



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 31, 2019

WEEKLY FOCUS

Experience the Season of Lent

** **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** are held each Wednesday at 12:15 (in the Chapel) and 6:30 p.m.

Sermon themes focus on the "I AM" statements of Jesus found throughout the Gospels. Pastors from the other area LCMS churches will be rotating pulpits and preaching for these services. On April 3, Pastor Ryan Taylor (Our Savior/Norfolk) will be the guest preacher with his message based on John 15:5 "I AM the Vine."

As in the past, Lenten meals are served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. by various groups. Proceeds will go toward designated project as chosen by the host group for each meal.

LENTEN SUPPER

Wednesday, April 3

5:00-6:15 p.m.

Menu: Sloppy joes, salads, chips, bars & beverage

Sponsored by Helping Hands Child Care

Freewill offering for

Jesus pictures and Scripture décor at HHCC

** **STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING** will take place in the 8:00 and 10:45 services this weekend. Congratulations and God's blessings to the following individuals who completed the recent 50-hour training course and are now ready to serve in this special ministry: Kathy Ageton, Sue Bernstrauch, Deanna Blomenberg, Shelley Freudenburg, Judy Hilkemann, Virginia Hilkemann, Janice Johnson, and Julie Moening.

** **JANA INGLEHART**, missionary in the Dominican Republic, will be at Christ Lutheran for chapel on Wednesday, April 3 at 8:20 a.m. She will talk about her mission work in the Dominican Republic and around the world and have a brief time for questions and answers during chapel time. Everyone is welcome to join the Christ Lutheran students for this special chapel on April 3, and learn more about missions.

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

Rev. Matthew and Kali Wood, Laurel and Eleanor, are missionaries in South-East Asia. They received a donation from The Big Mission Event in November. They serve in Medan, Indonesia. Rev. Wood supports the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church by mentoring pastors, providing continuing education, and overseeing translation projects. Presently, he is working with Pastor Eben Ezer from Jakarta, Indonesia to help develop a hymnal for the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church incorporating music, poetry, theology, and culture. Deaconess Sandra Rhein consults with the pastors as she has contributed to hymnals in Swahili, Mandarin, and Amharic. **Pray that the hymnal may be completed by 2020. Also pray for Kali and the family as they await a healthy baby in September.**

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

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

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| <i>Adult Bible Study</i> | Pastor Goehmann | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall |
| <i>9-12 High School Study</i> | Heidi Goehmann | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | Chapel |
| <i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i> | Bryants | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | CLS Rm. 132B |



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| <i>Parents & 2's</i> | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | Christ Lutheran School |
| <i>Preschoolers</i> | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | |
| <i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 & special needs adults</i> | Sun., 9:30 a.m. | |

(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, April 9, at 7:00 a.m. at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9th Street. There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

**** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** led by Pastor Goehmann meets every Thursday from 6:45-7:45 a.m. at HyVee West. All men are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Goehmann for more information.

**** NEW MEMBER CLASS** will begin on Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. If you know of someone who would be interested in studying about the Lutheran faith, or just in need of a faith refresher, please contact the Church Office. The class will run until mid-June.

LIFE QUOTE: "God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use."
Rev. Dan Larsen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

**** CLICKERS / SCRIPTURE READERS / VIDEO RECORDERS** - We need your help. Would you like to learn how to be a clicker (screen operator) for the worship services, record worship services for our shut-ins, or use your reading and speaking skills? We need you! Please contact Lynn in the office and she will get you started on your journey in serving Christ Lutheran. Lynn's email is lwalmsley@clnorfolkmail.org.

**** WATCH SERMONS ONLINE** - Do you want to watch our sermons online? Now you can! Go to our website (clnorfolk.org) and watch a recent sermon. Please subscribe to the Christ Lutheran sermon because when we have one hundred subscribers then other people can find it on the internet without going to our website. By subscribing you are sharing God's Word with thousands or millions of people!

The easiest way to watch online sermons is to access to "YouTube" and search "Christ Lutheran Norfolk". To watch past sermon videos, click on "VIDEOS". Or click on "PLAYLISTS" and go to "Sermon Series". From our website, look for the dates that you want to watch – it is listed on the right column. There will be no sermon video from March 24, due to technical difficulties.

**** ADULT CHOIR** rehearses Wednesday April 3 after Midweek service from 7:15-7:45 p.m. April 17 rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.; singing at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday service, April 19, and 8:00 a.m. on April 21 Easter Sunday.

