



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 25, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION

12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF PRAYER & SONG

12:15 & 6:30 pm.

EASTER FESTIVAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast served by Youth 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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

Rev. Doug and Angie Thompson are missionaries in Sierra Leone. We helped to support them at the Big Mission Event in 2017. They arrived in Bo, Sierra Leone January 19. Rev. Doug is a theological educator at the Center for theological studies in Jembe. He writes: *Finding a place to live is not nearly as easy as it is in the United States. Here, everything is basically a major building project that needs to be negotiated along with the rent. Some places involve much greater work than others - then you have to arrange for materials, construction, and oversee its completion - and also secure (guard) any materials being used for whatever the project is. It is intricate, overwhelming, and time consuming. Location, electricity, and internet availability are all factors that go into the assessment. There are simply not very many places available. The city of Bo runs maybe on 40% electrical power on a good day. Foremost for us is security. Crime is high in Bo. Home invasion, robberies, and muggings are something we always need to be aware of and guard against. It really doesn't matter where you live in Sierra Leone, this is simply a part of daily life. Pray for us in this regard. Pray that God give us patience, wisdom, and discernment. We are basically opening up a whole new field. We are currently the only LCMS missionaries here. Meditate on Philippians 4:10-20.*

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



Zechariah 9:9 – *“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life and to make us His own people.

**** NORFOLK CHAMBER SINGERS** – Please join the Norfolk Chamber Singers on Palm Sunday for “Fairest Lord Jesus” musical selections reflecting on the events of Holy Week. The 7:00 p.m. performance will be held Palm Sunday, March 25 at Grace Lutheran Church (5th and Park Avenue) in Norfolk. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

**** JOB OPENING:** There will soon be an opening for the Business Manager position for Christ Lutheran, Norfolk. This is a full-time position serving the various ministries of Christ Lutheran (Church, School and Helping Hands Child Care). An accounting background is required. Please mail your resume to the attention of Pastor Winter at Christ Lutheran, 605 S. 5th Street, Norfolk, NE, 68701 or send it electronically to cwinter@clnorfolkmail.org. Questions may be directed to 402.371.1210.

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, March 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.

**** NEW BOOK READ BIBLE STUDY** – “Joining Jesus on His Mission” (by Greg Finke) will begin Monday, April 16 and run through Monday, May 14. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or by calling the Church Office. Book cost is \$16. The study group will meet at the Goehmann residence at 6:30 on Mondays, with the possibility of other groups forming. If you wish to lead your own discussion group at a different time, study guides will be available.

LIFE QUOTE: “Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in His mother’s womb and become incarnate, He certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin’s womb, and had to assume a humanity there.” *Martin Luther (LW 37:62) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:11b

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



Lutheran High Northeast

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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.



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** We celebrate Palm Sunday in Sunday School today. Jesus is the promised King, and He enters Jerusalem to be our promised Savior. As a family, discuss these questions: *How did Jesus show that He is the true King of kings? What can you do this week to prepare for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday?*

We will do a game and practice our songs for our stations today.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Thank you to everyone who has brought items for Sunday school stations in recent weeks! At this time, we are looking for some small toy boats to borrow for April 29. If you can loan us one, please leave it in the church office with your name.

**** STAFFING NEEDS:** We are in need of a few additional Sunday School staff members at this time. No experience is needed, and working just once a month is very helpful! If you can lend a hand, please contact Lisa Moreno.

**** PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION** - Today at the 10:45 a.m. service, all Sunday school children will be singing and processing with palm branches. Preschool and Kindergarten students will be able to sit with their families after they sing. Other students will meet their parents in the narthex following the service.

**** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next week on Easter Sunday.

**** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018:** "Shipwrecked; Rescued by Jesus" VBS registration starts next week! VBS will be July 22-26 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. for age 3 through grade 6. Participants and helpers can sign up in the narthex or online at www.clnorfolk.org starting April 1. Anyone who has completed grade 6 is eligible to help! At this time, we are searching for a Preschool games leader to lead games in a shady spot with two energetic helpers. Training and game ideas are provided.

We also are in need of a person (maybe someone who gets off work too late to help, otherwise) to set up activities for the preschoolers' closing activities starting at 8:10 p.m.

