



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 8, 2017

# WEEKLY FOCUS

\*\* **FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by the family of Bob and Sheri Mickelson in thanksgiving for 55 years of marriage blessings.

\*\* **BAPTISM** – Alyssa Rose Thoene, daughter of Jeff and Sarah Thoene, is being baptized in the 8:00 service this weekend. Alyssa was born September 8, 2017. Her sponsors are Dale and Rhonda Keyes.



## CRUX SOLA EST NOSTRA THEOLOGIA ...

The cross alone is our theology. God's love is manifest in Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. God's love is fulfilled through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With the New Testament, we proclaim Christ and Him crucified.

**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** will be held on Thursday, October 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran. 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.

\*\* **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. A brief bio of the call candidate is included on a separate insert in this Focus.

\*\* **COMING IN NOVEMBER** - Are you looking for an evening of elegance, excitement and entertainment? Then look no further! The Big *Mission* Event is for you! And what's more, this is an opportunity to share our abundant blessings in support of mission activities here and around the world. Hosted by Servants Of the Savior from Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, The Big *Mission* Event will be held on Sunday, November 12, at Divots Conference Center. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a tenderloin medallion dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Featured speaker for the evening will be Grant Schmidt, Orphan Grain Train Operations Manager. Gary Thies, LC-MS Mission Counselor will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are available for a donation of \$50 per person from Christ Lutheran Church, 605 South Fifth Street, Norfolk (371-1210). No tickets will be sold at the door.

\*\* **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. (Yummy samples are available after the 8:00 service today.)

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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly Brass Lantern). There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

**LIFE QUOTE:** “Why do we strive to protect tiny embryos in Petri dishes or frozen in a fertility clinic? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call.”  
*Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life -- A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life •*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



STEPHEN MINISTRY

*We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints.*

Colossians 1:4

## 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](http://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.

*This weekend, we will have a number of i-pads or laptops available after Sunday services to assist you in completing this survey if you do not have access to a computer.*



**Matthew 21:43** – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest: they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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

The Big Mission Event on Nov. 12 will help send these missionaries to the mission field. Sarah Kanoy has been called as a Career Missionary to serve the Lord Jesus as teacher and community health nurse to the people of Kenya East Africa. She grew up near Arlington, NE. Presently she is serving in the Intensive Care unit of Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha. When she took mission trips to Tanzania and Kenya she developed a passion for sharing Jesus through medical outreach and sharing Christ's love with the poorest of the poor in Africa.

Johanna Heidorn serves the LC-MS in Asia and Hong Kong as communications specialist for the Asia region, with photography as her primary focus. She grew up in Rochester, MN. Johanna has a Bachelor's degree in graphic design, photograph, public relations, and communications. She has taken a mission trip to Russia to support churches and Christian efforts. Through photography, Johanna shares the story of what God is doing through LC-MS personnel serving in this region as well as the partner church bodies and all believers in Asia. Her photographs enlighten the church worldwide and are a tool to reach out to the people in Asia who have not heard the message of God and His love for them.

**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](http://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. This activity is sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.



### **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 "Naaman and Elisha." The Word of God spoken by the prophet was in and with the water of the Jordan to restore the flesh of Naaman. The Word of God spoken by the pastor is in and with the water of Baptism to cleanse us of our sin and restore us as children of the heavenly Father. Consider discussing, "What was Elisha's unusual 'prescription' for Naaman's condition? How have you been healed with water?"

**\*\* 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.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

\*\* **FLOCKING** - Tonight is our last night of the Flocking Flamingos! Thank you to all who participated! Make sure to buy insurance today to make sure you don't get stuck with the birds all winter!

\*\* **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.

\*\* **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.

\*\* **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 4th 2018. Cost is around \$2000 per person. Come and find out how you can be a part of this life changing experience!

\*\* **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](http://nb@artsincorporated.org).



### ***Lutheran High Northeast***

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Email [info@lhne.org](mailto:info@lhne.org) Web [www.lhne.org](http://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. Plan ahead now for holiday shopping and gift-giving. Scrip makes great gifts.

\*\* **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!

\*\* **OPEN HOUSE** - If you know of a family interested in LHNE, our first OPEN HOUSE is Thursday, October 26, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Attending families receive a student-led tour, promotional materials, a discounted coupon for registration, and free entrance to the volleyball games that day. Please encourage them to attend!

### \*\* **THIS WEEK AT LHNE**

Monday 10/9

Norfolk Circuit Choral Clinic – Concert at 7:00 p.m.

JV Volleyball at Home vs. Crofton at 6:30 p.m.

LHNE Booster Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10/10

C, JV, and V Volleyball away at Lakeview at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10/11

Juniors taking PSAT

Thursday 10/12

Cross Country Districts

Friday 10/13

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Varsity Football at HOME vs. Ponca at 7:00 p.m.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

*Moved by God's Love to Impact*

Matt Wingert, Director of Christian Education [mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org](mailto:mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org)

Website: [www.clnorfolk.org](http://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:

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - @cl56youth

Jr. High Youth - @cljrhigh

Sr. High Youth - @clsrhigh

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**\*\* 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** - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 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: Mildred Gaskill (10/10).
- Thanksgiving for the baptism of Alyssa Rose Thoene.
- Thanksgiving for 55 years of marriage blessings given to Bob and Sheri Mickelson.
- 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.
- 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](http://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](http://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.**

\* 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