



# Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 19, 2019

# WEEKLY FOCUS

**\*\* 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER** – *Jesus, our True Vine, keep us connected to you always, that we may branch out in new and different ways in our service to You, and may grow ever stronger, being fortified by prayer. Keep us planted in your Word, and keep your love flowing to the very depths of our souls. Holy Branch of Jesse’s stem, keep us always joined to You. Amen.*



## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**

**One service on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*(Both with Holy Communion)*

**No Bible Class / Sunday School**

Church Office Closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Holiday

**\*\* CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, May 20, over the lunch hour for a staff gathering.

**\*\* GRADUATE RECOGNITION** – Today we are honoring high school seniors in the 8:00 a.m. service and wishing them all of God’s richest blessings at this important time of their life.

**\*\* HELP SEND OUR YOUTH TO THE NYG:** Would you like to help send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis? Our final fundraiser – the “Envelope Fundraiser” - is as simple as 1, 2, 3.

1. Take an envelope off the large board in the narthex.
2. Fill the envelope with the amount specified on the front. (Checks written to CLC.)
3. Return the envelope to an elder or the church office during regular business hours. ***It’s that easy!***

Thank you for supporting our youth and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus and each other!

**\*\* CALL UPDATE** – Voters Assembly on Sunday, April 28, extended a call to Rev. Philip Bloch of Immanuel Lutheran, Seymour, Indiana to serve as Director of Ministries here at Christ Lutheran. We remember Pastor Bloch in prayer as he considers this new Call to Christ Lutheran as well as the Call to his current ministry.

**\*\* NEW PLAYGROUND UPDATE** - The playground project will be completed this Spring with sidewalks, fencing, irrigation, and grass installation. The new playground has been a big hit with the school children and the completion will add more space and opportunities for play.

The last phase of the project is a a "Pollinator Learning Garden" along 5th Street between the sidewalk and the playground fence. There are plans for an array of 13 shrubs, 11 ornamental grasses, and 346 pollinator friendly perennial plants that will fill the entire space and create a wonderful atmosphere for the campus and our neighborhood. As part of the project we have been awarded a \$2,500 grant to help offset the cost of the plants from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum as part of their Greener Towns Program.

We'd like to have the congregation involved with support of the garden by assisting with the cost of a few of the planned items. There are three permanent park benches and three large street trees planned for the garden and would make wonderful gift opportunities if you would be interested in making a gift "in memoriam" of a loved one. The three park benches are \$1,000 each and the three street trees are \$250 each. Please contact John Robertson or Tina Bredehoeft if you would like more information or would like to see what the benches will look like. We look forward to watching the new garden grow and fill in to beautify our space and allow the kids to experience God's beautiful creation in play.

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 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

<i>Parents &amp; 2's</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Christ Lutheran School
<i>Preschoolers</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	
<i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 &amp; 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, May 21, at 7:00 a.m. at First Choice Catering, 1110 South 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LIFE QUOTE:** "Both before and after their births, our children are precious lives belonging to God and redeemed by Him. (Their mothers are, too.) Each of our days is ordained by Him, including the challenging days of motherhood." *Marie K. MacPherson, author of "Meditations on the Vocation of Motherhood" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

*There is no fear in love.*

*1 John 4:18a*

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

**Lutheran Hour Ministries-Panama** developed a program called **Project Joel** that impacts the lives of Youth...and Volunteers! (In many countries around the world, most of the population is under age 25. Because of circumstances like broken families and secularism, many of these young people do not receive spiritual education in their homes, which means they are shaping their values based on their peers and the media.) **Project Joel** has been recognized by the governmental Ministry of Justice offices in Panama and Guatemala for its positive impact on youth. By partnering with the schools, **Project Joel** implements Bible studies into schools to share the Gospel with unreached youth. In summer activities, the students play games that encourage motivation, teamwork, and education while focusing on Biblical values. One program, developed with teaching tools, songs, dramas, animal puppets and masks asked "Who is Jesus?" The coordinator represented the apostle Peter and guided the kids through the Bible story. **Thank God that this program is being used in other ministry centers around the globe.**

**DAILY DEVOTIONS** from LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES are available on line at: [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)

**LUTHERAN HIGH  
NORTHEAST**

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



#### **Lutheran High Northeast**

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Email [info@lhne.org](mailto:info@lhne.org) Web [www.lhne.org](http://www.lhne.org)

**\*\* 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.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

- \*\* ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING** set for Sunday, June 9 following 10:45 service in the School Gym
- Enjoy the culinary talents of the Elders in a burger and brat barbecue.
  - Join us in welcoming new members from the past few months.
  - Election of 2019-2020 Officers and approval of fiscal year budget.
  - Mortgage Burning for the new Child Care Building following the meeting.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**\*\* VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Plans have begun for VBS this summer. Mark your calendars for July 7-9, 6:00- 8:30 p.m. for Cornerstone VBS! Kids age 3 through those entering grade 6 are encouraged to sign up! Fun games, crafts, snacks, and songs will help kids learn Bible stories! Registration will soon open for children. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Phyllis Glaser at [childrensministry@clnorfolkmail.org](mailto:childrensministry@clnorfolkmail.org) or sign up in the church narthex. Volunteer jobs are available for those with lots of energy, as well as those who want a more stationary job. Jobs are also available for those who can work just 1 or 2 days! Many volunteers are needed, so please sign up to help! Don't miss out on the fun!