If you have questions about VBS, please contact Lisa Moreno at lmoreno@clnorfolkmail.org or 371-3898.

DID YOU KNOW #1 ... THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - Currently Christ Lutheran has received \$8,111 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. Last year at this same time Christ Lutheran had received \$15,120 so Christ Lutheran has received about ½ as much as last year.

Those Thrivent Choice Dollars will be **expiring soon** so please designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran Church or Christ Lutheran School by March 30, 2018. Choice Dollars go directly to the General Fund support of the Church and School.

DID YOU KNOW #2... We have spent almost \$13,000 for snow removal this winter. That's \$4,500 more than a year ago.

**** ALUMINUM RECYCLING** – Please do not put tin cans and tin foil in the pop-can collection bin. Only aluminum pop cans are accepted.

**** PITCH PLAYERS** – Ten Point Pitch players will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, April 5 at Our Savior Lutheran Church (2500 W. Norfolk Avenue) from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play. The group plays for fun and you can enjoy making new friends as well as seeing old ones. Bring snacks to share; drink is provided. Please do not bring anything with nuts as they have a student with a nut allergy.

**** RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT** – Affiliated Relay for Life Team will be having a “bowl down cancer” event this Sunday, March 25 at King’s Lanes from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person which includes all you can bowl in the 2-hour period and shoe rental. Door prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will go to Relay for Life. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon of bowling.

**** LLL ZONE SPRING RALLY** – The Spring Rally of Zone 11 Lutheran Laymen’s League will be Sunday, April 15 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne. Registration begins at 3:00, with a hymn sing at 3:15 and opening devotion at 3:30. This will be followed by the business meeting, guest speaker Rev. Harrison Goodman, and then entertainment and dinner. The offering will be taken for the Nebraska LLL Special Projects.

The evening meal is \$10 per person. Please make meal reservations by Monday morning, April 9. Call or text Louise Green (402-369-4021) or email her at louiseagreen47@yahoo.com. In your message, please include your church and number attending.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 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, Nicholle SoukupCarol 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, Mike Brockhaus, Robert Daughton, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Jerry Kerkman (brother of Connie Schulz), Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donniss Omer, Harlan Prauner, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Jim Siedschlag, Jan Smith, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- Thanksgiving for a baby girl, Violet Dorothy, born to Trevor and Hannah Freudenburg, (granddaughter for Mike and Shelley Freudenburg).
- For those celebrating birthday blessings this week including: Joan Sila (3/26), Beverly Smith (3/26), Loretta Slobodny (3/27), Milly Kruse (3/31) and Gary Miller (3/31).
- 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

**** TASTE OF MALAWI:** Taste and See all the exciting things happening in Malawi this summer. Did you know that about 25 people from Norfolk are going to Malawi this summer? Christ Lutheran is sending 15 people, Northeast Community College is sending some administrators and teachers, and First Presbyterian Church is also sending a team, - and the Mayor of Norfolk is going!

Taste of Malawi is a fundraiser dinner where you can experience authentic Malawi food and culture for yourself, without having to sit on a plane for 40 hours!. A free will offering will be collected at the door. The money raised will go towards the Norfolk School in Malawi, and sending an Orphan Grain Train shipping container. The dinner is April 8th at Peace Church (northeast of Norfolk on Hwy 35), 84512 560th Avenue. Dinner and presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.



**** 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.

Our preschool teachers and aides have over 60 combined years of experience working with young children and teachers and are certified by the Nebraska Department of Education. Class sizes are limited. Waiting lists will be generated for classes that are full. A registration form is available at the school office (402-371-5536) or on the school website at clnorfolk.org. We would love to schedule a tour and answer your questions.

**** ANNUAL PLANT SALE** – This year will mark the 14th Annual Plant Sale hosted by the students and faculty of Christ Lutheran School. Plants will be pre-sold by any student who attends CLS beginning March 5 and running through April 5. Order forms are also available at the church. Pickup of the plants will be on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6 at the Northeast Ag Complex. If you are interested in purchasing a gift certificate, those can be purchased at the school office. Funds this year will be used for tuition assistance as well as the new playground. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 402.371.5536. Thanks in advance for your support.

