



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 17, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

** **FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Raymond and Hilda Krehnke.

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.



You still aren't good enough for God's love.

"The love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it" (*Luther's Works 31:57*).

God loves you. For no good reason ... except His goodness. Though you may be tempted to work to improve to be more liked or loved, God doesn't wait for your improvement. He doesn't even require it. He loves you. His love is what changes you from sinner to saint. His love sent Jesus to die and rise for you. His love gives you salvation in Christ freely. His love caused Holy Scripture to be written so that you might hear and believe in His love. His love washed you in Baptism. His love feeds you in the Lord's Supper. His love makes you lovable. He loves you freely and fully. No strings attached.

Save the Date: Sunday, November 5 - 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)

** **REFORMATION 500 CHOIR:** If you would like to participate in a mass circuit choir for the Reformation 500 service on Sunday, November 5, please contact Starla in the Church Office this week. Music has been selected and practice times will be scheduled soon, with more information forthcoming.

** **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

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 26, 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.

LIFE QUOTE: "As Christians, we have a responsibility to provide comfort to the sick, as we do not want anyone to suffer. That is why we promote work to improve palliative care so doctors will have better means to relieve suffering at life's end until God calls us home to heaven where there is no suffering. Let us put our trust in Him."
Virginia Flo, regional director of Minnesota and national conference director for Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

**** 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

Mark and Megan Mantey received support from the Big Mission Event in 2016. A recent newsletter said to give thanks for 5 months as career missionaries in Uganda as of August 3. They write: "Throughout June and July, one or both of us traveled throughout Uganda with Lutheran Church Uganda (LCU) leaders recruiting for the seminary. When not on recruiting trips and interacting with and encouraging the local church bodies, we have been working behind the scenes with church leaders to plan for students to return on July 30, for the second year of classes. There are now two years of students present at the seminary, so Mark focuses on planning for financial operations and upcoming projects for the seminary so the focus of the pastors can remain on ministry. Megan focuses more on curriculum development and preparing to teach three classes to both the first and second year classes in a different educational context. We're both focused on the relationships the Lord has provided for us through our friends and colleagues within the LCU." **Give thanks for reliable transportation and a home. They now have a way to travel within the country and a place to go to rest and be restored. Please pray for the people in Kenya (the neighbors to the east), and that their upcoming elections are peaceful.**

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



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 lesson focus is “God Provides for Elijah.” Just as God provided food and life for Elijah, the widow, and her son, so He provides food, forgiveness, and life eternal for us in Christ. Consider asking, “*How did God provide food for Elijah? In what ways does God provide for us 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: 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:** Thank you for the subs who have stepped up to help with second grade Sunday school in the next month! We still have an urgent need for a junior high teacher to teach ONCE A MONTH. We also need youth or adults as 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.

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

**** 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!

**** 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 Malawi. For more information call Judy Allvin at 402-371-2846.

**** SOS - Servants of the Savior** meets Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Planning for the Big Event is underway!



Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

**** SEMINARY VISIT:** Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Peace Lutheran Church, 2720 28th St., Columbus, on September 25 between 3:00-7:00 p.m. Rev. Holder is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages – elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Holder at 314.505.7255 or holders@csl.edu.

ALL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

**** COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** - Want to receive **emails** 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!

Do you want to receive **text** messages on your phone about youth group happenings? Text the number 81010 with the appropriate code:

5th & 6th Youth Group - @cl56youth
Sr. High Youth - @clsrhigh

Jr. High Youth - @cljrhigh
7th & 8th Confirmation - @clconfirm

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.**

**** BIBLE STUDY 9:30 ON SUNDAY** – 7th & 8th Graders – join us on Sunday mornings in the Blue Room as we continue to grow in our Christian faith. Paul Kolterman, Chad and Megan Bryant, and Matt and Angela Wingert lead this Bible study. Don’t forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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.**

**** BIBLE STUDY 9:30 ON SUNDAY** – High School students – join us Sunday mornings in the **Chapel** as we continue to grow in our Christian faith by studying the Word. This Bible study is led by Matt Wingert. We just started a new series about **7 “Christian” rules every Christian ought to break.** Don’t forget we meet every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**** HIS KID CAMP VOLUNTEERS** – Senior High will go to Camp Luther October 13-15. We leave Friday night, and return Sunday afternoon. While there, we will be serving as volunteers helping run the His Kids Camp Ministry. Many of the same campers from this summer will be there. They will be so excited to see us come back to serve with them. This time, we will be helping run the camp as counselors, so we will be cooking and serving food, cleaning, and helping with programing. Parent volunteers are welcome as well. Cost is \$25.

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.

**** VOLLEYBALL PACK THE BLEACHERS** – The LHNE Volleyball Team would like to invite everyone to join them on Tuesday, September 19 to pack the bleachers! Games start at 5:30 p.m. All K-8 students will receive free admission and there will be games for all K-8 students between the JV and Varsity games. Put on your blue and cheer on our Lady Eagles!

**** ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:**

- Monday: JV Volleyball away at Wisner-Pilger @ 6:00
- Tuesday: Volleyball Pack the Bleachers Night
C, JV & V at HOME vs. Howells-Dodge begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Cross Country at Crofton Invite @ 4:30 p.m.
C, JV & V Volleyball away at Pierce @ 5:30 p.m.
- Friday: Varsity Football away at Stanton @ 6:30 p.m.
- September 25-30 – LHNE Homecoming Week

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Donniss 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 Paula Siske (daughter of Joyce Andersen) undergoing surgery on Monday.
- For Pete & Denise Volquardsen and family in the loss of Pete's mother, Iola Mae Volquardsen.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Daphne Ferguson (9/17), Eileen Klug (9/19), Helen Schmidt (9/20) and Lois Vogel (9/21).
- 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.

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 FAX 371-1228
SCHOOL OFFICE 371-5536
SCHOOL FAX 371-1288
HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE 379-3275

Christ Lutheran website: www.clnorfolk.org.

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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 PreSchool Director
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Steve Stortz Principal
Matt Wingert Director of Christian Education

Administrative Staff

Judy Bohn Business Manager
Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant
Lynn Walmsley Administrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week; at FRHS – Sarah Thoene & baby girl (Alyssa Rose); 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 09/10/17 574
Communed 178
Bible Study 40
Sunday School / Staff 101 / 22

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 09/10/17 \$18,145
Debt to retire \$43,327
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit \$ 3,640

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 9/10 .. \$ 794,776
Amount paid out on project as of 9/10 \$1,066,149
Amount borrowed on project \$ 271,373

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:30 p.m. Finance
5:45 p.m. YOUTH BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. S.O.S.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:20 a.m. Chapel
9:10 a.m. PS Chapel
5:15 p.m. Confirmation
5:45 p.m. 5/6 Grade Youth

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:30 p.m. Ladies Circle Salad Bar Lunch

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP
CLS Grades K-8 sing
9:30 a.m. Bible Class / Sunday School
10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
3:00 p.m. Junior High Event

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.

* 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