



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 1, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

** **FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by our LWML groups – Ladies Circle and Priscillas; and also by Theresa Shermer in thanksgiving for birthday blessings.

** **WEDDING** – Cody Woockman and Harley Siedschlag were united in marriage before our altar on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

** **LWML SUNDAY:** 2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 *Theses* and the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. In fact, it may be more difficult to speak and to live as Christians now – and the future may even more challenging. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

For information about Christ Lutheran's LWML contact Judy Allvin at 402-371-2846, Ladies Circle (afternoon group) or Jami Winter 402-379-0991 or Gloria Hansen at 402-649-9504 for Priscillas (evening group).



THE LORD'S SUPPER ACCOMPLISHES SOMETHING...

We believe Jesus is present because He promises to be. And when God is present, things happen. Either life or death, either blessing or curse, but be assured of this: something occurs when God is present. Jesus comes to us in His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins to all who trust in His Word. All who receive the Sacrament receive Christ's body and blood. Those who receive it in faith receive the benefits given in Christ's promise. Those who do not believe receive judgment.

Save the Date: Sunday, November 5 - Reformation 500 Celebration

Worship Service - 3:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran;

Fellowship at 5:00 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran (2420 W. Omaha Avenue)

** **REFORMATION 500 T-SHIRT SALES** - Sign Up to buy a Reformation 500 T-shirt in the Narthex. The front reads "500th Anniversary of the Reformation: It's Still About Jesus!" The back lists all the Lutheran Churches in our Norfolk Circuit. Proceeds help fund the November 5 Reformation 500 Worship & Fellowship Event! Shirts are \$10.

** **REFORMATION 500 MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL** will be held on Thursday, October 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran. Prior to that, on Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., Christ Lutheran members will have their own rehearsal to become familiar with the Reformation 500 selections.

** **SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is the extension of a call for a Director of Worship Arts.

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, October 10, 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.

LIFE QUOTE: “To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn't know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven't been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back.” *Cheryl Magness, writer, musician, and homeschool mom – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:15b

LCMS REVITALIZATION ... re:Vitality

Our church is participating in an LCMS revitalization program called **re:Vitality**. Our participation in **re:Vitality** opens opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. In order to get the most out of this program, we need your input. We want your opinion.

We are asking everyone to go online and fill out a simple questionnaire about our church. We want the program to hear from every one of you. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or whether you just started coming this week; whether you are a member, guest, visitor, or regular attendee – we want them to hear from each one of you. **Deadline to reply is October 10.**

To access the survey, simply go online to www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter congregation **code: C647576**

Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and we won't be seeing any of the individual responses. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and how we can build upon our strengths and improve our weaknesses.

Next week, we will have a number of i-pads and laptops available to assist you in completing this survey if you do not have access to a computer.



Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is!. Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

MISSION MEMO ... Pray for Church Workers Around the World

Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman, Hannah, Noah, Abigail and Jonah are missionaries in Spain. Christ Lutheran pledges to help them each quarter during the year 2017. Rev. Lehman and family have been in home service in the U.S. during the past two months. They are excited to return to Spain and know that the inside of Centro Casiodoro de Reina in Seville will be ready for the congregation of San Pablo. The renovations to the building have been completed, the electricity has been turned on and is working, and all requirements necessary of licensing and public gathering have been met. The congregation is decorating and preparing the inside of the building for the Divine Service. **Please pray that the Lord would keep the Lehmans safely in the palm of His Almighty hand as they return to Spain. Pray for all the brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spain, including the pastors and seminarians in Spain.**

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

**** MISSIONARY CARE PACKAGES:** Missionary care package day is Saturday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. (after worship). We welcome donations of dried fruit, jerky, amazon gift cards (to purchase online books and music), and any other non-perishable, non-breakable items to ship to our missionaries. Also try to keep the items as lightweight as possible. Place donations in the box next to the missionary display case, and come on the 14th for our packing party! Contact Pastor Goehmann with questions regarding this event.

GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



Lisa Moreno – Children’s Ministry Coordinator

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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 lesson focus is “Elijah Is Taken to Heaven.” Elijah, like Enoch before him, was taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. You might discuss, “*Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah’s departure from earth? In what way was Jesus’ ascension into heaven different from Elijah’s?*”

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEETS** are available in the narthex and in the church office. All families whose children attend Sunday school are asked to fill out one sheet for their family, listing emergency contact numbers. The forms can be returned to Sunday school or left in the church office.

**** URGENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF NEEDS:** We have an urgent need for a junior high teacher to team teach ONCE A MONTH. We also need youth and adults to lead a prepared 10-15 minute station for students and their teacher once a month on Sundays you choose. If you can help in one of these positions, please contact Lisa Moreno.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING:** During the fall quarter, we will be sending our offerings to Lauren Awe, a Norfolk native and LHNE graduate who will be traveling to Burkina Faso with LCMS Mercy Medical Teams. Please remember your offerings the second and third Sunday of each month.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** The following items are needed for Sunday school activities in the next month: Pencils, Pretzel twists, chocolate bark; almond bark, sprinkles, and black wet-erase markers (Like Vis-a vis). If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to the church office.

**** THE FLAMINGOS HAVE A LATE MIGRATION SEASON THIS YEAR** The flamingos are currently making their ninth migration in Norfolk. This has become the most successful and most talked about senior high youth fundraiser at Christ Lutheran. We thank you for your past support and ask you to help make this another successful year of flocking. Insurance sales are in progress and will continue throughout the fundraiser in the Narthex.

Funds raised will help offset costs for youth events. After eight years, our flock of flamingos has grown to 100 birds that visit over 150 homes each year. In addition to raising funds for youth ministry, we hope this will be an opportunity for you to talk with your friends and neighbors about Christ Lutheran and have a little fun at the same time! This year's flock will raise money to help send our youth to assist Hurricane Harvey Victims, as well as District Youth Gatherings, and Leadership Training in 2018. Contact Matt at mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org to get involved.

**** STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION CLASS SERIES:** Anyone who is 60 years or over and has had a fall in the past year or is fearful of falling would benefit from Stepping On. Stepping On Fall Prevention classes begin on October 4 at the Norfolk Senior Center. The class will be held each Wednesday for 7 weeks from October 4 to November 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00. Classes will be instructed by Melanie Thompson. Cost is free, however registration is required. Please call the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department at 402-529-2233 or email Melanie at melanie@elvphd.org.

**** TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, October 5, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to join the fun from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and meet new friends. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provided. They ask that we do not bring anything with nuts as they have a child with nut allergy on their campus. Note that the rotation of churches has changed.

**** OKTOBERFEST** - St. John's Lutheran Church and School, rural Columbus, will celebrate their Oktoberfest Sunday and German Dinner on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Serving times are 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$12.00, Children 5-10 \$5.00, and children 4 and under eat free. Located 31 miles south of Norfolk on Highway 81; at the Tarnov corner (385th Street), go 4 miles east and ½ mile north or 6 ½ miles south of Creston from the corner of Hwy 91 and 205th Avenue. Tickets are available at the door. The Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. that day. For more information call 402-910-1653.

**** NEBRASKA BRASS** will be performing at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. Save the date. Tickets will be available soon. For more information check the website nb@artsincorporated.org.



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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. Plan ahead now for holiday shopping and gift-giving. Scrip makes great gifts.

**** SOUP SUPPER** - The LHNE Freshman class will be hosting a Soup Supper on October 3 from 5:15-8:15 p.m., during the home volleyball games. They will be serving chicken-noodle soup, chili, and a cinnamon roll. Please join us for a yummy warm meal and some volleyball!

