



Christ Lutheran Church
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 26, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 29 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

March 22 Midweek Theme: *At the Crossroads: Declaration* – Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ. The sermon, hymns, scripture and prayers help us to come to the crossroads of declaration ready to announce our allegiance to the Lord.

**** LENTEN MEAL** – will be served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. by Servants of the Savior (SOS) and the Christ Lutheran School teachers. The menu will feature delicious homemade chili and vegetable/beef soup and yummy pies. Funds from the freewill donations will be used for tuition assistance at Christ Lutheran School.

**** SUNDAYS IN LENT – “Standing at the Cross” – Week 5.** In this year of observance for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, “**Standing at the Cross**” focuses on portions of sermons Martin Luther actually preached during Lent, Holy Week and Easter in the parishes where he served. The focus next week (April 2) will be “*Standing in Truth.*” In our world we are surrounded by many philosophies and religions, all claiming to have the truth. As we stand together at the cross, we worship Jesus our Savior, whose kingdom is a kingdom of truth and who is Himself the Way and the Truth and Life.



Psalm 142:5 — I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control – so we can follow His Word in confidence.

**** SAVE THE DATE: MINISTRY MILESTONES SUNDAY IS APRIL 2.** Several members of our faculty and staff will be honored for milestones in their years of service at a 12 noon luncheon. This occasion will also celebrate the upcoming retirement of Janice Johnson, completing 32 years in the teaching ministry and Nancy Weber, retiring after 40 years in the teaching ministry. More information is included inside this Weekly Focus.

The Mundt Foundation, a private foundation created by Dr. Willis P. & Dorothy L. Mundt to celebrate the blessings they received, and to serve God by using for others that which He blessed them to have, has bestowed a grant of \$125,000 for the building of Helping Hands Child Care’s new structure. Thanks be to God!

Receipt of this grant means that we are at \$1,194,883 in cash and pledges towards the goal of \$1.2 million for the new building. The goal will only be reached if all of the money pledged to the new building continues to be given to Christ Lutheran. Approximately one-half of the monies pledged have been received as of this writing.

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>	Pastor Winter	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
<i>9-12 High School Study</i>	Moje / Wingert	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Youth Loft
<i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i>	Bryant/Kolterman/Wingert	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Room 126

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 28, 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. Study for next few weeks will be the book of Daniel the "Persecution of the church". All men are invited to attend.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

LIFE QUOTE: "The trap of a human philosophy and society shaped by merely utilitarian aims will always (and I mean 'always') lead to horror and hatred. Always. No matter how smart we get, how advanced our technical skills, how 'scientific' we think we are, the human person is more than what we can see. If we weren't more than that, there would be no art, no beauty, no poetry. We are more than what we see!" *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Mission Memo - Pray for Church Workers around the World

Your weekly offerings at Christ Lutheran Church helps support **Rev. Brian, Amanda, and Ezra Gauthier, missionaries to Panama.** Rev. Gauthier writes: "The end of February brought professors with Lutheran Academy and two deaconess instructors to offer courses to the pastors, deaconesses, and leaders of the Panamanian church. The conference was well attended despite its taking place during Carnival, a five day vacation period where most people leave the city to spend time with family and friends relaxing. But for these twenty men and women, they took buses from the country and cabs from all over the city to sit in sessions on Luther's Catechism and 'The Letters of Paul.' They chose 18 hours of study over vacation because they craved the Gospel and solid Lutheran theology. They want to know more about the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Confession and Absolution, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are excited to take what they learned about Paul's writing in Scripture back to their churches to share it with family, friends, and neighbors."

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

**** AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** Christ Lutheran is in need of someone to help greet the children as they enter the school building for Sunday School each Sunday. This person (or these persons) would also help new enrollees to find their way to their classroom (for the youngest grades) or into the opening in the gym (for the older grades). Please contact either Lisa Moreno, our Director of Children's Ministry, or the church office if you're interested in being a Sunday School Greeter.

