



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 15, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

** **FUNERAL** – William Bermel was called to his Savior’s side on October 8, 2017. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on Thursday, October 12, 2017.



REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus

FORGIVENESS IS FREE – BUT NOT CHEAP ...

Your sins have earned the penalty of death. Christ paid that price for you through His death. Salvation is not cheap — the Son of God gave up all things for you. Forgiveness is free. God gives you this salvation, which Christ earned, for free. Solus Christus. Through Christ alone.

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** – Purchase your Reformation 500 T-shirt today 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** - Mass instrumental rehearsal will be on Tuesday, October 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and combined mass choir and instrumental rehearsal will be on Thursday, November 2 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran.

** **COME CELEBRATE THE JOY** of mission work at **The Big Mission Event** scheduled for Sunday, November 12, at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. The Big *Mission* Event, sponsored by Servants of the Savior of Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, begins with a 5:00 p.m. social hour, followed by a tenderloin medallion dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be the Master of Ceremonies, with Grant Schmidt, Orphan Grain Train Operations Manager as the featured speaker for the evening. The Event also features both a live and silent auction. Tickets are available for a donation of \$50 per person from Christ Lutheran Church office or an S.O.S. member. No tickets will be sold at the door.

** **MALAWI 2018 INFORMATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 22:** Are you interested in serving God and His people in Malawi Africa this summer? We will have a brief informational meeting in the Chapel on October 22, during the Bible Study Hour. Remember, this trip is for 18 years old and up, unless accompanied by a legal parent or guardian. Dates of the trip are May 21- June 4, 2018. Cost is around \$2000 per person. Come and find out how you can be a part of this life changing experience!

** **BUTTERBRAID & PIE SALES** – Orders are currently being taken for these delicious holiday treats. Junior and Senior High School youth will be taking orders during the month of October, with delivery later in November. Funds raised help support youth activities and servant events. Orders may also be placed in the narthex.

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 24, 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: "When the God of the universe, Who created and redeemed us, calls us by name, claiming us as His very own and assuring us that nothing can snatch us from His hand, where we are engraved, could there be any more loving and comforting words when we are living life even in the midst of death?" *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

There should be no division in the body, but ... its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:25



Matthew 22:5 – 'But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.' The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

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

The Big Mission Event on November 12 will help to keep these missionaries in the mission field. We have been supporting **Rev. Stuart and Deb Freese who are serving in Africa.** **Rev. Stu Freese** is a Church Planter and Pastoral Trainer in Burkina Faso. He works with the native pastors and lay workers training them in the same way that church workers are trained in the United States. **Deb Freese** works with the missionaries as Communications Director in West Africa. They are learning to speak 'Moore' which is one of 70 tribal languages in Africa.

Another missionary that we have been supporting is **Rev. Doug and Angela Thompson**, and we want to keep them in the mission field in **Sierra Leone West Africa.** **Rev. Doug Thompson** teaches at the Coordinating Center for Theological Studies and assists the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church to develop curriculum for seminary theological education. **Angela Thompson** is a seminary librarian. She teaches and helps seminary students with their research and studies.

Please help support these missionaries by buying a ticket to the Big Mission Event from an SOS member or from the church office.

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



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 “Jonah.” Just as Jonah was swallowed up in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus, in His crucifixion, was baptized into the sea of death, drowned in our sin, devoured by the grave, and spewed forth alive again on the third day so that He might save us all. Questions for discussion include, “*Why did Jonah try to run away from God? What does God do when sinful people repent?*”

**** 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.

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

**** PANCAKE FEED** – The LHNE Booster Club is sponsoring their annual Pancake feed and Bake Sale TODAY, 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!

**** LHNE-CUNE PARTNERSHIP** – LHNE is proud to share that Concordia University, Seward is continuing their generous financial promise to our graduates, and are assuring us that they will continue this agreement for years to come. Starting in the spring of 2016, every graduate of LHNE is promised to receive, at a minimum, a \$17,500 scholarship to attend Concordia University, Seward. This scholarship is guaranteed, and is offered for up to five years! This is a tremendous blessing for our students and we are very grateful that Concordia recognized the quality of our graduates and extends this blessing to them! If you would like to find out more, please come to the Open House on Friday, October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. All attendees will receive a coupon for a registration discount and free admission to the volleyball games that evening.

For information on any **Lutheran High Northeast** activity or to see a complete calendar, please visit our website: www.lhne.org

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

** **BUTTERBRAID & PIE FUNDRAISER** - Jr. High and Sr. High students can make money for their Youth Account by selling pies and butter braids. Sign up sheets are in the church office, or outside Matt's Office. If you grab a form, you may notice we forgot to tell you that the pies are \$15 each!

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.

** **BON-FIRE OCTOBER 22** - The Hoff Family has volunteered to open their home for a Jr. High Bonfire on Oct 22nd from 6-7:30. We will have dinner and S'mores together. We will also have a bible study, and play some games. Cost is free, but we need you to RSVP by signing up here: <https://christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com> and clicking on events.

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. 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.

** **WINTER MISSION TRIP** - Sr. High youth Group is headed to Houston this Winter to assist in some Hurricane Harvey relief, as well as visiting Concordia Austin. Cost is to be determined. Tentative dates are Dec 28-Jan 5. If interested let Matt know. *** We will need adult volunteers for this!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

** **SOS – Servants of the Savior** meets Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Planning continues as details are finalized for this year's Big Event to be held November 12.

** **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Monday, October 23, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran High Northeast. The Drive is sponsored by LHNE, Christ Lutheran and Our Savior Lutheran. For an appointment contact Karen Petersen at 402-649-4130 or Our Savior Church at 402-371-9005. (Did you know that the more people that participate in this drive, the Red Cross will donate scholarship money to students graduating from LHNE?)

** **ALL HANDS ON DECK REFORMATION 500** – Anyone who is involved (or would like to become involved) in the planning, organizing and/or volunteering to work at the Reformation 500 service and fellowship event should plan on attending a Reformation team meeting on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. Plans need to be reviewed and logistics need to be finalized for this Reformation Celebration event. Event organizers, elders, volunteer workers, we need you!

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

** **SOUP & PIE SUPPER** – Koinonia and the Board of Education of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk will be hosting their annual Chili / Chicken / Oyster Soup and Pie Supper on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken this year instead of selling tickets. Come for some great food and wonderful fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 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 Marlene Walker, undergoing surgery on Monday.
- For the families of Delmar Gansebom and William Bermel, called to their Savior's side this past week.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Frank Sramek (10/16), Barb Wagner (10/16), Eleanor Hahn (10/19), and Melvin Kohlhof (10/19).
- 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 the victims and families of the Las Vegas massacre, and for the residents of California in the midst of the fires.
- 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, Elaine Nitz, Sylvia Lichtenberg, Don Cherington.

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

* 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 10/08/17 580
Communed 160
Sunday School / Staff 100 / 25
Bible Class 86

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 10/08/17 \$15,686
Debt to retire \$43,327
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit \$15,797

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 10/1. . \$ 804,617
Amount paid out on project as of 10/1 \$1,072,232
Amount borrowed on project \$ 267,615

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Finance
5:45 p.m. YOUTH BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 p.m. S.O.S.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

NO School – Marzano training
NO Confirmation classes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

NO School – Professional Church Worker Conf.
1:30 p.m. Ladies Circle
7:00 p.m. Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

NO School – Professional Church Worker Conf.
9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:00 p.m. Hoskinson / Bowers wedding
5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Malawi Informational Meeting
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class / AIC
10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
7:00 p.m. Jr. High Bon-fire

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.