**** PANCAKE FEED** - The LHNE Booster Club will be sponsoring their annual Pancake feed and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event go to the Vehicle Replacement Fund. There will be entertainment throughout the event provided by several LHNE groups and supporters. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Moved by God's Love to Impact

Matt Wingert, Director of Christian Education mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org

Website: www.clnorfolk.org

For text/email updates: <https://christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com>

Click on Ministries; select your group

ALL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

**** COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** - Want to receive **emails** about Jr. High or Sr. High Youth? Go to <https://christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com> to sign up your student to a specific group. This way, we have the most up-to-date information, and can easily get a hold of you! You can also register for events online!

Do you want to receive **text** messages on your phone about youth group happenings? Text the number 81010 with the appropriate code:

5th & 6th Youth Group - @cl56youth

Jr. High Youth - @cljrhigh

Sr. High Youth - @clsrhigh

7th & 8th Confirmation - @clconfirm

Junior High & Senior High Youth Gathering Registrations are Due TODAY!

JUNIOR HIGH

**** MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING NOVEMBER 11-12** - Mark Your Calendars! Current 7-8th Graders are invited to this year's District Youth Gathering in Columbus. Every day we are called to **GROW** in the knowledge and truth of Jesus Christ as we learn how God **PLANTS** a seed of faith in us through baptism, **PRUNES** our lives for growth, and calls us to live by the Spirit to **PRODUCE** fruit for Him that lasts an eternity. Cost \$110/Person. **Sign up deadline is October 1.**

**** 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.

SENIOR HIGH

**** SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING NOVEMBER 17-19** - Current 9-12th Graders are invited to DYG to grow deeper in their faith. This year's theme is HERO. We need a hero. One that is greater than the mightiest warrior, better than any leader, and truer than the dearest friend. God has sent a hero who comes to save, Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate hero who stood between you and hell, doing what we could never do. See you in Omaha November 17-19! Cost \$150/Person. **Sign up deadline is October 1.**

**** 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. This Bible study is led by Matt Wingert. We just started a new series about **7 "Christian" rules every Christian ought to break**. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**** HIS KID CAMP VOLUNTEERS** - Last week I advertised a trip to His Kids Camp to serve along side the Camp Luther staff. Since then, I received a call to go serve on a mission trip in Houston, where Senior High youth will be serving this winter. If you still want to go to Camp Luther, I can get you in touch with the right people, but we will not be going as a group.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

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, Nathan Boyle, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Roger Frank, Bruce Gardels, Deb Gebhardt, Nanette Halverson, Bruce Hansen, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Norma Hunter, Jason Jackson, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Colet Lierman, Stephanie McCorkle, Darwin McDonald, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Lisa Murray, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Deb Robertson, Jim Roethler, Jean Schacher, Randy Schultz, Leon Schulz, Carol Thies, Karen Widhalm, April Wiley, Don Wolff, 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, Barb Slieter, James Wagner, Ed Wiedeman, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Elaine Nitz (10/2), Dean Wolff (10/2), Delores Magwire (10/4), Richard Magwire (10/4), Jerome Woockman (10/4), Arlene Meisinger (10/5) and Gary Schacher (10/7).
- Thanksgiving for the marriage of Cody Woockman and Harley Siedschlag on Saturday.
- Thanksgiving for the work and ministry of Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
- For the people in areas devastated by the destruction of natural disasters in the past weeks, and for all those involved in rescue and recovery efforts in all these areas.
- For government, president, police and fire officials, and the military. 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
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 – Dennis Miller, Cindy Janssen, Paula Siske, Delmar Gansebom, William Bermel, Brian Beeks.

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 students and staff of Christ Lutheran School.

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 09/24/17 759
Communed 124
Bible Study 61
Sunday School / Staff 108 / 22

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 09/24/17 \$22,044
Debt to retire \$43,327
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit \$ 8,919

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 9/17 \$ 797,131
Amount paid out on project as of 9/17 \$1,066,149
Amount borrowed on project \$ 269,018

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 LWML Sunday

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Finance
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:20 a.m. Chapel
9:10 a.m. Preschool Chapel
5:15 p.m. Confirmation
5:45 p.m. 5/6 Grade Youth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 p.m. Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class / AIC
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.

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

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