



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 26, 2017

# WEEKLY FOCUS

## **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 supports the Lehman family each quarter during the year. Rev. Lehman shared that the month of October was busy as there were 3 days set aside for Spanish Lutherans to worship and study the Word of God together. All were taught about their Lutheran history. The children learned about the life of Martin Luther, the youth had Catechism classes, and the adults had Bible study. In November they would celebrate the dedication of the new church property of the Lutheran Church in Seville, Spain. In addition there would be an ordination and installation of the second Lutheran Pastor in Spain. **Pray that God continues to bless this mission with wonderful and loving people who are hungry to hear Christ's Word.**

*DAILY DEVOTIONS from LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES are available on line at: [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)*

**\*\* EXPERIENCE THE JOY** of singing in choir. Join us Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel for our next rehearsal as we work on pieces for Advent and Christmas. Choir members past and present, young and old are welcome. New, easy to learn, easy to sing music will make choir an enjoyable experience and have you singing with joy regardless of your musical abilities.

**\*\* WARMTH, PEACE and PAJAMAS** - The Salvation Army, along with their usual "Toy and Food Drive" for the Christmas Season, is collecting new pajamas for their pajama project. The greatest need is children sizes 6-14 and Adults S-XL, boys and girls. Please consider purchasing a new pair of pajamas so that all of Norfolk's children can sleep in warmth. New pajamas can be dropped in the collection box in the Narthex until December 15. This activity is sponsored by Christ Lutheran Board of Evangelism.

**\*\* CHRISTMAS CAROLING** sponsored by Board of Evangelism will be Sunday, December 3. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 to carpool. Return at 5:30 for a delicious hot soup supper and fellowship.



**Matthew 25:44** "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith!

**\*\* MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** at **12:15 and 6:30 p.m.** on **December 6, 13 and 20** will reflect on a well-known hymn by Martin Luther - "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come". It is only appropriate that in the year when we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, that we use one of Luther's hymns to set the tone for our worship. Martin Luther wrote this hymn for his children's Christmas Eve celebration around 1535. The pattern of a pre-Reformation singing game gave Luther's simple hymn structure. The first five stanzas report what the angels said. Stanzas six and fifteen give voice to the family's response, while stanzas seven through fourteen make application of the angels' good news.

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, December 5, 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:** "All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." *C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity* -- A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



STEPHEN MINISTRY

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.*

Romans 8:28a

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 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, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Roger Frank, Bruce Gardels, Nanette Halverson, Bruce Hansen, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Norma Hunter, 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, 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: Ed Wiedeman (11/27), Margaret Rasmussen (11/28), LaVona Kesting (11/29), and Clarence Mann (11/29)
- 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.



## **GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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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 “Esther.” In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. Consider discussing, *“How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?”*

**\*\* SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Mark your calendars for this service, set for Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Children should plan to arrive by 6:10 p.m.

\* **Our ingathering** will be basic hygiene items for Orphan Grain Train to give to those in need in disaster areas. Suggested items are as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten: New toothbrushes

Gr. 1-2 Diapers (cloth or disposable)

Gr. 3-4 New bath towels

Gr. 5-6 Children’s new underwear

Gr. 7-8 Children’s new socks

Staff New washcloths

Congregation members are invited to bring any items from the list, if they wish.

\* **Angel Choir:** Interested 3-8 graders should plan to attend, tomorrow, Monday, November 27. Practices will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 - 3:50 p.m. in the blue room, in the old wing of the school until December 19. If students cannot attend every day, that is fine, but should plan to be there at least once a week. Students can be in angel choir and also be an actor or reader for the service. Coaches have typically excused students from basketball practice to attend these rehearsals. Permission slips are also available online. Starla Landkamer will be leading this special choir.

\* **Actors and Readers:** Students in grades 6-8 can be actors and readers for this service. Not all actors have to speak. Permission slips have been sent home with all students in these grades of Sunday school and are also available online. Practices start tomorrow, Monday, November 27, and will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45-4:25 p.m. in the church, until December 19. Nicole Phelps and Jeanette Schipporeit will be leading this group. Students can be in both angel choir and be an actor or reader for the service.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*\* TEN POINT PITCH** – will be meeting with our sister congregations on Thursday, December 7 at Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Pitch playing takes place from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and have fun. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provide. Note that the rotation of churches has changed.

**\*\* AN INVITATION FOR ALL LADIES** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Smokin Stan’s will provide pulled pork sandwich, potato salad and baked beans. Ladies Circle members will provide salads and side dishes. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Judy Allvin at 402-371-2846 by December 7 if you plan to attend.

The Kindergarten children from Christ Lutheran will provide entertainment. Dr. Daniel and Deanna Blomenberg will share highlights from their trip to “Luther Land German” in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary.

## **JUNIOR HIGH**

\*\* **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.

\*\* **CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT** -Junior High Youth Group will partner with Our Savior's Community Christmas Gift program. We will be sorting toys on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Our Savior. Sign up on Church Center Online to participate

## **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.

\*\* **HOUSTON MISSION TRIP** - Senior High Youth Group is headed to Houston this winter to assist in some Hurricane Harvey relief, as well as visiting Concordia-Austin. Cost is \$250 per person. Sign up at Church Center Online.



### ***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.

\*\* **LHNE OPEN HOUSE** - On Sunday, December 10, we will be hosting our next Open House event at Lutheran High Northeast from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We would like to encourage all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to come receive a student led tour, a school information packet, a chance to enter our door prize drawing, and a coupon for a discount on a new student registration for the 2018-19 school year. We hope to see you then!

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

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Girls JV & V BB AWAY vs. West Point @ 7:30  
Friday, Dec. 1 - Boys JV & V BB - HOME vs. GACC @ 7:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 2 - Boys and Girls V BB - AWAY at Emerson @ TBD  
Girls C BB - HOME vs. GACC @ 9:00 a.m.  
Boys C BB - HOME vs. GACC @ 10:15 a.m.  
V Wrestling - AWAY Howells Invite 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

## 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; Elaine Nitz, Joan Larson, Bob Feddern, Marian Hofmann. At UNMC: Ed Wiedeman.

*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](http://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 11/19/17 ..... 529  
Communed ..... 274  
Sunday School / Staff ..... 102 / 22

## Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 11/19/17.....\$22,065  
Debt to retire ..... \$43,327  
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit ..... \$33,226

## Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) ..... \$1,200,000  
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 11/19 \$ 815,937  
Amount paid out on project as of 11/19 .. \$1,105,162  
Amount borrowed on project ..... \$ 289,225

## This Week's Activities

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:45 p.m. *Staff Meeting*  
3:30 p.m. Finance  
Angel Choir  
3:45 p.m. SS Actor/Reader Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Priscillas Guest Night

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. ECHO Mailing  
3:30 p.m. Angel Choir  
3:45 p.m. SS Actor/Reader Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. STEWARDSHIP  
7:00 p.m. TRUSTEES, ELDERS, EVANGL.  
EDUCATION, CH. CARE,

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:20 a.m. Chapel  
9:10 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
5:15 p.m. Confirmation

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

3:30 p.m. Angel Choir  
3:45 p.m. SS Actor/Reader Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling & Soup Supper

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. Please include a contact name on all announcements in case there are questions, or further information is needed.***