**\*\* SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday school for the 2018-2019 school year will come to an end on May 19. Sunday School will begin next fall on August 19, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.



**\*\* JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT: "Creation Cries Out"** - We'll be discovering God in His creation, June 2-5 at Camp Okoboji. If you are signed up for this retreat, check your email for what to bring, a schedule, & food lists.

**\*\* SENIOR HIGH HAMMOCKING PICNIC** - Sunday, June 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m., come for a relaxing picnic in the trees. We'll enjoy a little of God's creation and some rest together in our hammocks. Bring chips or a dessert to share, bring a friend if you'd like, and a hammock if you have one. Pastor and Heidi will have a few extras.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**\*\* MEDICAL BENEFIT FUNDRAISER** for Melanie Mann will be held on Sunday, June 9 at the Winside City Auditorium. This is a pancake/omelet feed with freewill donations accepted to help with medical expenses incurred from recent surgeries and ongoing recovery for Melanie. Event sponsored by Winside churches/SAL.

**\*\* STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION CLASS** – You're invited to attend Stepping On fall prevention classes beginning on May 23 at the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department/Midtown Health Center Conference Room. The class will be held for 7 weeks from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon with the exception of June 25 (2:00-4:00 p.m.) Classes will be instructed by Krista Snodgrass. Cost: Free will donation. Registration is required. Please call the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department at 402-529-2233 or online at [www.elvphd.org](http://www.elvphd.org) (Register:Class/Event).

**\*\* BUTTERFLY RELEASE** – Faith Regional Health Services cordially invites those who know the loss of a baby or child to attend this year's Butterfly Release Memorial Service. The gathering will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 in the Bradford Spirituality Garden on West Campus. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please call Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468. RSVP by May 20.

## **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](mailto:lwalmsley@clnorfolkmail.org).

**\*\* WATCH SERMONS ONLINE** - Do you want to watch our sermons online? Now you can! Go to our website ([clnorfolk.org](http://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.

**\*\* INTRODUCING GIVING+ TEXT ... You can now make a contribution with text!** Simply send a text message to [Christ Lutheran, 4025271465] with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 50). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Thank you for your faithful stewardship as you support the ministries of Christ Lutheran.

**\*\* GARDEN HELPERS** – Reminder to individuals who are volunteering in our garden spots or landscape areas – please do not place yard waste in the trash containers. This needs to be bagged separately for disposal. We appreciate all the efforts in keeping our green spaces beautiful during the Spring and Summer months.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 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, 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, 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, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, 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 Dixie Wiedeman, undergoing surgery in Omaha on Wednesday.
- For Judene Abels, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery in Omaha.
- For Bruce & Cindy Paul in the loss of Cindy's father, Ray Clausen.
- For Virginia Hilkemann in the devastating loss of her home and possessions in a house fire this week.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings during the coming week including: Ace Shermer (5.19), Vernon Hofmann (5/20), Kenny Brandt (5/21) and Ellen Glanzer (5/21).
- For Rev. Philip Bloch as he considers the Call extended to him by Christ Lutheran to serve as Director of Ministries.
- 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.**

## Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays ... 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## 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](http://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: Maxine Schulz, Opal Raasch; at Columbus Community Hospital/Columbus – Maddox Kalin. Celeste Farlee is at Heritage of Bel-Air. Doris Hilgert is at Tabitha Health Care in Lincoln.

*If you are admitted to the hospital, you or a family member should contact the Church office with admission information.*

## 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.

## 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](http://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

## Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship / Communed 05/12/19 .....	516 / 172
Sunday School / Staff .....	44 / 17
Bible Class .....	31

## Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 05/12/19 .....	\$25,427
Amount borrowed .....	\$ 55,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit .....	(\$203,359)
Received for Deficit reduction .....	\$ 60,854

## Growing the future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) .....	\$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 05/12	\$1,201,966
Amount paid out on project as of 05/12 ....	\$1,185,067
Surplus on project .....	\$ 16,899

## Capital Campaign (for Land Acquisition)

Purchase Price	\$ 277,000
Early Commitment	-100,000
Christ Lutheran School Foundation	- 57,000
Previously received offerings	- 20,000
<b>Authorized for Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>
Offerings received for Capital Campaign	- 37,904
Amount needed	\$ 62,096

## This Week's Activities

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

### MONDAY, MAY 20

12:00 noon	Staff Luncheon ( <i>Office closed</i> )
3:30 p.m.	Finance

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

No activities listed

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
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### THURSDAY, MAY 23

No activities listed

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

9:30 a.m.	– Focus assembly
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### SATURDAY, MAY 25

5:30 p.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
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### SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
	No Bible Class

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