



BY *grace*
THROUGH *faith*
IN Christ ALONE
EPHESIANS 2:8-10

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 10, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** BAPTISM** – Finley John Bereuter, son of Aaron and Tyla Bereuter, is being baptized in the 10:45 service this weekend. Finley was born March 2, 2017. His sponsors are Nathan Bereuter and Danielle Willey.

LCMS REVITALIZATION ... re:Vitality

Our church is participating in an LCMS revitalization program called **re:Vitality**. Our participation in **re:Vitality** opens opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. In order to get the most out of this program, we need your input. We want your opinion.

We are asking everyone to go online and fill out a simple questionnaire about our church. We want the program to hear from every one of you. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or whether you just started coming this week; whether you are a member, guest, visitor, or regular attendee – we want them to hear from each one of you.

To access the survey, simply go online to www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter congregation code: **C647576**

Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and we won't be seeing any of the individual responses. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and how we can build upon our strengths and improve our weaknesses.

Sola Scriptura. Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus.

Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the Bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus.

Scripture. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Grace. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Faith. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Through Christ alone. God gives us all these gifts because of Jesus' death and resurrection. All good gifts come from God and benefit all those who believe. Through Christ alone.

Save the Date: Reformation 500 Celebration. Worship Service - 3:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran; Fellowship at 5:00 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran (2420 W. Omaha Avenue)

**** LUTHER MOVIE TICKET UPDATE:** Demand for tickets to see the special screening of the movie "Martin Luther – The Idea That Changed The World" was brisk and sold out in a relatively short period of time. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and for your interest in this project. If you were unable to obtain tickets for the event, there is still good news and a chance to watch the movie. Nebraska Education Television will be broadcasting the movie on your local PBS channels on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. central time. Consult the TV guide section in the Norfolk Daily News for your cable, dish or direct channel reference.

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

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, September 12, 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. All men are invited to attend.

**** SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Committee Room. This is the class that's reviewing Luther's Small Catechism in a "book club format." It has proven amazing! We missed a lot of what the Catechism said when we were 13/14 years old while attending Confirmation Class but now, as adults, its message and explanations are exactly what we're searching for!

We will be completing our study of the Apostles' Creed soon. Class members will then decide which of the remaining five chief parts we will next pursue. Come visit us and check out this way of listening to the Holy Spirit as "He calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith." There are several empty chairs; we'd like to see them filled. Call 402-844-3359 when YOU decide to occupy one. Welcome!

LIFE QUOTE: "What do we have to share with the frail elderly who wonder about God's purpose for their lives? They are created, redeemed, and called, and as long as God gives them life, He gives their lives meaning and purpose." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Pray continually

1 Thessalonians 5:17

**** LADIES "HAT" NIGHT OUT** - Christ Lutheran LWML Priscillas is hosting Ladies "Hat" Night Out, Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Valentino's Party Room. Everyone attending is reminded to wear a hat – whether it's fancy, funny, pretty, or peculiar, wear your favorite ball cap, stocking hat, red hat, or "go to meetin'" hat.

The evening agenda includes a buffet meal (\$14.56 with drink and tip included). Don't forget to bring a \$2-\$3 gift that starts with the first initial of your first or last name (wrapped or in a bag). Entertainment will follow the meal. RSVP's for this event are now closed.

**** HANDBELL CHOIR** - Christ Lutheran's Handbell choir hopes to start meeting soon, but we need a few more ringers, as some of our members have moved away. We will choose a rehearsal time that works for the people who are in the group. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Moreno at 402-371-3898 or lmoreno@clnorfolkmail.org

**** MALAWI STUDENT ARE HERE** - Malawi college students, Wakisa , Charlotte, and Annah are here!!! And they only brought a small suitcase with them! Since there are many items that they need, we would welcome scrip or monetary gifts so we can welcome them to the USA. Find the basket in the narthex for your gifts. You can even meet them face to face!

MISSION MEMO ... Pray for Church Workers Around the World

At the Big Mission Event in 2016 we helped support **Jana Inglehart, Regional Communications Specialist in The Dominican Republic**. In a recent newsletter she tells that one thing is the same in our two countries: It is **The Church, The Bride of Christ, gathered around the Word, receiving His good gifts of life and salvation**. She recalls a Wednesday evening service when the power was off. In the pitch dark, lit by only five tiny candles, the sanctuary was absolutely filled with the sounds of voices, young and old, ringing out in the night, singing the communion liturgy and hymns, all from memory. She said, "It was so good to be there!" Her prayer requests are: Give thanks for the new relationships that she is building with people here in her community. Pray that God would protect her from all harm and danger. Pray that her Spanish language skills would continue to improve.

