answer questions about curriculum, expectations, and to make your child feel at home. Be sure to bring your child so they can scope out the classroom and meet future classmates.

**** PRESCHOOL 2018-2019** - Christ Lutheran Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Morning and afternoon classes are available for our three and five-day programs and a morning session is offered for the two-day program. Children must be at least three years old by July 31, 2018 in order to enroll in the Tuesday/Thursday or the Monday/Wednesday/Friday programs. The Monday-Friday program is reserved for children who are four by July 31, 2018.

Our preschool teachers and aides have over 60 combined years of experience working with young children and teachers and are certified by the Nebraska Department of Education. Class sizes are limited. Waiting lists will be generated for classes that are full. A registration form is available at the school office (402-371-5536) or on the school website at clnorf.org. We would love to schedule a tour and answer your questions.

**** THANK YOU** to those who attended the Playground Fundraiser meal last Sunday. Thanks to your generosity, \$7,000 was raised. This was matched dollar per dollar by an anonymous donor bringing the total to \$14,000. Thanks be to God, and thank you for your continued support of Christ Lutheran School.

textmessages

Want to be part of the conversation?

5th & 6th Youth Group
text 81010 | @cl56youth
Confirmation
text 81010 | @clconfirm
Jr. High
text 81010 | @cljrhigh
Sr. High
text 81010 | @clsrhigh

youthministry

Communication & Sign Ups

Matt Wingert
Director of Youth Ministry
mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org

eventsignups

want to sign up for events or email lists?

- go to christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com
- click register for events or groups
- join the group or event that you want
- if signing up for an event, be sure to fill out the required forms listed online.

JUNIOR HIGH

** **BIBLE STUDY 9:30 ON SUNDAY** – 7th & 8th Graders – join us on Sunday mornings in the Blue Room as we continue to grow in our Christian faith. Paul Kolterman, Chad and Megan Bryant, and Heidi Goehmann lead this Bible study. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

** **LET'S GO BOWLING**: January 28 at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a friend.

SENIOR HIGH

** **BIBLE STUDY 9:30 ON SUNDAY** – High School students – join us Sunday mornings in the **Chapel** as we continue to grow in our Christian faith by studying the Word. We are taking a break from our book to do a short video series call Alpha. It's fun and engaging. Come check it out. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

** **HAPPENING TODAY**: Senior high students, along with the Youth Board will host the annual Soup and Chili Cook-off before the Annual Voters' Meeting.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2018

Please remember the following in prayer during the coming week. You may also want to send a card or note to those on this week's prayer list to let them know they are being thought of.

- For those undergoing cancer treatments; and for their families; including: Brian Beeks, Bobbie Bell, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Roger Frank, Bruce Gardels, Nanette Halverson, Bruce Hansen, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Jason Jackson, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Colet Lierman, Darwin McDonald, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Lisa Murray, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Deb Robertson, Jim Roethler, Randy Schultz, Leon Schulz, Carol Thies, Karen Widhalm, April Wiley, Don Wolff, Colton Wright, Allan Zeitz, and mother of Sarah Boelter.
- For those in care centers, nursing homes, those suffering long-term illness; those who face tests, uncertainties about their health, undergoing surgery, or facing difficult times, including: Elizabeth Ambrose, Hazel Bermel, Robert Daughton, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donniss Omer, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Jim Siedschlag, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For Neil and Mary Ritz in the loss of their infant grandson, Briggs West.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings this week including: Donna Eckert (2/1)
- Thanksgiving for Lutherans for Life and Right to Life organizations and the work they do to promote the sanctity of human life.
- For peace in our land and an end to terrorism.
- That God would raise up a mighty army of believers who would guide our nation back to Christian principles.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be made in the Prayer Request book at the north entrance. Please fill out all information completely. Private prayer requests may be placed in the envelope provided for this purpose.

Worship With Us

- Sat. – 5:30 p.m.; Sun. – 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday School & Bible Classes – 9:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church Services are broadcast on Cable Channel 12, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday ... 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays ... 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pastors Winter and Goehmann are often out of the office for home, hospital and other visits. Contact the Church Office for available appointments with pastors.

Church Phones

CHURCH OFFICE 371-1210
CHURCH FAX 371-1228
SCHOOL OFFICE 371-5536
SCHOOL FAX 371-1288
HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE 379-3275

Christ Lutheran website: www.clnorfolk.org.

e-mail – use first initial & last name @clnorfolkmail.org

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Chip Winter Director of Ministry
Rev. David Goehmann Associate Pastor

Ministry Staff

Chad Bryant Child Care Director
Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader
Sarah Moje PreSchool Director
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Steve Stortz Principal
Tetsuya Sugita Director of Worship Arts
Matt Wingert Director of Christian Education

Administrative Staff

Judy Bohn Business Manager
Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant
Lynn Walmsley Administrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS; Bill Kenny, Dale Schwede, JoAnn Boyer; in Lincoln – Larry Grunke, in Omaha – Carol Griffith

If you are admitted to the hospital, you or a family member should contact the Church office with admission information.

Media Ministry

LUTHERAN HOUR – Sun., 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
WJAG 780 AM or 105.9 FM; or KZEN 100.3 F.M. at 9:30 a.m. Today's program is sponsored by Norfolk Circuit Lutheran Churches.

ON MAIN STREET – Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Cable TV
DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

* Please Note: The inclusion of items in the *Focus* from outside sources is for informational purposes only. Inclusion of these items does not constitute CLC endorsement

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 01/21/18 726
Communed 236
Bible Class 70

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 01/21/18.....\$17,286

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 01/21 \$ 929,983
Amount paid out on project as of 01/21 ... \$1,163,814
Amount borrowed on project \$ 233,831

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School
10:45 a.m. COMMUNION
11:45 a.m. Soup/Chili Cook-off
12:45 p.m. VOTERS ASSEMBLY
2:00 p.m. Jr. High Bowling

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

No meetings scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:20 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

No meetings scheduled

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:30 p.m. COMMUNION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION
9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

Please call the Church Office to schedule an activity.
It is best to call ahead to avoid a conflict in scheduling.

Focus Announcements, as well as Verbal Announcements & Prayer Requests are due in writing to the Church Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Please include a contact name on all announcements in case there are questions, or further information is needed.