



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

**Christ Lutheran Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 24, 2017

# WEEKLY FOCUS

**\*\* FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Steve and Charlene Stortz, in thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage.

**\*\* BAPTISM** – Cora Rain Hyde, daughter of Mitchel and Erin Hyde, is being baptized in the 5:30 service this weekend. Cora was born August 28, 2017. Sponsors are Jennifer Kirkpatrick and Danica Praeuner.

## **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](http://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.



### **BAPTISM SAVES ...**

God works through means. The Holy Spirit creates faith through the Word and the Sacraments. When ordinary water is combined with God's Word and connected with His command, it does exactly what God promises it will do. It saves (Titus 3:4-7; 1 Pet. 3:21). Through Baptism God forgives sins and gives the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Baptism joins you to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5). Baptism gives eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus (Col. 2:11-12). Baptism makes disciples (Matt. 28:19). These promises are for all people, young and old (Acts 2:39). These promises are fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. For you!

**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: There's still time to join.** 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. Music has been selected and practice will begin in October. Watch next week's Focus for rehearsal schedules.

**\*\* REFORMATION 500 T-SHIRT SALES** - Sign Up to buy a Reformation 500 T-shirt in the Narthex. The front reads "500th Anniversary of the Reformation: It's Still About Jesus!" The back lists all the Lutheran Churches in our Norfolk Circuit. Proceeds help fund the Reformation 500 Worship and Fellowship Event on November 5! Shirts are \$10

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>	Wingert	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Chapel
<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly Brass Lantern). There is a meal with a freewill offering. All men are invited to attend.

**LIFE QUOTE:** "We have been freely received by the Lord God ... Since He generously extends compassion and forgiveness to each human being, we receive as freely, respect as fully, and defend as fiercely as we have been received, respected, and defended." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life -- A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

*There should be no division in the body, but ... its parts should have equal concern for each other.*

I Corinthians 12:26

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

Through donations from the Big Mission Event in 2015 and 2016, we have helped **Rev. Stuart and Debra Freese to go to Burkina Faso, West Africa.** In July they finished the first step in their French language training. They spent six months in Montreal, Quebec, Canada studying at the YMCA International Language School. They were welcomed at Ascension Lutheran church who were their French and English-speaking friends. Now the remainder of their language training will be in West Africa on the mission field. It will consist of working and speaking with the native church workers and the members of the congregations. The Freeses will be learning some of the 70 tribal languages that are spoken. The first one to learn will be 'Moore' (in Burkina Faso). Most of the Burkinabe speak 'Moore.' Rev. Stuart Freese will be teaching the Africans to teach other Africans so God's church may grow. **Pray for the native church workers awaiting training to become more effective pastors.**

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

**\*\* 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:holders@csl.edu).



## **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 “Elijah and the Prophets of Baal”. Just as the true God revealed Himself on the altar of Mount Carmel, so on the cross-shaped altar of Mount Calvary Jesus revealed, once and for all, that He alone is the real God who loves us enough to die for us. Parents could ask, *“How did God demonstrate His power on Mount Carmel? How does God reveal Himself to us?”*

**\*\* 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 need for a junior high teacher to team teach ONCE A MONTH. We also need youth and adults to lead a prepared 10-15 minute station for students and their teacher once a month on Sundays you choose. If you can help in one of these positions, please contact Lisa Moreno.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**\*\* 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](mailto:lmoreno@clnorfolkmail.org)

**\*\* THE FLAMINGOS HAVE A LATE MIGRATION SEASON THIS YEAR** .... Perhaps you have seen the flamingos in your yard or in your neighborhood in past years. Starting today, the flamingos will be making their ninth migration to Norfolk. This has become the most successful and most talked about senior high youth fundraiser at Christ Lutheran.

We thank you for your support and ask you to help make this another successful year of flocking. Insurance sales will begin today, Sunday, September 24, and can continue to be purchased throughout the fundraiser in the Narthex.

Funds raised will help offset costs for youth events. After eight years, our flock of flamingos has grown to 100 birds that visit over 150 homes each year. In addition to raising funds for youth ministry, we hope this will be an opportunity for you to talk with your friends and neighbors about Christ Lutheran and have a little fun at the same time! This year’s flock will raise money to help send our youth to assist Hurricane Harvey Victims, as well as District Youth Gatherings, and Leadership Training in 2018.

**\*\* TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, October 5, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to join the fun from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and meet new friends. You may bring snacks to share and drink is provided. They ask that we do not bring anything with nuts as they have a child with nut allergy on their campus. Note that the rotation of churches has changed.

**\*\* BENEFIT** for Richard Beltz will be Saturday, September 30 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Fairplay Golf Course. A freewill donation supper will be served, with a silent auction and raffle also taking place. Richard is battling cancer. An account has been set up at Frontier Bank in Norfolk to help defray medical expenses.



**Matthew 20:9** – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God – and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

## **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:

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - @cl56youth

Sr. High Youth - @clsrhigh

Jr. High Youth - @cljrhigh

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



## 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.

### \*\* ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:

- September 25-30 – LHNE Homecoming Week
- September 25-26 – FBLA Conference
- September 25 – JV Volleyball at HOME vs Crofton/N.C. @ 5:30 p.m.  
JV Football away vs. Stanton @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 26 – Eagles in Prayer at Grace Lutheran @ 8:10 a.m.  
V Volleyball away at N.C. @ 5:00 p.m.
- September 28 – Cross Country at Stanton @ 4:00 p.m.  
C, JV, & V Volleyball away vs. St. Paul @ 5:00 p.m.
- September 30 – C Volleyball away at Pierce Tournament 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Varsity Football HOME vs. Hartington CC @ 3:00 p.m.

\*\* **SENIOR GOVERNMENT CLASS** invites everyone to attend their Mock Congressional Hearing project presentations which take place every Tuesday throughout first semester at 11:25 a.m. in the school library. Each week a different pair of seniors shares what they have learned about a portion of the U.S. Constitution. They are judged by a panel of judges from our school and community and receive feedback on their presentation and content.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 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 those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Willard Kohlhof (9/24) and Theresa Shermer (9/26).
- Thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage blessings given to Steve and Charlene Stortz (9/30).
- For the people of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and other areas devastated by the destruction of Hurricanes, for Mexico City residents following this week's earthquake, and for all those involved in rescue and recovery efforts in all these areas.
- 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](http://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 ..... 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 – Dennis Miller, Cindy Janssen, Paula Siske, Delmar Gansebom.

*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](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)

## Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 09/17/17 ..... 577  
Communed ..... 296  
Bible Study ..... 66  
Sunday School / Staff ..... 110 / 24

## Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 09/17/17.....\$19,770  
Debt to retire ..... \$43,327  
Amount received towards 2016/17 deficit ..... \$ 7,732

## Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) ..... \$1,200,000  
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 9/17 .. \$ 796,756  
Amount paid out on project as of 9/17 ..... \$1,066,149  
Amount borrowed on project ..... \$ 269,393

## This Week's Activities

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:30 p.m. Finance

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. ECHO mailing  
6:30 p.m. STEWARDSHIP  
7:00 p.m. CHILD CARE, TRUSTEES,  
ELDERS, EVANGELISM,  
EDUCATION

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:20 a.m. Chapel  
5:15 p.m. Confirmation  
5:45 p.m. 5/6 Grade Youth  
7:00 p.m. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly  
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

3:00 p.m. Wockman/Siedschlag wedding  
5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 LWML Sunday

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

**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