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

GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



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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 lesson focuses on “Solomon Builds the Temple.” Though God resided within the Old Testament temple, He was hidden behind the veil in the Most Holy Place. Jesus is the unveiled Most Holy Place, accessible to all, enfolding believers in the arms of His Word and Sacraments. Parents might ask, “*What kinds of things would you have seen in Solomon’s temple? Where do we see Jesus today?*”

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING:** During the fall quarter, we will be sending our offerings to Lauren Awe, a Norfolk native and LHNE graduate who will be traveling to Burkina Faso with LCMS Mercy Medical Teams. Please remember your offerings the second and third Sunday of each month.

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** In the next month, we will need the following supplies for Sunday school activities: flour tortillas for September 17, tea light candles, and blue fabric or tulle. If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEETS** are available in the narthex and in the church office. All families whose children attend Sunday school are asked to fill out one sheet for their family, listing emergency contact numbers. The forms can be returned to Sunday school or left in the church office.

**** URGENT SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF NEEDS:** *We have an urgent URGENT need for a grade 2 Sunday school teacher SUB. At this time, we may not be able to have second grade Sunday school on October 8.*

Other needs include a junior high teacher to teach once a month and substitute teachers. We also need station leaders to lead a 10-15 minute activity the last half of the Sunday school hour. If you would like to visit Sunday school to see if you might like to do one of these jobs, or if you are ready to volunteer, please contact Lisa Moreno.

ALL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

** **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** - Want to receive emails or texts about Jr. High or Sr. High Youth? Go to <https://christnorfolk.churchcenteronline.com> to sign up your student to a specific group. This way, we have the most up-to-date information, and can easily get a hold of you! You can also register for events online!

Bible Study every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

JUNIOR HIGH

** **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING NOVEMBER 11-12** - Mark Your Calendars! Current 7-8th Graders are invited to this year's District Youth Gathering in Columbus. Every day we are called to **GROW** in the knowledge and truth of Jesus Christ as we learn how God **PLANTS** a seed of faith in us through baptism, **PRUNES** our lives for growth, and calls us to live by the Spirit to **PRODUCE** fruit for Him that lasts an eternity. Cost \$110/Person. **Sign up deadline is October 1.**

SENIOR HIGH

** **SENIOR HIGH DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING NOVEMBER 17-19** - Current 9-12th Graders are invited to DYG to grow deeper in their faith. This year's theme is HERO. We need a hero. One that is greater than the mightiest warrior, better than any leader, and truer than the dearest friend. God has sent a hero who comes to save, Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate hero who stood between you and hell, doing what we could never do. See you in Omaha November 17-19! Cost \$150/Person. **Sign up deadline is October 1.**



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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.

** **BEEF BLAST THANK YOU** - The 21st annual Beef Blast fundraising event was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who provided donations, made contributions, bid on auction items, attended the event, spent hours preparing, and gave their time and talents working the day of the event. The students, faculty, and staff of LHNE are blessed by all of you. Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education in Northeast Nebraska.

** **ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday: C & JV Volleyball at HOME vs Battle Creek @ 6 p.m.
Cross Country at Neligh Invite @ 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: Eagles in Prayer @ 8:10 a.m.
Booster Club meeting @ 7 :00 p.m.
JV Football at HOME vs BRLD @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
Cross Country at Columbus Scotus @ 4:30 p.m.
C, JV & V VB at HOME vs Hartington CC @ 5:30 p.m.
- Friday: No School - Teacher in-service
Varsity Football at HOME vs Lincoln Lutheran @ 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Varsity Volleyball at Ord Tournament

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 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: Brian Beeks, Bobbie Bell, Nathan Boyle, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Roger Frank, Bruce Gardels, Deb Gebhardt, Nanette Halverson, Bruce Hansen, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Norma Hunter, Jason Jackson, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Colet Lierman, Stephanie McCorkle, Darwin McDonald, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Lisa Murray, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Deb Robertson, 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, Robert Daughton, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donnis Omer, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Jim Siedschlag, Barb Slieter, James Wagner, Ed Wiedeman, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For Mickie Bolduan recovering from surgery this past week.
- For Gladys Meisinger in the loss of her sister, Louise Barry.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Sylvia Lichtenberg (9/10), Marion Nielsen (9/10), LaVerne Munson (9/15), and Garold Lichtenberg (9/16).
- Thanksgiving for the baptism of Finley John Bereuter.
- For the people of Texas, Louisiana, Florida and other areas devastated by the destruction of Hurricanes, and for all those involved in rescue and recovery efforts.
- For government, president, 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.

AN EASY EQUATION FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION

From the past fiscal year we have a \$43,000 deficit. Here is an easy equation to help you as you consider how you can help to erase his debt. To equal an amount for the congregation that is equal to two-and-a-half weekly offering amounts your household could:

- Write an extra check and put it into the golden offering envelope, marking it for deficit reduction or debt retirement, and make it for the amount of two extra offerings, plus a bit more. This you would do one time over the next four months.
- Or, you could write a similar check equal to the amount of one extra offering one month, and then an extra check equal to the amount of a half-offering each of the other three months, putting each of those checks into the golden offering envelope for each month and marking it for the deficit reduction or debt retirement.