****REVEL TICKETS NOW ON SALE** for this year's REVEL event scheduled for April 13. Only 200 tickets are available and can be purchased at the School Office. REVEL will be held at the National Guard Armory (817 S. 1st Street). Social hour starts at 5:30 with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.; live auction at 8:00 and entertainment to follow by comedian Austin Anderson.

REVEL is an annual social and fundraiser for Christ Lutheran School. 100% of the money raised from ticket sales and auction items goes back to the school for facility improvements, tuition assistance and other needs that arise to improve the students' experience at CLS.

**** CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS & COKE POP LIDS / BOX CODES** are no longer being collected by the school. These programs have been discontinued.

**** 3X YOUR IMPACT WITH AMAZON** – From March 12-31, *Amazon* is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1430296 and *Amazon* donates to Christ Lutheran School Foundation.

**** DIAPERS FOR \$\$\$\$\$\$** - This is a win – win opportunity! From now until Mother’s Day, we will be collecting disposable diapers that will be given to Birthright of Norfolk (most needed sizes are 4 & 5). An anonymous donor has offered to match \$1 for each diaper donated. Dollars raised will be given to the Malawi Mission team. Look for the collection box in the Narthex to donate diapers for \$\$\$\$\$\$.

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



Matt Wingert
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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.

**** CONFIRMATION RETREAT RESCHEDULED** - Due to weather last weekend, we rescheduled our confirmation retreat. The new date is April 7th at Camp Luther. Meet at the Church at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 7. We will be home by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night. We need all new drivers for this event and two chaperones to stay with us all day. Please see Matt if you are willing to drive or chaperone. This information was sent out via email last week. If you did not receive the email, please see the banner above with instructions on how to sign up for communication.

SENIOR HIGH

**** BIBLE STUDY 9:30 ON SUNDAY** – High School Students! - Join us on Sunday mornings in the Chapel as we continue to grow in our Christian faith by studying the Word. We are starting a new curriculum today called Growing Leaders. It uses metaphors and images to convey the truth of the Bible. Find out what it means to be a leader. Sometimes there are donuts! Don't forget we meet every Sunday at 9:30 -10:30.

**** MERCY MEALS** – Senior High students are invited to serve at Mercy Meals, TODAY, Sunday, March 25 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. We will meet at Mercy Meals, 701 Madison Avenue. This is a great opportunity to prepare meals that our Malawi team will be delivering to people in need this summer! Our Malawi Team may serve alongside us as well!

**** HOUSTON TRIP SIGN-UP** – *Less than one month left to sign up* 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.

**** EASTER BREAKFAST** - We have made a slight change to Easter Breakfast this year. In the past, Youth served fruit, biscuits, gravy, eggs, & muffins. This event required about 4 hours of work on Saturday with 10 students, and 5 hours of work on Easter Sunday with 20 students plus their parents.

This year, we want the youth to be with their families. **The Youth Board** will provide a light continental breakfast between services consisting of Muffins, Donuts, & Fruit. There will also be Juice & Coffee available. The students will be serving the food, and bussing the tables. The free will offering collected will be used for future Sr. High Mission Trips and Events. We hope that in this simple breakfast we can together with our families reflect on Christ's victory over the grave!

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
Tetsuya Sugita Director of Worship Arts
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; David Mauch, Neil Peterson, Felicia Albracht and baby.

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

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Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 03/18/18 584
Communed 297
Bible Class 52
Sunday School / Staff102 / 23

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 03/18/18.....\$26,978
Amount borrowed \$15,000

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 03/18 \$1,011,771
Amount paid out on project as of 03/18 ... \$1,163,866
Amount borrowed on project \$ 152,095

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

Offerings received for Capital Campaign - 7,000
Amount needed \$ 93,000

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26

12:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Finance
5:30 p.m. Kindergarten Round-up

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 a.m. ECHO mailing
6:30 p.m. STEWARDSHIP
7:00 p.m. CHILD CARE, EVANGELISM
ELDERS, TRUSTEES,
EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 Maundy Thursday

12:15 & 6:30 HOLY COMMUNION

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 Good Friday

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly
12:15 & 6:30 WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

No Saturday evening worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
9:00-10:30 Easter Breakfast
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.