**** 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Maker Fun Factory is going to be a super fun week of VBS, set for July 23-27, 2017. It is for age 3 through grade six, and will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Student registration and crew leader sign up begins on Easter Sunday. We have already been blessed with TEN station leaders and opening leaders as well as a decorations coordinator!! We have room for one more station leader in preschool games and a snacks coordinator. If you would like to be a part of this fun week in one of these roles, please contact Lisa Moreno as soon as possible, so we can continue with our planning! We would like to complete our station staff so we can start meeting and planning!

**** HANDBELL CHOIR** meets Tuesday evening from 7-8:00 p.m. and is open to grade 6 through adults. If you are interested in joining, call Lisa Moreno at 371-3898.



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.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF** has openings in the fall for the following teachers: Gr. 1-2 team teacher to teach every other week, Jr. High team teacher and preschool teacher to teach once a month, substitute teachers, and a station leader to lead a prepared activity 1-2 times a month on Sundays you choose. If you would like to be a part of this fun group and help the children of our congregation learn about Jesus, please contact Lisa Moreno at 371-3898.

**** SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday school children age 3 through grade 8 will be singing and processing with palms at 8 a.m. on April 9 for Palm Sunday. There is NO Sunday School on EASTER Sunday.

JUNIOR HIGH

**** COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** – Want to receive emails or texts about Junior High or Senior High Youth activities? Go to <https://christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com/groups> to sign up your kids to a specific group. This way, we have the most up-to-date information, and can easily get in touch with you.

**** CONFIRMATION CHANGES** - We are in our Lent schedule which means we still meet on Wednesday nights for confirmation class from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Then we are invited to eat together in the fellowship hall, and attend worship together at 6:30 p.m! See you there!

**** BIBLE STUDY 9:30 on SUNDAY!** - 7th & 8th Graders ... Join us on Sunday mornings in the 7th grade room as we continue to grow in our Christian faith. This bible study is led by Paul Kolterman, Chad & Megan Bryant, and Matt & Angela Wingert. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 -10:30 in the 7th grade room. During coming weeks we will be discussing the reliability, accuracy, and uses of God's Word.

**** VOLUNTEERS** - We need YOU! If you want to help with anything you see above, please let me know! mwingert@clnorfolkmail.org.

**** TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will meet with sister congregations on Thursday, April 6, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (2nd Street and Omaha Avenue). We welcome anyone interested in playing, beginners as well as experienced players. Playing is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and meet new friends. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provided.



**** CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is currently accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 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, 2017 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, 2017. Please keep in mind that class sizes are limited.

Our preschool teachers and aides have over 60 combined years of experience and teachers are certified by the Nebraska Department of Education. Waiting lists will be generated for classes that are full. A registration form is available at the school office or on the school website at www.clnorfolk.org. For more information call the school office at 371-5536. We would love to schedule a tour and answer your questions.

**** PLEASE JOIN US FOR REVEL 2017** - The 2017 Revel Banquet will be held on Friday April 7th. at Divots DeVent Center. Social Hour starts at 5:30 with Dinner at 7:00, Live Auction at 8:00 and live Music by local artist Abby Nicole. 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 our school for facility improvements, tuition assistance and other needs that arise to improve the students' experience at CLS. Tickets can be purchased at the Christ Lutheran School office or contact Marcy Kratochvil marcyk@midwestbank.com or Amy Schroeter amy.schroeter@midwestbank.com. Thanks for your support!

**** ALL-FAMILY DANCE:** Christ Lutheran Parent Teacher League will be hosting an all family (preschool-8th grade) dance on March 31, from 6:30-8:30. This event will be held in the school gym. This event will be a time to disconnect from technology and spend quality time with other families in Christian fellowship. The theme is neon and parents and children are encouraged to wear bright clothing. Prizes will be given for several different categories.

PTL has found donors for the cost of DJ and photo booth. If you would like to contribute funds towards items that will be provided for children we would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran School and the committee will use funds towards this family dance and a dance later in the year for 7th and 8th graders. Please write attention dance committee.