DID YOU KNOW ...

On June 11, 2017 the Voters of Christ Lutheran Church approved the budget for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2017. That budget calls for offerings of \$1,200,000 during the fiscal year that will end June 30, 2018. That is a \$100,000 increase in the offering budget and the first increase in the offering budget in 3 years. Your offerings are used for the ministry and mission of Christ Lutheran in sharing the Gospel of Jesus. The Board of Stewardship asks that you prayerfully consider an increase in your offerings in the upcoming year.



Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*: we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life: Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

WORSHIP NOTES

**** URGENT NEED** – Clickers (individuals to advance service slides) are needed to help with the worship services each week. At least three of our helpers will be leaving for college soon and we need to fill their positions in the rotating schedule. Our most urgent need is for the 10:45 service. Training is provided. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**** CALLED, EQUIPPED, SENT** – Sunday, September 24, the LLL Zone 11 Fall Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. Registration begins at 2:45 p.m. with a hymn sing at 3:15; devotion at 3:35 and guest speaker at 3:45. The speaker will be John Meier of Pierce. He is a 20+year-retired USAF pilot and graduate of USAF Academy. Meeting will begin at 4:15 followed by entertainment and mealtime at 5:00 p.m. Reservations for the pork loin dinner (\$12) need to be made by September 14. Call Zion Lutheran at 402-329-4313 or Arlan Warneke at 402-329-6686 (email: awarneke@ptcnet.net). Provide your name, church, city, contact phone and the number attending.

**** SALAD BAR LUNCHEON / GUEST DAY** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Ladies Circle Annual Salad Bar and Guest Day on Thursday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Pastor Dave Goehmann and DCE Matt Wingert on their trip to Maliwi. For more information call Judy Allvin at 402-371-2846.

**** BOOK LAUNCH CELEBRATION EVENT** at the The Broken Mug Coffee Shop, located at The Sanctuary – 1C (former YMCA), 2200 28th Avenue in Columbus on Sunday, September 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Join us for a Sip-Savor Celebration! Listen to author and speaker, Deb Burma, as she shares a special session from her latest (coffee-themed) Bible study book, *Sip, Savor, & Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*, published by CHP. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Deb will speak at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy book-signing time! Savor free treats, baked from the book's recipes, with every coffee shop purchase. *Surprise giveaways during Deb's talk. *All of Deb's titles available for purchase. *Free gifts for everyone!

HURRICANE HARVEY – HOW CAN WE HELP?

(from the OGT website) Orphan Grain Train is planning for several shipments of goods, food and supplies as well as the volunteer village for relief efforts in Texas following the destruction of Hurricane Harvey. We will need to have dry ground to set up the volunteer village units and permits obtained. For now we are collecting hygiene kits (these can contain toothpaste), new underwear and socks, tennis shoes, diapers, formula, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies to include large sponges, large heavy trash bags, brooms, mops, 5 gallon bucket, dust masks, safety glasses, work gloves, cleaning gloves (kitchen latex), tarps, pry bars (for removing sheetrock), square shovels, wheelbarrows, pressure washers (gas), and gas powered generators. A cleaning bucket can be prepared which would include a 5 gallon bucket, 1 large sponge, 1 roll paper towels, 2 gallons of liquid cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine-sol, Lysol), 1 powder cleanser (Comet, Ajax), 1 kitchen latex gloves, 1 broom, and 1 mop. Any of these items can be delivered to the Norfolk OGT warehouse at 606 West Phillip Avenue Monday through Friday from 9 AM – 4 PM. The cost to transport one truckload is \$6,000.00 so any financial support would be appreciated. Monetary donations can be sent to Orphan Grain Train, P. O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702 or donate on line at www.ogt.org. Please indicate disaster relief – Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for supporting the missions of Orphan Grain Train and the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Please pray for those that have lost so much and for the dedicated rescuers.

For your convenience, your monetary donations may also be left in the designated box in the Narthex. Please make your check payable to Orphan Grain Train and indicated "Harvey" in memo line.

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 and Goehmann are 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

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Judy Bohn Business Manager

Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant

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Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week; at FRHS, Celeste Farlee, Derald Moenning, In Omaha – Mickie Bolduan.

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. Today's program is sponsored by students

and staff of Christ Lutheran School.

ON MAIN STREET – Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Cable TV

DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 09/03/17 450

Communed 360

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 09/03/17.....\$19,483

Debt to retire \$43,327

Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit \$ 2,988

Growing the Future Campaign

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

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 8/20 .. \$ 787,732

Amount paid out on project as of 8/20 \$1,063,887

Amount borrowed on project \$ 276,155

This Week's Activities

*LifeLight & small group Bible study
begins this week.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Bereuter Baptism

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3:30 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 p.m. Priscillas @ Valentino's

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:20 a.m. Chapel

5:15 p.m. Confirmation w/parnets

5:45 p.m. 5/6 Grade Youth

6:15 p.m. Church Council

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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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