



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 31, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** FUNERAL** – *Joan Larson* was called to Eternal Rest on December 17, 2017. The funeral service was held Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Helen Reeves was called to her Savior's side on December 27, 2017. Funeral service and Christian burial were held Saturday, December 30, 2017.

**** PRAYER FOR 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:** God, You have made Yourself known to us through Your Son, Jesus. Now may we make Your Son's name known to all the world. Fill our mouths with Your true and holy word, and may Your words take on flesh and bone in our actions toward one another. Word Made Flesh, dwell among us. Amen.

**** PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:** O God, You are the ruler over time. As we head into a new year, remind us that all of our days are under Your control, and that each year is a precious gift from You. May we celebrate with joy this new year now upon us. And may we rejoice in the life You have allowed us to enjoy to this day, the life You will bless us with this year, and the life that awaits us in heaven above. Amen.



Luke 2:39 “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

**** MALAWI MISSION** – It's time to make your final decision for the Malawi Mission trip 2018. There are a number of people who are interested. If you did not come to the “interest meeting” then now is your chance to talk to Matt or Pastor Dave about the trip. The final deadline to sign up is January 8. Ask for the official sign-up sheet that secures your spot to be a part of this exciting mission team to Malawi, Africa!

**** FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP ARTS:** The new Director of Worship Arts, Tetsuya Sugita, is looking for musicians for the Praise Team to help lead contemporary worship services. If you are interested please contact Tet to set up a time to meet and go through some music, to see where you might best fit in.

**** TEN POINT PITCH** players will be meeting with our sister congregations on Thursday, January 4, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2500 West Norfolk Avenue. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Playing is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and have fun. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provided. Remember leave the nuts at home since they have a child on their campus with a nut allergy. (Note that the rotation of churches has changed.)

DID YOU KNOW ... The debt of \$43,327 from last fiscal year has been retired! Thanks be to God! The contributions of everyone for the debt in the last few months are greatly appreciated.

**The Christ Lutheran Campus will be closed
Monday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.**

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, January 2, 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.

**** LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** – January 7, 14 & 21, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (416 Park Avenue). Presenters are Rev. Luke Miller, Rev. Leon Rosenthal and Rev. Ryan Eden. See the brochure enclosed with this Focus for more information.

**** CHRIST AT THE MOVIES** – It's back! Christ at the movies Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Get ready to talk about Star Wars: the Last Jedi and how it relates to Jesus. The light is calling you out of the darkness. Is it "the force" or Jesus? Find out from Pastor Dave, Pastor Winter, and DCE Matt and share your thoughts on The Last Jedi.

LIFE QUOTE: "Our failures won't undermine the Lord's reign. Others' successes can't overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity—not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil's deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let's exercise our majesty enthusiastically!" *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

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

**** THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran Church or Christ Lutheran School. These Choice Dollars go directly to the General Fund Support of the Church & School. As of November 30, 2017 Christ Lutheran Church & School had received over \$7,000 less than in the same time period in 2016.

**** ASSORTED DISHES** – If you graciously provided food for a funeral or other event recently, please check to make sure you have picked up your serving dish. There is an assortment of bowls and plates in the fellowship hall that are longing to go home with their owner.

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

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Director of Youth Ministry
mwingert@clnorfmail.org

eventsignups

want to sign up for events or email lists?

- go to christnorfchurchcenteronline.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. (*except holiday weekends*)

**** SAVE THE DATE:** Bowling, January 28 at 2:00 p.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. We are taking a break from our book to do a short video series call Alpha. It's fun and engaging. Come check it out. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (*except holiday weekends*)

**** SAVE THE DATE:** January 28 at noon. Senior high students, along with the Youth Board will host the annual Soup and Chili Cook-off before the Annual Voters' Meeting. Watch for more details coming early next month.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 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, Colton Wright, 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, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For the families of Joan Larson and Helen Reeves, called to Eternal Rest.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Helen Anderson (12/30), Henry Meyer (12/30), Evelyn Kurpgeweit (12/31) and Delvin Schulz (12/31), Norma Jean Stueve (1/3) and Donral Schulz (1/4).
- Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage blessings given to Robert & Ruby Schulz (12/30).
- For willing individuals with a love for Jesus to help teach or lead Sunday School classes.
- For safety and blessings for the Houston Servant Event team.
- 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

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.

**** WINTER QUARTER MISSION OFFERING:** During the months of December - February, our offerings 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.

**** SCHEDULING NOTE:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on 12/31 due to Christmas/New Year’s break.

**** STAFFING NEED:** Sunday school has some immediate staffing needs:

* Team teacher for Preschool to teach one Sunday a month and help one week a month

* Team teacher for Kindergarten to teach one Sunday a month and help one week a month

* Team teachers for for grade 6, to teach twice a month

* Station leader to lead a prepared 15 minute station 1-2 Sundays a month on dates you choose.

If you can help in any of these areas, please call the church office or contact Lisa Moreno at 371-3898.



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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. Scrip makes great gifts.

**** LHNE OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students will be on Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you, or someone you know, is considering sending a child to LHNE, please come to the open house to receive a tour, informational materials, and an opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** LHNE TRIVIA NIGHT** – The 3rd Annual LHNE Trivia Night will take place at the Norfolk Armory at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20. Food, fun and fellowship provided – cash bar available. Play 10 rounds of 10 questions with cash payout for 1st and 2nd place teams. Entry fee is \$20 per person or \$160 per team. Go to the home page of our website www.lhne.org and click on the link for the online form and send a check or call the office for arrangements 379-3040. Don’t miss out – limited to first 25 registered teams. Come support the students and Christian education.

**** GIFTS THAT GO FARTHER** – LHNE has been given a great challenge to raise \$50,000 by the end of the year 2017! Your gift to LHNE will be matched dollar for dollar. In fact if you would like to make an “easier on the budget” monthly gift, LHNE will be able to match your entire gift! For example, a \$10 monthly gift is worth \$240 to LHNE. \$10 per month for 12 months (\$120) and \$120 matching gift. You can call Fred Aufdembrink at 402-379-3040 to discuss this kind of gift or simply go to the LHNE website at www.lhne.org. Find the GIVE tab at the top of the page and click on the Donation button. This will take you to a secure webpage where you can make your gift. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of LHNE.

For information on any **Lutheran High Northeast** activity or to see a complete calendar, please visit our website: 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 FAX371-1228

SCHOOL OFFICE371-5536

SCHOOL FAX371-1288

HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE379-3275

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 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; Charlotte Neitzke, Delores Prewett, Arlene Schroeder, Jesse Suckstorf; in Omaha – Ken Harstad.

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

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.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 12/17/17 765

Communed 348

Sunday School / Staff 12/17.....112/ 20

Advent Midweek 12/20 607

Christmas Services 1472

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 12/17/17.....\$36,106

Received 12/24/17 \$42,954

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 12/26 \$ 850,300

Amount paid out on project as of 12/26 ... \$1,161,397

Amount borrowed on project \$ 311,097

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Family Bible Class

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day

Christ Lutheran Campus closed for holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

3:30 p.m. Finance

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

NO Midweek Confirmation classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

No activities scheduled

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

5:00 p.m. Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

3:00 p.m. Miller/Wallace Wedding

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

Please call the Church Office to schedule an activity. It is best to call ahead to avoid a conflict in scheduling.

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