



Christ Lutheran Church
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 2, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 5 - 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

April 5 Midweek Theme: *At the Crossroads: Obedience* – how Jesus obeyed His Father’s will, and following that example, how we should do the same. 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 members of the Board of Christian Nurture and Ladies Circle. The menu will feature ham, scalloped potatoes, beans, beverage and dessert. Funds from the freewill donations will be given to the Human Care Fund to help those in need in our community.

**** SUNDAYS IN LENT – “Standing at the Cross”** - 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, Palm Sunday, (April 9) will be *“Standing in Humility.”* On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by crowds waving palm branches in celebration. At the end of the week He would take His final steps to the cross. We will follow Him to stand at the cross as we learn humility from the example of our humble King.



Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

**** TODAY WE CELEBRATE MINISTRY MILESTONES** - 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. Others being honored include: Kristi Shermer and Alice Pracht (5 years); Whitney Peterson and Judy Bohn (10 years); Chad Bryant (15 years); Dana Serres, Charlene Stortz and Donna Johnson (20 years); and Starla Landkamer (25 years).

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 \$1,195,083 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, April 11, 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

LIFE QUOTE: "What do we tell you young people as you struggle with temptations and tough choices, mood swings, and confused feelings about your identity? We want you to know whose you are and that you can make good choices because you are created, redeemed, and called." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:12

Mission Memo - Pray for Church Workers around the World

Your weekly offerings at Christ Lutheran Church helps support **Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, and Chloe** in Indonesia & SE Asia. When they returned to Asia from their visiting family and friends in the U.S., they were invited to come to the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church for a baptism and a confirmation. Rev. Ferry writes that when the time came for the Baptism, he was confused: the water was there, the pastor was ready, and there was a line forming down the center aisle of the nave. They watched and were gratefully amazed for there wasn't just *one* Baptism, but *ten* Baptisms that day. Parents brought their little ones to be washed by the water and the Word. Rev. Ferry reminds us that we at Christ Lutheran are helping him do his work in Indonesia, impacting the lives of these people to be built up in the faith and to know that they are forgiven, redeemed saints.

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.

COMING THIS SUMMER



**** 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - In planning for the Maker Fun Factory VBS to be held July 23-27, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, it is looking like it will be one of the most enjoyable VBS weeks we have ever had! From the songs to the games to the snacks, it is going to be a blast!! Mark your calendars for this fun week! We have room for one more station leader in preschool games, a position we need to fill asap, so planning can move forward. If you would like to join the leadership team, please contact Lisa Moreno as soon as possible!

**** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION** will begin on Easter Sunday for children age 3 through those entering grade 6! Crew leaders and station helpers can also sign up at this time. Watch for information on the church website and in the narthex.

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 study the lesson “Peter Denies Jesus” (Mark 14:26-72). Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, “*How does Peter’s denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?*”

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERINGS** - The next two weeks we will collect the mission offering that will go to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Urban and Inner City Mission. This mission’s purpose is to advance revitalization in city ministries, most of which are multi-ethnic or reach out across cultures with mercy and witness to the Gospel. Through the UICM, the church strives to provide a spiritual home for people who are searching for hope and healing. UICM offers training to equip leaders in witness, mercy and life together for community engagement that leads to gathering around Lutheran altars.

**** 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.

**** PALM SUNDAY PLANS:** Sunday school children age 3 through grade 8 will be singing and processing with palms at 8 am on April 9 for Palm Sunday. Preschool through grade 3 will meet in the fellowship hall at 7:45 am. Grades 4-8 will meet in the chapel. Preschoolers and Kindergartners will go to sit with their families after they sing. Other students will recess to the narthex at the end of the service. Sunday school meets as usual on this day.

**** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on April 16 - Easter Sunday. Enjoy worship and breakfast with your family.

JUNIOR HIGH

** **PALM SUNDAY** - 7th & 8th graders! Plan on helping out with Palm Sunday Worship before and after the service you attend. We will be passing out palms, bulletins, and ushering people to their seats.

** **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 still in our Lent schedule which means we still meet on Wednesday night 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@clnorkmail.org.



** **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.clnorkmail.org. For more information call the school office at 371-5536. We would love to schedule a tour and answer your questions.

COMMUNITY

** **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.

** **NORFOLK CHAMBER SINGERS** - Please join The Norfolk Chamber Singers for "*Depth of Mercy*" on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The performance will be held at Grace Lutheran Church (5th and Park) and will reflect on the events of Holy Week, Christ's love and mercy. A freewill offering will be gathered to support Orphan Grain Train.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

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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 MUSICAL COMING SOON!** - We invite you to join us for a night of musical magic as our LHNE students put on their production of Disney's, The Little Mermaid. Show times are Friday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Lutheran High Northeast office or at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Mark your calendars now. We look forward to seeing you there!

**** 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 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, Donniss 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 Gary Horst, undergoing quadruple bypass surgery on Monday.
- For Sandy Horst, in her continuing battle with cancer.
- For Rick and Liela Konopasek in the loss of Rick's father, Marvin.
- For Roger and Millie Lubke in the loss of Roger's mother, LaVonne Lubke.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Reba Mann (4/1), Jerry Smith (4/1), Marlene Walker (4/4), JoAnn Boyer (4/6), Betty Jean Gunter (4/6), LaVerne Starkel (4/7) and Opal Raasch (4/8).
- 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.

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 is 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 Youth Coordinator
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Steve Stortz Principal
Matt WingertDirector of Youth Ministry

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 – Janelle Bahr; at East – James Wagner.

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 03/26/17622
Communed185
Bible Class 44
Sunday School / Staff 103 / 21
Lenten Midweek 3/29 352

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 03/26/17.....\$19,888

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal \$1,200,000
Committed &/or received as of 3/26..... \$1,195,083

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP
12:00 noon Mnistry Milestones Dinner

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

8:20 a.m. Chapel
9:10 a.m. PS Chapel
12:15 p.m. MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
5:00-6:15 Lenten Supper
5:15 p.m. Confirmation Grades 5-8
6:30 p.m. MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
7:15 pm. Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly
5:30 p.m. Revel @ Divots DeVent Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

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.

Focus Announcements, as well as Verbal Announcements & Prayer Requests are due in writing to the Church Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Submitting announcements earlier during the holidays is greatly appreciated. Please include a contact name on all announcements in case there are questions, or further information is needed.

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