



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 3, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** BAPTISM** – Kaylee Lynne Johnson, daughter of Dan and Amy Johnson, is being baptized in the 10:45 service this Sunday. Kaylee was born September 1, 2017. Her sponsors are Ryan Potts and Brian and Leslie Johnson.

**** PRAYER FOR 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:** O Advent Lord, come to us and share with us Your peace. Break down the walls that sin has set between us. Bring an end to all division and discord. Turn our attention away from weapons of destruction, and turn us toward the tools of justice, love, and service. O coming Christ, grant us Your peace. Amen.



**** 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 500th 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.

**** ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS** will be served on Wednesdays, December 6 and 13, from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. by Helping Hands Child Care. The menu both weeks will include homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, relish, dessert bars and beverage. A freewill donation will be taken to help purchase furnishings and supplies for the new Child Care building.

**** EXPERIENCE THE JOY** of singing in choir. Join us Wednesdays, December 6 & 13 at 7:15 p.m. (following Advent service) in the chapel for our next rehearsals 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.

**** CHRISTMAS CAROLING** sponsored by Board of Evangelism will be **this 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.

**** 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.



1 Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

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, December 5, 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: "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona -- A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.
Philemon 1:7

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

Last July, we had a visit from **Rev. Wayne and Linda Braun** serving as missionaries in Frankfurt, Germany. (At our Big Mission Event in 2015, we supported the Brauns and helped them to enter the mission field in Germany.) The congregation in Frankfurt was an international congregation serving people from all over the world and from all sorts of cultural backgrounds. This congregation became for such people a "home away from home." At Trinity there were people from 16 different nations and 4 different continents. Less than half of the congregation came from the USA. Everyone who came spoke English as a 1st, 2nd or 3rd language. Trinity has a vibrant children's ministry, active youth ministry, confirmation and Bible classes, and music ministry. Rev. Braun writes that he and Linda will be ending their ministry at Trinity at the end of November. He requests our prayers, as he will return to the USA and begin his work at Fishers of Men in Sugar Land, TX.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** TEN POINT PITCH** – will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, December 7 at Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon. Pitch playing takes place from 2:00-4:00 p.m.. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provide. Note: 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 provide salads and side dishes. R.S.V.P. by calling Judy Allvin at 402-371-2846 by December 7 if you plan to attend. Kindergarten children from Christ Lutheran will provide entertainment. Dr. Daniel and Deanna Blomenberg will share highlights from their trip to "Luther Land Germany".



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:** What is Advent? Advent means “to wait patiently” or specifically for Christians, to patiently anticipate the coming of the Messiah. This week, we will study Christ’s ancestors and the Old Testament prophet, who waited for centuries for their promised Messiah. What things are you waiting for? What makes it easier to wait?

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Mark your calendars for this service, set for Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Children should plan to arrive by 6:10 p.m. Angel choir and grades 7-8 meet in the chapel. All other students meet in the fellowship hall. Preschoolers and Kindergartners can be picked up in the fellowship hall following the service. Other students will remain in their pews.

- **LARGE GROUP REHEARSAL** will be held in the church sanctuary during Sunday school on Sunday, December 17. Please drop off and pick up your child at church on this day. Parents and two’s will meet as usual in the school.
- **OUR OFFERING 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** continues to 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. Starla Landkamer is leading this special choir.
- **ACTORS AND READERS** practice in the church sanctuary each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45 - 4:25 p.m. until December 19. Nicole Phelps and Jeanette Schipporeit are leading this group.

**** WINTER QUARTER MISSION OFFERING:** Our mission offerings during the months of November - February 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 second and third Sundays of each month.

SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Are you giving gifts this year for Christmas? Are you buying groceries for your family or gas for your vehicle? If your answer to any of these questions was “yes,” consider purchasing Scrip to get your gas or groceries; also, consider using Scrip gift cards in buying those gifts. Remember—buying Scrip is a simple way to help build up credit toward tuition at Christ Lutheran School. If you don’t have children or grandchildren who go to CLS, your Scrip purchase will still benefit the church. Scrip cards also make great gifts themselves. It’s a win-win for you!

5th & 6th GRADE PARENTS

Parents of 5th & 6th graders are invited to a parent meeting regarding the 5th & 6th grade youth ministry. Come Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. to the Fellowship Hall as Pastor Moreno leads this discussion.

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@clnsrmail.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.

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.

** **CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Come to the Wingert's on Friday December 22, from 7-9:00 p.m. for a Christmas Party. We will be celebrating the end of the semester, the start of Christmas Break, and the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Bring a "White Elephant" gift for an exchange game. The Wingert's will provide Smoked Brisket for Dinner. Bring a Friend!

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST



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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.

** **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 8th 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.

** **LHNE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** hosted by the Music Department will be Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the sounds of the season as we celebrate our Savior's birth. There is no admission fee, we will have a free will offering available.

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

**** THANK YOU** to the donors to the Big *Mission* Event. Because of your generosity and the generosity of those who purchased tickets and bid on various items or privately or anonymously donated cash, approximately \$47,000 was generated for missionaries, the Orphan Grain Train, seminary students, orphanages, youth servant events and other related mission activities. A special thanks goes out to our Master of Ceremonies Gary Thies, Keynote speaker Grant Schmidt, Lisa Wolken, auctioneer, and Starla Landkamer, pianist. Between the *first* Big Event (Christ's birth) and the *next* Big Event (Christ coming again), we are compelled to tell His story. May God bless the proceeds raised to that end. A complete listing of the donors will be in the next ECHO.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 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, 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, James Wagner, Ed Wiedeman, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For Allen Zeitz in the loss of his mother, Lorena Zeitz; and for Paul and Charlene Kolterman in the loss of Paul's sister-in-law.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Edna Kollmar (12/3), Paul Hilkemann (12/7), Iva Schultz (12/7) and Gertrude Hofmann (12/9).
- Thanksgiving for the birth of a baby girl to Josh and Sara Swan.
- 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

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Chip Winter Director of Ministry
Rev. David Goehmann Associate Pastor

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Sarah Moje PreSchool Director
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Steve Stortz Principal
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; Margaret McCutchen. Ed Wiedeman is at Norfolk Rehabilitation & Care Center. Elaine Nitz is a 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

* 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 11/26/17 578
Communed 165
Thanksgiving 282
Sunday School / Staff 97 / 25
Bible Class 42

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 11/26/17.....\$21,909
Debt to retire \$43,327
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit \$34,148

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 11/26 \$ 821,762
Amount paid out on project as of 11/26 .. \$1,105,162
Amount borrowed on project \$ 283,400

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:45 p.m. *Staff Meeting*
3:30 p.m. Finance
Angel Choir
3:45 p.m. SS Actor/Reader Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:20 a.m. Chapel
12:15 p.m. ADVENT MIDWEEK CHAPEL
5:15 p.m. Confirmation
5:15 – 6:15 Advent Supper
6:30 p.m. ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

2:00 p.m. Pitch Players
3:30 p.m. Angel Choir
3:45 p.m. SS Actor/Reader Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class
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. Please include a contact name on all announcements in case there are questions, or further information is needed.