**** PITCH PLAYERS** will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, April 4, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Fun, fellowship and card playing takes place from 2:00-4:00 p.m. You may bring snacks to share; beverage is provided.

**** BIBLE PROJECT** – Do you have some Bibles that you don't know what to do with? Priscillas is collecting gently used Bibles for a mission project. A box is available in the Narthex for collection of these Bibles. Monetary gifts to pay the expenses of shipping these Bibles will also be accepted.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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** - Join us for time in God's Word and fun learning activities with friends.

**** PALM SUNDAY** – Students from Preschool through grade 6 will be processing with palms for the 8:00 Palm Sunday service (April 14) and offer their songs of praise to Jesus at this service. Students can be dropped off in the fellowship hall at 7:45 that day and picked up in the fellowship hall following the service.

Palm Sunday Practice – students are continuing their practice for Palm Sunday each week during the opening portion of Sunday School.

**** EASTER** – There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 21. Enjoy the day with your family. **HE IS RISEN!**

**** ANNUAL PLANT SALE UNDERWAY** – This year marks the 15th Annual Plant Sale hosted by the students and faculty of Christ Lutheran School. Plants are being pre-sold by any student who attends Christ Lutheran School until April 5. Order forms will also be available at the church. Orders may also be placed on line by visiting <https://tiger.clnorfolk.org>. Pickup of the plants will be on Friday and Saturday May 3 & 4, at the Northeast AG Complex where you can pick up your order or shop the “extras’ area. If you are interested in purchasing a gift certificate, those can be purchased at the school office. Funds this year will go toward tuition assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 402-371-5536. Thanks in advance for your support!



**** ARE YOU A PLANT ENTHUSIAST?** - Do you have a green thumb? Christ Lutheran School is looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Plant Sale, which is held at the NECC Ag Complex Friday, May 3 (8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, May 4 (9:00 a.m. – 12 noon). We are **ESPECIALLY** looking for volunteers to help verify orders prior to check out, which requires some knowledge in plant identification. If you have just a couple hours to help during the sale, we would greatly appreciate it! Please call the school at 371-5536 if you can help.

**** 2019 REVEL BANQUET** will be held on Friday, April 12 at The Armory (817 S. 1st St. in Norfolk). Social Hour starts at 5:30 with Dinner at 7:00, Live Auction at 8:00 and entertainment to follow by the Malawi Acapella Singing Group. Revel is an annual social & 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 are available March 28 – April 5 for \$50 each. Only 200 tickets are available and the tickets can be purchased at the Christ Lutheran School office.

**** SHINE THE LIGHT OF JESUS AT HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE** – We want to shine the love of Jesus through every part of our facility and into our community. Our current goal is to ramp up our décor with pictures of Jesus and Bible verse wall appliques. On the average, a nice quality framed picture of Jesus is priced at \$60, with the Bible appliques running approximately \$35 each. We would like to be able to purchase 5 pictures of Jesus and 6 Bible verse appliques. If you would like to contribute to our décor project, please leave your donation in the Church Office or contact Chad at Helping Hands (402-379-3275). Put “pictures of Jesus” in the memo line of your check. Thank you for considering this project.

Youth**ministry**

Communication

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| Jr. High & Confirmation Text 81010 @ChristNo | Sr. High Activities Text 81010 @ChristNor |
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**** NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - "Questions and The Answer" - Junior and Senior High Youth began a new study of hot topics during the Sunday School hour with our Bibles open! Topics include creation and evolution, divorce, questions about homosexuality, Islam, dating, and mission work. If you have questions or want to join in the questions and answers, talk with Heidi.

**** NEXT YOUTH NIGHT** - NYG circuit youth event, April 28 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We'll join with youth from other local churches riding the bus together and traveling to the NYG. There will be food, a Bible study, a servant event, and lots of fun. Every youth attending should bring a regular sized candy bar for the servant event. NYG here we come!

**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 - Abbey Christian Store during regular business hours (M-F, 9-8; Sat. 9-6) or at LHNE.

**** LHNE MUSICAL 'ELF' RESCHEDULED** – The production of 'Elf the Musical' has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can join us at this new time.

**** WHY LHNE?** Most of the benefits are difficult to convey with numbers, but are better understood when they are experienced firsthand: The friendly atmosphere, the caring and safe environment, the teachers who are devoted to students, and most importantly, being centered on Christ. It is certainly a great place to grow, and we want to invite you to be a part of something great ... just listen to our current students share their experiences in the new iBelong video posted at www.lhne.org ... you belong at LHNE!

**** “CARING FOR ALL” CAMPAIGN** – Each year, as a special outreach mission, the Christian Nurture Board sponsors a contribution drive to replenish funds that go towards the support of the Norfolk Good Neighbors, Food Pantry, and other local organizations involved with human care. If you would like to assist with this year’s campaign to help those less fortunate in our community, please use one of the envelopes designated for this purpose and available in the Narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

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, Melvin Jensen, Lela Kiepke, Miriam Krueger, Joyce Kuske, Georgia Lambrecht, Kevin Langel, Colet Lierman, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Jim Roethler, Melvin Sanders, Randy Schultz, Leon Schulz, Nicholle Soukup, Carol Thies, Larry Walker, Velda Warneke, Karen Widhalm, April Wiley, Kathy Wolfe, Don Wolff, Colton Wright, Allan Zeitz.
- 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, Shellie Bretschneider, Robert Daughton, Dianne Deskins, Jonathan Glaser, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Lois Kapels, Gin Kuske, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donniss Omer, Diane Pinger, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Marilyn Shattuck, Jim Siedschlag, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings during the coming week including: Barbara Miller (3/31), Gary Miller (3/31), Reba Mann (4/1), Jerry Smith (4/1), Marlene Walker (4/4), JoAnn Boyer (4/6), Betty Jean Gunter (4/6).
- Thanksgiving for the newly commissioned Stephen Ministers and continued blessings for this ministry.
- For those affected by recent flooding and those involved in clean-up efforts as the recovery process continues.
- For Christ Lutheran Church in this time of transition.
- 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.

**** CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** - The Call Committee for Director or Ministries has been dedicating many hours in recent weeks to conducting interviews with prospective pastoral candidates. Those interviews have now concluded and the Committee is working on the process of reviewing the qualifications and strengths of each of the potential candidates in relation to the needs the congregational self-study revealed several months ago.

All this is being done in preparation for issuing a Call on Sunday, April 28. A special Voters Assembly will be held at 9:30 a.m. at which time the Call Committee will present biographies of the top individuals and answer questions in that regard. While April 28 seems like a long time to wait before issuing a Call, we must also take into consideration that we are currently in the season of Lent and moving forward to Holy Week. At the advice of District Office and our Circuit Visitor, it is not wise to issue a Call during this time period first and foremost because adequate consideration could not be given to it by the recipient, understanding the busy schedule of a pastor during these weeks of multiple services and activities.

As the Committee works through this phase of the Call Process, the congregation is encouraged to remain in prayer that God will provide the next shepherd for His flock here at Christ Lutheran.

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.

Pastor Goehmann is often out of the office for home, hospital and other visits. Contact the Church Office for available appointments with pastor.

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. David Goehmann Pastor

Ministry Staff

Chad Bryant Child Care Director
Heidi Goehmann, Deaconess Interim Youth Leader
Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader
Sarah Moje PreSchool Director
Steve Stortz Principal
Tetsuya Sugita Director of Worship Arts

Administrative Staff

Dale Beckmann Business Manager
Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant
Lynn Walmsley Administrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS:
Gerrie Mellor, David Mauch; at Columbus Community
Hospital/Columbus – Maddox Kalin.

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.

ON MAIN STREET – Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Cable TV
DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

* 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

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship / Communed 03/24/19 502 / 160
Lenten Midweek Worship 03/20 309
Sunday School / Staff 47 / 18
Bible Study 43

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 03/24/19 \$18,983
Amount borrowed \$ 66,000
June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)
Received for Deficit reduction \$ 52,829

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 03/24 \$1,187,738
Amount paid out on project as of 03/24..... \$1,184,092
Amount borrowed on project \$ 3,646

Capital Campaign (for Land Acquisition)

Purchase Price \$ 277,000
Early Commitment -100,000
Christ Lutheran School Foundation - 57,000
Previously received offerings - 20,000
Authorized for Capital Campaign \$ 100,000
Offerings received for Capital Campaign - 36,014
Amount needed \$ 63,986

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

3:30 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:20 a.m. Chapel w/Jana Inglehart
9:10 / 2:30 Preschool Chapel
12:15 p.m. MIDWEEK LENTEN CHAPEL
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper
5:15 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

6:00 p.m. PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 a.m. FOCUS assembly

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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