



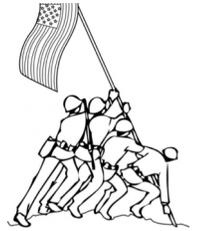
Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 26, 2019

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY** – *On this Memorial Day weekend, our minds turn toward those men and women who gave their lives in service to their country, O Lord. We thank You that they did not turn their backs on their beliefs, but stood firm and faced the challenges set before them head on. May their loyalty, dedication, drive, and ambition not be disregarded or discounted. And may what we do as a people in this country bring honor to the principles they fought to preserve. Make their strength and determination an example for us and generations yet to be. In your Almighty Name we pray. Amen.*



**** CAMPUS CLOSED** – Christ Lutheran Campus is closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

**** 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!

SAVE THE DATE

**** ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING & CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT** 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.

**** 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 "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!



**** 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.

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	resumes Aug. 18	Chapel
<i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i>	Bryants	resumes Aug. 18	CLS Rm. 132B



SUNDAY SCHOOL

<i>Parents & 2's</i>	resumes Aug. 18	Christ Lutheran School
<i>Preschoolers</i>	resumes Aug. 18	
<i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 & special needs adults</i>	resumes Aug. 18	

(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, June 4, 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.

LIFE QUOTE: "Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

2 John 1:6b

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

Johanna Heidorn continues her call as a missionary and photographer (from Taiwan, Asia) to the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region. Johanna writes: "Across the Latin American region, missionaries are spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches, and showing His mercy. Our missionaries and partner churches support over 40 church plants, giving witness to 14 countries. Our young men who are being trained as pastors in seminary are at work in these churches and in communities doing home visits and proclaiming the Good News to folks all over. There are over 100 women in our deaconess program, studying God's Word and bringing the needy to His altar. For this, we are deeply thankful. In addition, there are 16 mercy houses across the region and the work being done there is crucial in carrying out His Word. With over 150 schools in the region receiving a Christian education, we are also able to introduce the Gospel to young people. There is no doubt that God is greatly at work in this part of the world."

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

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



Lutheran High Northeast

2010 N. 37th St. Norfolk, NE 68701
Office 402-379-3040 Fax 402-379-8340
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 - Abbey Christian Store during regular business hours (M-F, 9-8; Sat. 9-6) or at LHNE.

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 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 resume on August 18, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

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.

**** 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

** **FIELD OF FLAGS** – an annual Memorial Day tribute to the fallen heroes of Nebraska since the 9-11 attacks, and to all who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country, will be on display on the grounds of the Norfolk Veterans Home, 600 East Benjamin Avenue, from Saturday, May 25 through Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Over 90 American flags and white crosses identify these individuals. 56 state and territorial flags will also line the driveway of the Veterans Home in honor of all other veterans who have served their country well.

** **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 the ongoing recovery for Melanie. Event sponsored by Winside churches and Sons of the American Legion Squadron in Winside.

** **PITCH PLAYERS** – Anyone wanting to play 10-Point Pitch for fun is invited to join the group from Mt. Olive, Our Savior and Christ on Thursday, June 6 in the Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group rotates monthly between the churches. Coffee is furnished and you may bring a snack to share.

** **ATTENTION ALL LADIES** – Biblical Style Show Luncheon will be held Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Auditorium, Pierce. The event is hosted by Zion Lutheran Katherine and Agape Circles. A freewill donation will be received to benefit mission projects. Those interested in a carpool from Christ Lutheran should meet here at the Church at 10:00 a.m.

** **15th ANNUAL CHRISTIAN CROSS FESTIVAL** will be held Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8 at Skyview Lake. Main bands include Matthew West, Jordan Feliz, Zealand Worship, Remedy Drive, Love Collide, Maddie Rey and more. Speakers this year will be Maddie Rey and Nathan Harmon. This is an event for the entire family. Inflatables, children's activities, kayaks, food vendors, ministries, and additional bands will be available on the grounds, as well as an overnight camp area. The event concludes with a spectacular Fireworks Display on Saturday night. For more information visit www.christiancrossfestival.org

** **FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER** – A fundraiser for the Christian Cross Festival will be hosted by Pizza Hut (both locations) on June 4 from 5:00 p.m. to close. Dine in or carry out.

** **CAMP LUTHER CELEBRATES 52 YEARS** – Summer camp kick-off is June 2. There will be worship and Camp activities throughout the day. Over the past few years, the Camp has been truly blessed with the opportunity to share the Gospel with more and more people. To continue this growth, we invite you to be a part of Camp Luther through your much-needed donations and volunteer service. If you are interested in supporting Camp Luther by serving, donating, or in any way, visit the website www.campluther.org or call the office at 402-352-5655. Thank you for continuing to support and bless YOUR camp!

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Text 81010 @ChristNo	Text 81010 @ChristNor

** **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.

THANK YOU

God is great! He answers our prayers. I want to thank you for all the prayers and cards sent my way. Surgery was successful and recovery is going well. May God bless you always. *Allan Zeitz*

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 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 Garry and Meledene Nelson in the loss of Garry's brother, Tom Nelson.
- For Virginia Hilkemann in the devastating loss of her home and possessions in a house fire earlier this month.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings during the coming week including: Larry Lenox (5/27), Richard Raabe (5/27), Lois Mann (5/29), Allen Wolff (5/29), Rosemary Schwartz (5/30), Bob Lindsteadt (5/31) and Anna Carter (6/1).
- 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 FAX371-1228

SCHOOL OFFICE371-5536

SCHOOL FAX371-1288

HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE379-3275

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Tetsuya Sugita Director of Worship Arts

Administrative Staff

Dale Beckmann Business Manager

Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant

Lynn WalmsleyAdministrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS: Irene Marks; at Columbus Community Hospital/Columbus – Maddox Kalin; in Omaha – Judene Abels, Dixie Wiedeman.

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

* 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 0519/19 469 / 273

Sunday School / Staff 29 / 22

Bible Class 25

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 05/19/19 \$16,932

Amount borrowed\$ 55,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)

Received for Deficit reduction \$ 61,057

Growing the future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 05/19 \$1,202,116

Amount paid out on project as of 05/19 \$1,185,067

Surplus on project \$ 17,049

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 - 37,904

Amount needed \$ 62,096

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY, MAY 27 – Memorial Day

Christ Lutheran Campus Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:00 p.m. EVANGELISM

6:30 p.m. STEWARDSHIP

7:00 p.m. ELDERS, TRUSTEES

EDUCATION, CHILD CARE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:30 a.m. ECHO Mailing

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 31

9:30 a.m. – Focus assembly

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

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