



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

Christ Lutheran Church

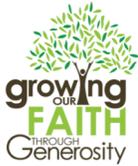
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 31, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** WEDDING** – *Hayley Wallace and Collier Miller* were united in marriage before our Altar on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

**** FUNERAL** – *Ken Harstad* was called to Eternal Rest on December 31, 2017. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018.



Mark 1:7 – And John preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." John is right: Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Church Narthex

**** MALAWI MISSION** – It's time to make your final decision for the Malawi Mission trip 2018. There are a number of people who are interested. If you did not come to the "interest meeting" then now is your chance to talk to Matt or Pastor Dave about the trip. **The final deadline to sign up is January 8.** Ask for the official sign-up sheet that secures your spot to be a part of this exciting mission team to Malawi, Africa!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, 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

**** FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP ARTS:** The new Director of Worship Arts, Tetsuya Sugita, is looking for musicians for the Praise Team to help lead contemporary worship services. If you are interested please contact Tet in the Church Office or at tsugita@clnorfmail.org to set up a time to meet and go through some music, to see where you might best fit in.

DID YOU KNOW ... The debt of \$43,327 from last fiscal year has been retired! Thanks be to God! The contributions of everyone for the debt in the last few months are greatly appreciated.

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

Our three "sons of the congregation" (Trevor Freudenburg, Jonathan Jahnke, and Andrew Johnson) were gifted assistance for tuition at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from the 2017 Big Mission Event. A thank you from the seminary says; "Your recent gift means so much. Not just for today or tomorrow but also for the long term - because your gift is helping to ensure the ongoing formation of our church's future pastors, deaconesses and missionaries for generations to come! Our mission would not be possible without you... You are a blessing indeed to our students today and to the church for the sake of future generations."

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

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 16, 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.

**** LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** – begins today, January 7, and continues on January 14 & 21, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (416 Park Avenue). Presenters are Rev. Luke Miller, Rev. Leon Rosenthal and Rev. Ryan Eden.

**** LIFELIGHT** small group Bible study of Ezekiel begins this week. Bring your Bible and your study sheet to class!

**** CHRIST AT THE MOVIES** – It's back! Christ at the movies Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Get ready to talk about Star Wars: the Last Jedi and how it relates to Jesus. The light is calling you out of the darkness. Is it "the force" or Jesus? Find out from Pastor Dave, Pastor Winter, and DCE Matt and share your thoughts on The Last Jedi.

LIFE QUOTE: "Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6

**** THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran Church or Christ Lutheran School. These Choice Dollars go directly to the General Fund Support of the Church & School. As of November 30, 2017 Christ Lutheran Church & School had received over \$7,000 less than in the same time period in 2016.

**** ASSORTED DISHES** – If you graciously provided food for a funeral or other event recently, please check to make sure you have picked up your serving dish. There is an assortment of bowls and plates in the fellowship hall that are longing to go home with their owner.

**** PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER LUNCH - Sunday, January 21**, Preschool-4th Grade will be sponsoring a playground fundraiser. Menu includes sloppy joes, baked beans, potato chips, bar or cookie and drink. A free will offering will be accepted. Serving will be from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting our playground and school.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lisa Moreno – Children’s Ministry Coordinator

lmoreno@clnorfolkmail.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:** Grades 1-6: Before Christmas, we learned of the prophets and ancestors of Jesus who were waiting for His arrival. Today, we learn how we can show God’s love to others as we wait for Jesus to return, not just at Christmastime, but all year around.

Preschoolers and Kindergartners will study the story of the Visit of the Wise Men. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. *Consider discussing, “How are we sometimes like Herod? How are we like the Wise Men?”*

**** WINTER QUARTER MISSION OFFERING:** Our mission offerings will give wings and wheels to the Mercy Meals packed locally, so they can be distributed to the children who need them, worldwide. One meal costs just \$.12! One box feeds 300 people for \$36.00, or you can feed a child for an entire year for just \$44.00. Discuss with your child what you would like to contribute. Even their pennies will help feed children. Mission offerings are collected the next two weeks.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED IN THE COMING WEEKS:** Cool hot glue guns to keep or borrow; pull & peel licorice, small pretzel sticks, graham crackers, tube frosting, blue craft foam, 1/2” disc magnets, and kelly green sheets of cardstock.

**** STAFFING NEED:** Sunday school has some immediate staffing needs:

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

**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 - The Abbey Christian Store during regular business hours (M-F, 9-8; Sat. 9-6) or at LHNE. Scrip makes great gifts.

**** LHNE OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students will be on Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you, or someone you know, is considering sending a child to LHNE, please come to the open house to receive a tour, informational materials, and an opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** LHNE TRIVIA NIGHT** – The 3rd Annual LHNE Trivia Night will take place at the Norfolk Armory at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20. 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. Go to the home page of our website www.lhne.org and click on the link for the online form and send a check or call the office for arrangements 379-3040. Don’t miss out – limited to first 25 registered teams. Come support the students and Christian education.

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 Matt and Angela Wingert lead this Bible study. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**** SAVE THE DATE:** Bowling, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

**** SAVE THE DATE:** January 28 at noon. Senior high students, along with the Youth Board will host the annual Soup and Chili Cook-off before the Annual Voters' Meeting. Watch for more details coming early next month.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 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, Donnis 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 the family of Ken Harstad, called to his Savior's side this past week.
- For Rob & Jodi Woodard in the loss of Rob's father, Robert Woodard.
- Thanksgiving and blessings for the marriage of Collier Miller and Hayley Wallace (1/6).
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Lois Hinzman (1/10).
- For willing individuals with a love for Jesus to help teach or lead Sunday School classes.
- 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 FAX371-1228

SCHOOL OFFICE371-5536

SCHOOL FAX371-1288

HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE379-3275

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

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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 WingertDirector of Christian Education

Administrative Staff

Judy Bohn Business Manager

Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant

Lynn WalmsleyAdministrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS; no one listed. Elaine Nitz is at MaDonna Care Center/Lincoln

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 12/31/17 346

Communed 297

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 12/31/17.....\$16,806

Growing the Future Campaign

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

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 12/31 \$ 865,408

Amount paid out on project as of 12/31 ... \$1,161,397

Amount borrowed on project \$ 295,989

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Finance

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

No activities scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:20 a.m. Chapel

5:15 p.m. Confirmation (with parents)

7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

No activities scheduled

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

6:00 p.m. CLS Missionary Carnival

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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

* 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

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.