



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 18, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** FUNERAL** – Paul Hilkemann was called to his Savior’s side on February 13, 2018. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 21 ~ 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.

This Week: – *God’s Will and My Inadequacy...* at first, Moses did not think he could free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. But God worked through him to set his people free. In Lent we remember that God sent His Son to do His will and set all people free from the slavery of sin.

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

This week’s host: CLS Faculty and S.O.S.

Menu includes Walking Tacos and Salads, desserts and beverage

Freewill proceeds help support the new playground project.

Supplemental funds are provided by Thrivent Financial

Bake Sale items will also be available provided by the CLS Staff & Cooking Electives Class

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

Christ Lutheran Church supports 5 missionaries each year through our weekly offerings. Because Rev. Jeffrey and Michele Kuddes are leaving Madagascar and taking a call to Trinity, Blue Hill, Nebraska, we will be supporting **Rev. Dr. Arthur and Linda Just, missionary in Latin America and the Caribbean region.** He is the chairman and professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne. He serves under the LCMS' Office of International Missions. He is a theological educator, teaching various classes at the Seminario Concordia el Reformador in Santiago, Dominican Republic. He also is a missionary Pastor in the Dominican Republic and in Spain, mentoring other LCMS missionaries serving in these countries. **Pray for the seminarians in the Lutheran church in Spain and for the seminary students at Concordia in Santiago, Dominican Republic.**

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



Mark 1:13 – “And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

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



**** 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.

**** 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are 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.

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, February 27, at 7:00 a.m. The group meets every other Tuesday morning at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9th Street. There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

Colossians 3:13

LIFE QUOTE: “In a sense, that is where man is today ... dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ’s life that sets us free and brings us home.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James — A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.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 lesson focusing on Acts 9:36–43, the story of Dorcas. Discuss how Dorcas used her gifts and talents to support the mission of the Early Church. Who would you consider a Dorcas in your congregation?

**** 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:** This is the last week that 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.

**** 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.

**LUTHERAN HIGH
NORTHEAST**
Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



Lutheran High Northeast

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Office 402-379-3040 Fax 402-379-8340
Email info@lhne.org Web 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.

**** REGISTRATION** for the upcoming school year of 2018-19 is now open. Please contact the school office at 402-379-3049 to request a registration form. Financial Aid is available; please talk to Mr. Sievert if you have questions about the financial resources that are available.

**** 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)

**** LHNE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM** will be playing in Sub-District games this week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Games will be played at Norfolk Catholic Activities Center. Check the local paper or website for exact game times. Good luck Eagles!

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** – 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 Heidi Goehmann lead this Bible study. Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

** **MERCY MEALS RESCHEDULED** – If you check your calendar, Junior High was scheduled to prepare Mercy Meals on the 25th of February. We are going to reschedule that event due to basketball. We will not have an event this month. See you at the Confirmation Retreat in March.

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 nearing the end of our video series called Alpha. It's fun and engaging. Come check it out. (Sometimes there are donuts!) Don't forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

** **HOUSTON TRIP SIGN-UP** – Sign up now for the June Houston Trip on ChurchCenterOnline. See the header for this section to find out how. The trip is June 17-23. Cost is \$220 per person.

** **FUNDRAISERS** – Thanks to all who helped out with the **Soup and Chili Cook-off**. Congrats to Lisa Moreno for taking home the trophy this year!

The Junior High students hosted the **Ash Wednesday Supper** this past week, and we were also able to raise money for them. Thanks for your help!

The Senior High will be hosting the **Easter Breakfast** on April 1. This will take a lot of work and coordination. Sign-ups will be coming out soon.

COMMUNITY

** **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.

** **TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, March 1, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Play for fun and enjoy making new friends as well as seeing old friends. You may bring snacks to share; beverage is provided.



**** 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 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, Jerry Kerkman (brother of Connie Schulz), 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 Paul Hilkemann, called to his Savior's side this past week.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings this week including: Don Walker (2/20), Kenneth Timm (2/21), Ilene Schmidt (2/23), Lois Miller (2/24) and Russ Sila (2/24).
- For peace in our land and an end to the violence and 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.

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.

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.

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;
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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 02/11/18 565
Communed 172
Bible Class 63
Sunday School / Staff 97 / 26

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 02/11/18.....\$18,283

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 02/04 \$ 979,568
Amount paid out on project as of 02/11 ... \$1,163,814
Amount borrowed on project \$ 184,246

Capital Campaign (for Land Acquisition)

Purchase Price \$ 277,000
Early Commitment -100,000
Christ Lutheran School Foundation - 57,000
Previously received offerings - 20,000
Needed & authorized by Voters for Capital Campaign \$ 100,000
Offerings received for Capital Campaign - 6,000
Amount needed \$ 94,000

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

No activities scheduled

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:30 p.m. Kindergarten Open House at CLS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School
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.

* 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