**** STUFF THE BUS FUNDRAISER** - Norfolk Family Coalition Early Childhood Committee will be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, April 8, to raise funds to purchase school supplies and book bags for "Back to School." This is a huge effort every year and the committee is trying to find a fun way to raise funds to purchase these needed supplies. At least 300 children are served each year. Families apply for the service so the proper supplies are attained for each child. More information is available on the poster located on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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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 CHOIR MEMBERS TO SING AT CARNEGIE HALL** - This year our church body is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As a part of this celebration, Concordia College in Bronxville, NY is hosting an event called "500 Voices for 500 Years" a Reformation Anniversary Hymn Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The hymn festival will take place on June 25, 2017 with two days of choir rehearsals with the 250 voice multi-generational choir (made up of students and adults from Lutheran high schools and colleges across the country) and 250 voice adult choir, taking place on the 23rd and 24th. Please pray for this group of students as they raise funds and prepare music at this special event. If you are interested in supporting this group financially, please contact Tamara Witt at LHNE, (402) 379-3040 or twitt@lhne.org.

**** EAGLES IN PRAYER** - Eagles in Prayer will meet this coming Tuesday morning (3/28) at 8:10 a.m. in the church conference room of Grace Lutheran Church. Please join us in prayer for our school. Prayer requests can be sent to eagleinprayer@lhne.org

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 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: Janelle Bahr, Brian Beeks, Bobbie Bell, Nathan Boyle, Joyce Deuel, Roger Frank, Bruce Gardels, Deb Gebhardt, Bruce Hansen, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Jason Jackson, Jane Koehler, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Ruth Lehman, Stephanie MaCorkle, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Lisa Murray, Jared Musser, Amy Neuhalfen, Sondra Reigle, Jim Roethler, Jean Schacher, 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, Chris Bredehoeft, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Gin Kuske, Patty Landkamer, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donnis Omer, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Sam Seikaly, Jim Siedschlag, Barb Slieter, James Wagner, Jim Wingert, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn.
- For those undergoing medical tests for cancer and other concerns.
- For Jami and Tim Koenig in the loss of Jami's sister.
- For Geraleen Vesely in the loss of her brother, Charles Sokol, also a brother-in-law to Joyce Andersen.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including Joan Sila (3/26), Loretta Slobodny (3/27), Milly Kruse (3/31), and Gary Miller (3/31).
- For government, police and fire officials, and the military. 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.

HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

ONLINE:

1. Visit **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**.
2. **Scroll down** and click the **“Get Started”** button in the “How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars” box.
3. Log in and enter your user ID and password. (If you haven’t registered on Thrivent.com, click on “register.”)
4. Look for your Choice Dollars to direct on the right side of the screen.
5. Search for **“Christ Lutheran Church”** in **“Norfolk, NE”** to be taken right to our listing.
6. Click on **“Direct Now”** to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit Christ Lutheran Church.

BY PHONE:

1. Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say **“Thrivent Choice.”**
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **press 2** to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions (*If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.*)
3. Be sure to specify that you want to designate our ministry. We are listed in the Thrivent Choice records as **Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE**. The Thrivent representative can search on Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE to be taken right to our listing.

A CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES OF SERVICE

MINISTRY

MILESTONES

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 AT 12:00



RETIREMENT HONOREES

Janice Johnson, 32 years, Teacher

Nancy Weber, 40 years, Teacher

THIS YEAR'S MILESTONE HONOREE

Starla Landkamer – 25 years, Administrative Assistant

Join us in congratulating the following for their years of services in their special areas of ministry:

Donna Johnson – 20 years, teacher

Charlene Stortz – 20 years, teacher

Dana Serres – 20 years, Child Care

Chad Bryant – 15 years, Child Care

Judy Bohn – 10 years, business manager

Whitney Peterson – 10 years, Child Care

Alice Pracht – 5 years, teacher

Kristi Shermer – 5 years, teacher



JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Dinner will be served after the 10:45 service to honor these staff members on the occasion of their anniversaries of service. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of this meal.

Those attending are asked to bring a salad or vegetable dish if last names begin with A-L; and M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Table service and beverage will be furnished.

Three gift envelopes are attached to this page for a monetary gift of appreciation – one each for Janice Johnson and Nancy Weber; the other for Ministry Milestone honorees. Ministry Milestone gifts will be divided between all recipients. (If using checks, please make them payable to the individual honoree, not to Christ Lutheran.) Individual cards of appreciation and congratulations are also encouraged. Gift bags will be available in the Narthex for this purpose on April 2.