



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 6, 2019

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** – If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, please check the Flower Chart on the wall near the Sacristy (across from the Stephen Ministry Office, contact a member of the Altar Guild (listed each month on ECHO calendar), or call the Church Office for assistance.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

**** MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAY** – Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Lutheran High Northeast on Monday, January 7 from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome. This is co-sponsored by LHNE, Our Savior and Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for giving the gift of life.

As a reminder, the American Red Cross provides scholarships to Lutheran High Northeast students with the amount of the scholarship depending on the number of blood donors at each of the drives. The more blood donors there are the higher the scholarship.

**** SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED** – Have you considered leading a small group evangelism series? If so, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Goehmann. A new evangelism discussion series, “Everyone His Witness” will be starting during Lent. Please consider being a small group leader for this new series.

**** 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Narthex. They have been renumbered. Please use only the new envelopes after January 1, 2019. Please ask for assistance if you cannot locate yours.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 27 – 11:45 a.m.

ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

Youth Fundraiser & Lunch - Annual State of the Church Report / Voters' Assembly

Who Will This Year's Winner Be?

Dust off your recipe box, find your favorite soup or chili recipe, and enter it in the annual Soup and Chili Cook-Off! This event helps raise funds for our Senior High Youth Ministry. Entrants are asked to make a large crock pot or roaster of a favorite soup, stew or chili and bring it to the gym between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 27. The youth will serve the soup as people sample and taste the entries. Sign up to bring a soup or chili in the church narthex, church office, or by calling 402-371-1210. The congregation is invited to help judge the winning soup! A free will offering will be gathered in exchange for a ballot. Tasting begins at 11:45 a.m., following the late service.

Following the meal, approximately 12:45 p.m., we will receive the written State of the Church Report, meet for a brief Voters' Assembly, and present awards for the best soup and chili. All of this will take place in the Christ Lutheran School Gym. Come join the fun!

**** THANK YOU** – Dearest members of Christ Lutheran, we wanted to say thank you so very much for thinking of us at Christmas! Your gifts and cards were a blessing to our family. Thank you for your kind words, your encouragement, and including us. We are thankful to be part of the ministry and family here with you all. Wishing you a happy new year and many more years celebrating His Love and Hope together!

Pastor Dave, Heidi, Macee, Jonah, Jyeva, and Ezekiel

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>	Pastor Goehmann	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
<i>9-12 High School Study</i>	Heidi Goehmann	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Chapel
<i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i>	Bryants	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Rm. 132B

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<i>Parents & 2's</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Christ Lutheran School
<i>Preschoolers</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	
<i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 & special needs adults</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	

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

** **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – 9:30-10:30 a.m. “Christianity and the Competition” in Fellowship Hall.

** **GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** small group Bible Class meets Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. This study runs for 9 weeks.

** **GRACE LUTHERAN MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY** will meet Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 a.m. at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9th Street. There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

** **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** led by Pastor Goehmann meets every Thursday from 6:45-7:45 a.m. at HyVee West. All men are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Goehmann for more information.

** **LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** begins this week. We will be studying in small groups I John, II John, III John from the New Testament. A few study guides are still available to you by calling Darlene Davis (402-371-9659) or by stopping in at the church office. \$8 may be brought to your first class meeting.

Mission Memo ... Pray for Church Workers Around the World

Your weekly offerings at Christ Lutheran Church helps support **Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier and Ezra**, serving in Panama. Pastor Gauthier says that he hears daily the expression "Thanks be to God." Panamanians, especially those who are part of the Lutheran Church, will use that phrase for just about everything. When he greets them in church or before Bible study they'll say, "I am here...thanks be to God." When Jesus spoke to His disciples, He explained to them that what defiles a person is not what is put into the mouth, but that which flows from the heart and out of the mouth, Matt. 15:10...Rev. Gauthier reminds us to use the words "Thanks be to God" to give thanks to our Lord for all things, both great and small. **Give thanks to God for His mercies that are new to us each morning!**

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

LIFE QUOTE: “For Christians, then, ‘too many people’ is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40).” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Youth**ministry**

Communication

Jr. High & Confirmation

Text 81010 | @ChristNo

Sr. High Activities

Text 81010 | @ChristNor

**** SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – The Senior High and Junior High students are both studying The Gospel Project, a walk through the Bible in 3 years. There are occasionally surprise donuts as well as the always sweet Gospel of Jesus. Junior High meets in the school, Room 132; Senior High gathers in the Chapel.

**** JANUARY SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT** is January 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Petersen house. We'll celebrate winter with a party in white! Wear snow like clothes, bring a white or snow-like food to share, and plan for activities that celebrate the snow. We'll also continue our Bible study of Psalm 46.

**** JUNIOR HIGH - "NO SCHOOL" BOARD GAME DAY!** - Stop in to play games and share snacks from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Monday, January 21. Bring a snack to share. Bring a favorite game or borrow one from the stash. Questions, see Heidi!

**** JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT** – "Creation Cries Out" at Camp Okoboji, Iowa on June 2-5, 2019. Enjoy Bible study, outdoor games, swimming and boating, board game night and a service project. Cost is \$150 per person for lodging food, travel and fun. Celebrating the Creator in creation! Leave from church June 2 at noon; arrive back at church, June 5 at noon. Each participant brings 3-5 food items to share from food list. Friends welcome with proper paperwork. **\$75 deposit due with sign-up by February 1**; remaining \$75 due May 1. Sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/FiNtgo66rVoqQfx1>

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

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, Lela Kiepke, Miriam Krueger, Joyce Kuske, Georgia Lambrecht, Kevin Langel, Colet Lierman, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Jim Roethler, Randy Schultz, Leon Schulz, Nicholle Soukup, Carol Thies, Larry Walker, Velda Warneke, Karen Widhalm, April Wiley, Kathy Wolfe, Don Wolff, Colton Wright, Allan Zeitz.
- 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, Mike Brockhaus, Shellie Bretschneider, Robert Daughton, Dianne Deskins, Jonathan Glaser, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Elden Kapels, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donnis Omer, Diane Pinger, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Marilyn Shattuck, Jim Siedschlag, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For the family of Lorraine Schilling, called to Eternal Rest this past week.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Lois Hinzman.
- For Christ Lutheran Church in this time of transition.
- For our military, those who have faithfully served and / or continue to serve.
- For peace in our land and an end to the violence and 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.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL** resumes today after the holiday break. Join us for time in God’s Word and fun learning activities with friends.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF - 4th GRADE TEACHER NEEDED** - We are still in need of a 4th grade co-teacher. Please consider helping out. This would be approximately 1 - 2 times per month, with lesson materials provided for you. Contact Phyllis Glaser 402.841.3293, if you could help out. Thank You!

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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

**** LHNE REGISTRATION FAIR** – Mark your calendars now for our first LHNE Registration Fair. If you have an 8th grader registering to be a student at LHNE as a freshman next year or a current high school student registering as a transfer student in the fall of 2019, join us at our Registration Fair. You will complete registration forms, talk to current LHNE staff and students, explore the fun activities that students can participate in at LHNE, sign up for activities you are interested in, receive a registration fee discount, free gift for all newly registered students, and more. **Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**** LHNE TRIVIA NIGHT** – The 4th Annual LHNE Trivia Night will take place at the Norfolk Armory at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16**. Food, fun and fellowship provided – cash bar available. Play 10 rounds of 10 questions with cash payout for 1st and 2nd place teams. Entry fee is \$20 per person or \$160 per team. Register using the Google form on the LHNE website and send or bring payment (please just one check per team) or call the office for arrangements at 402-379-3040.

Attention LHNE Alumni: NEW this year – the annual trivia night will include a special alumni competition ... Any team with at least four LHNE alumni will qualify for the challenge and prizes. Alumni will also receive a drink ticket at the door Register [HERE](#). When registering, please put the graduation year after each alum.

**** THIS WEEK AT LHNE**

Monday, 1/7 –	Classes Resume Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 p.m. Boys & Girls C Team BasketBall @ Home vs. Stanton 7:00 / 8:15 p.m.
Tuesday 1/8 -	Girls JV / V BasketBall @ Home vs. Howells-Dodge 6:00 / 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 1/10 -	Boys & Girls JV / V BasketBall @ Battle Creek 4:30 / 6:15 / 7:45 p..
Saturday 1/12 -	Girls JV / V BasketBall @ Hartington CC 6:00 7:45 p.m.

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.

Pastor Goehmann is often out of the office for home, hospital and other visits. Contact the Church Office for available appointments with pastor.

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. David Goehmann Pastor

Ministry Staff

Chad Bryant Child Care Director

Heidi Goehmann, Deaconess Interim Youth Leader

Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader

Sarah Moje PreSchool Director

Steve Stortz Principal

Tetsuya Sugita Director of Worship Arts

Administrative Staff

Dale Beckmann Business Manager

Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant

Lynn Walmsley Administrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS: no one listed; at Women's Methodist/Omaha – twins Maddox and Merrick Kalin.

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.

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

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship / Communed 12/30/18 425 / 368

New Year's Eve Service 12/31/18 63

Bible Class 35

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 12/30/18 \$22,024

Amount borrowed \$ 50,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)

Received for Deficit reduction \$ 40,277

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 12/23 \$1,162,978

Amount paid out on project as of 12/23 ... \$1,182,242

Amount borrowed on project \$ 19,264

Capital Campaign (for Land Acquisition)

Purchase Price \$ 277,000

Early Commitment -100,000

Christ Lutheran School Foundation - 57,000

Previously received offerings - 20,000

Authorized for Capital Campaign \$ 100,000

Offerings received for Capital Campaign - 34,894

Amount needed \$ 65,106

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 - Epiphany

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

3:30 p.m. Finance

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:20 a.m. Chapel

9:10 & 2:30 Preschool Chapel

5:15 p.m. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL

7:00 p.m. YOUTH BOARD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

No events scheduled

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 a.m. FOCUS assembly

6:00 p.m. CLS Missionary Carnival

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION