



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

**Christ Lutheran Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 11, 2018

# WEEKLY FOCUS

**\*\* BAPTISM** – It is with great joy that we baptize 4 children into the family of God through the washing of Holy Baptism in the 8:00 service this weekend. They are Seth Michael Johnson (May 25, 2010), Blake Robert Lee Wiedeman (August 7, 2012), Jaxsen Cole Wiedeman (August 26, 2014) and Allison Claire Wiedeman (July 29, 2017). Sponsor for all of the children is Carol Wiedeman, with Cassandra Kinze and Derek Loseke as witnesses.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Worship Services with Holy Communion at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m.**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN THEME:** *“Not as I will, but as you will,”* Jesus prayed to his Father the night before He went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God’s will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Each service in the series “Thy Will Be Done” focuses on a different aspect of God’s will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

**Ash Wednesday – *God’s Will and God’s Promise: Abraham and Isaac*** ... by faith, Abraham trusted the will of God when he promised that a son would be born to him. God’s will was done when that son, Isaac, was born, and God’s will was done when His Son Jesus came into the world to redeem His people.

## **LENTEN MEAL SERVED 5:00-6:15 p.m.**

**This week’s host: CLC Youth**

Menu includes Lasagne, lettuce salad and beverage

Freewill proceeds help support youth activities and servant events.

## **Mission Memo ... Pray for Church Workers around the World**

**Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry (Caleb, 12; Caitlin, 8; Carissa, 5; Cassandra, 4; and Chloe, 1)** serve the church in Indonesia. In Indonesia, the new school year begins in January. Rev. Charles tells us that the teachers make home visits. Carissa and Cassie will be going to the local school while Caleb and Caitlin will be home-schooled. The teacher came to their home unannounced with 3 other teachers. Chatting in Indonesian, they learned about the family, compared New Year traditions, and played a game. The Ferris were able to give the teachers a taste of Lutheran hospitality. The teachers wanted to build community between teachers, students, and family. It was a New Year tradition. They are awaiting together for the birth of their new Baby C. They give thanks for safety during recent power outages and issues at their Medan house. They give thanks also for the ongoing rainy season in Indonesia with its cooler breezes.

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



**Mark 9:6** – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

**Share God’s Word – Share His Love – Do It Now!**



**\*\* 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the Church Narthex.** If you see boxes on the table for your friends, relatives or neighbors, please assist the Board of Stewardship by taking those envelope boxes and delivering them to the individuals. Even if you have automated giving, please pick up your envelopes.

**\*\* ANNUAL HEARTS TO HELP CAMPAIGN** - The Board of Christian Nurture is once again sponsoring the “Hearts to Help” campaign to aid in replenishing our Human Care Fund that supports Good Neighbors. Monetary donations are requested. The campaign runs from February 4 to March 4, however donations are welcome anytime throughout the year. Reminder cards in the Narthex will help remind you of this special campaign to help the less fortunate in our community. Funds received help support the Good Neighbors and Norfolk Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support in the past. Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to open your heart and share God’s love.

**\*\* RECORDED SERMONS** – The sound quality of the recorded services has been greatly improved! They are available on the church’s website, as are printed copies of the weekend sermons. If you are unable to attend or simply want to refresh your memory concerning what was shared in worship, please go to [www.clnorfolk.org](http://www.clnorfolk.org)

## 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, February 13, at 7:00 a.m. The group meets every other Tuesday morning at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

**\*\* MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** – will meet Saturday, February 17, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation, young and old, are invited to join us for a hot breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, and a Bible study designed just for you. Contact the church office (402-371-1210) or email [dgoehmann@clnorfolkmail.org](mailto:dgoehmann@clnorfolkmail.org). to reserve your spot now. (This helps with preparations for study material and food.)

**LIFE QUOTE:** “Love and appreciation between generations are so important. God tells us not to conceal His great and mighty acts from our children, but to tell the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wondrous works that He has done.” *Kay L. Meyer, Family Shield Ministries – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

***Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.***

*James 5:16b*

**\*\* SOUP & PIE DINNER** - Sunday, February 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church, Green Garden, Madison, at the Madison Charity Hall (former KC Hall) in Madison. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle, and broccoli cheese soup, sandwiches and hotdogs, homemade pies and desserts. Proceeds from the freewill donations will be directed to the S.M.I.L.E. program. Thrivent Financial Action Team funds are helping with this event.

# LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST



Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith

## **Lutheran High Northeast**

2010 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St. Norfolk, NE 68701  
Office 402-379-3040 Fax 402-379-8340  
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. Scrip makes great gifts.

**\*\* SEEKING HOST FAMILIES** – Would your family be interested in hosting a foreign exchange student this coming fall? LHNE is looking for families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to host exchange students for the next school year. If you are interested, please contact Principal Sievert, for more information. ([dsievert@lhne.org](mailto:dsievert@lhne.org))

## **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 children studied “The Conversion of Paul” and learned that as God did with Paul, so God does with us. Through the Law, we are crushed by the weight of our sin and are helpless. As God revived Paul through Ananias (Acts 9:1–31), He revives us through our pastors with the proclamation of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments granting forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. Talk to your children about how the Sacraments and God’s Word revive you so that you may live as God’s child.

**\*\* SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED IN THE COMING WEEKS:** Cool hot glue guns to keep or borrow; blue craft foam, 1/2” disc magnets, kelly green sheets of card stock; and Twister games to borrow. If you can contribute any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!!

**\*\* WINTER QUARTER MISSION OFFERING:** Our mission 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 will be collected this week and next week.

**\*\* STAFFING NEEDS:** We praise God for some recent volunteers who answered the call to help with Sunday school! We still have the following needs:

- Sunday school greeter to work 9:15 - 9:35, greeting people at the door on weeks they choose
- Team teacher for Preschool to teach one Sunday a month and help once 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.

**\*\* FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** - At this point in our fiscal year **last year**, we had spent \$23,044 more than we had received in income. **This year**, that figure is **\$152,673**. What shall we do about this? We should pray – and we will. But we should also give it some careful thought. With roughly 600 people in worship on a weekend covering this shortfall by the fiscal year's end would require an extra \$250 from each person in worship. But breaking that down it comes to an average of \$12.50 each week through the end of June. \$12.50 per person per week! And we have Scrip that could help with this. The local pharmacies give Christ Lutheran 2-3% on each purchase: \$1000 on prescriptions mean \$20-30 dollars in the plate. Stores at the mall give between 5-13%. Did you buy any clothes on sale last week? Many of our local restaurants give 8-15%. Then there are the local grocers at 2-3% for what we prepare ourselves **every week**. Please consider (a) raising your regular offerings, and (b) utilizing the scrip that's for sale in the narthex every weekend and at both the church and school offices during the week. It would be a shame to leave those gifts simply lying around.

**\*\* LAND ACQUISITION** - At the July, 2017 Voters' Meeting the Voters approved purchasing 3 lots to the north of the School at a total price of \$277,000. The \$277,000 cost includes the demolition of the houses, filling in the lots, unhooking the utilities, and the inspection and removal of asbestos. These lots are to be used for the school playground.

At that same Voters' meeting a member committed a \$100,000 donation towards this purchase. That left \$177,000 to be raised to completed the purchase.

Donations received at the end of the year for this	\$ 20,337
Donation by the Christ Lutheran School Foundation	57,000

That means we have received and/or commitments of \$177,337 which leaves \$99,663 left to raise.

During the Voter's Meeting last Sunday, January 28, 2018 the Voters approved having a Capital Campaign for \$100,000 so this acquisition can be completed.

Amount raised to date -----\$5,000

If you would like to donate to this Capital Campaign please use the Gold Envelope in your box and label it "Playground Land". These funds need to be raised as soon as possible so the purchase can be completed.



**\*\* KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED** - Your child is going to be 5 by this summer! It's time to be thinking about the start to their formal education. CLS has been hosting open houses to help inform parents about the advantages of a Christian education. The next open house is scheduled from 5:30-7:00 on February 22. By attending this event you and your future Kindergarten student will have the opportunity to: meet with our *Lutheran School State Certified Kindergarten teachers*, check out the classroom where your student would be receiving a *college prep/faith development education* each and every day of their elementary school journey. Bring along your questions about how you can get started in being a part of the Christ Lutheran School family. Kindergarten teachers will be available to answer questions about curriculum, expectations, and to make your child feel at home. Be sure to bring your child so they can scope out the classroom and meet future classmates.

**\*\* PRESCHOOL 2018-2019** - Christ Lutheran Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Morning and afternoon classes are available for our three and five-day programs and a morning session is offered for the two-day program. Children must be at least three years old by July 31, 2018 in order to enroll in the Tuesday/Thursday or the Monday/Wednesday/Friday programs. The Monday-Friday program is reserved for children who are four by July 31, 2018.

## 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@clnorfolkmail.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** – 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 Heidi Goehmann 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. 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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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 family of Bill Kenny, called to his Savior's side this past week.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings this week including: Gladys Meisinger (2/11) and Bonnie Loyd (2/16).
- 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.**

**\*\* BIRTHRIGHT** – Would you like to make a difference in the life of a young lady? Birthright of Norfolk is hoping to expand its list of volunteers and we would love to have you join us. We ask that you volunteer in our office one day a month for about 3 hours. We will provide you with the training you need to be a well-informed volunteer. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please contact Cindy Dinkel at 402-371-5188 or Marie Borgmann at 402-371-3665 and we will be happy to visit with you about becoming a Birthright volunteer. The training sessions will be held in March.

## 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  
Tetsuya Sugita ..... Director of Worship Arts  
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; Norma Stueve, Karla Lindsteadt, Kenneth Timm,

*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)

## Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 02/04/18 ..... 503  
Communed ..... 266  
Bible Class ..... 63  
Sunday School / Staff ..... 57 / 23

## Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 02/04/18.....\$21,792

## Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) ..... \$1,200,000  
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 02/04 \$ 978,984  
Amount paid out on project as of 02/04 ... \$1,163,814  
Amount borrowed on project ..... \$ 184,830

## This Week's Activities

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Finance

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

No activities scheduled

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:20 a.m. Chapel  
12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion  
5:00 – 6:15 Lenten Meal  
5:15 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:30 p.m. Ladies Circle

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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.

***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.***

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