



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

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 3, 2017

WEEKLY FOCUS

**** FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Paul and Sally Splittgerber in thanksgiving for 44 years of marriage blessings.

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.

A letter from LCMS Synod President Matthew Harrison is also included in this FOCUS regarding how assistance may be offered through our synod to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.



You can read the Bible on your phone because of Luther ... We love and treasure the Word of God. The Scriptures are our sole source for doctrine and practice. The Scriptures deliver Christ to us, and for this we rejoice. Luther desired that every person have access to the Word of God. He translated the Bible into German so that every person could read it. A result of Luther’s translation was the proliferation of Bible translations, and today, the multiplicity of media through which God’s Word is freely available.

Save the Date: Reformation 500 Celebration. Worship Service - 3:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran; Fellowship at 5:00 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran.

**** 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.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

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.

**** SEPTEMBER** It's time for small group Bible Study to resume – and it will - on 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: "In every task you tackle, at every moment in life, in whatever situation you find yourself, you have a calling, a vocation. You get to bless people. You get to show God's love. You get to elevate the conversation, change the perspective, and bring dignity into a difficult world. You get to live in the life that He gifts you with, love meant for you, love meant for all." *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

**** 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 invited 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). Invite a guest – the more the merrier. Please 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.

R.S.V.P. by September 7 to Lauren Millikan (402-379-0287), Linda Janovec (402-379-0264), or Deb Kirsch (402-371-7920).

**** 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

Rev. Cullen and Deaconess Jackie Duke are recipients of support from the Big Mission Event in 2016 and are serving in Lima, Peru. They write: "The children of our Castillo Fuerte mercy house in LA Victoria had a special day of activities for their celebration of Fiestas Patrias (celebrating Peru's declaration of independence from Spain on July 28, 1821.) Yet for the children of these mercy houses, every day is a day of freedom. Our mercy houses provide freedom to be children in neighborhoods that aren't especially child-friendly. They come to our mercy houses to play, to receive help with their homework and to receive mentoring. They learn about their eternal freedom that they have as believers in Jesus Christ. Through Bible centered fun activities, Bible studies and Catechism classes, they learn about their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lived, died and rose for them to free them from the power of the devil, from sin and from eternal death. Cullen is now the pastor for the congregation in the northern district and he is responsible for serving and growing a mission plant in San Martin de Porres. Jackie will soon be solely responsible for all the deaconess activities at Castillo Fuerte in LA Victoria. **Thank God for better health and strength after a couple rounds each of respiratory illness that came with our first Lima winter.**"

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.

**** 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 grade 2 Sunday School teacher sub. At this time, we may not be able to have second grade Sunday school next week.*

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.

****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: tennis ball; flour tortillas for Sept. 17th, tea light candles. If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

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:**

- Sunday: LHNE CHOIR singing at LLL State Fair Service 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday: Volleyball at HOME vs. Norfolk Catholic
- Thursday: Varsity Volleyball at Wakefield Tournament
- Friday: Cross Country at Norfolk Catholic Invite
Varsity Football at Shelby-Rising City
- Saturday: Varsity Volleyball at Wakefield 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, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, and a young girl, Taryn, and those undergoing other tests and treatments.
- For Derald Moenning, recovering from heart surgery.
- For healing for Paula Siske (daughter of Joyce Andersen).
- For Mickie Bolduan undergoing surgery in Omaha on Thursday.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Darlene Sunderman (9/6), Ken Boyer (9/9).
- Thanksgiving for 44 years of marriage given to Paul & Sally Splittgerber (9/1).
- For the people of Texas, Louisiana and other areas devastated by the destruction of Hurricane Harvey, 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

Last week a notice was written in the FOCUS regarding our need for debt retirement. It was a rather complicated way of addressing and eradicating our \$43,000 deficit from the past fiscal year. It involved roughly 14% over and above your present weekly offerings.

Here is an easier way of considering or apportioning it. 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 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?” He who dies with the most toys....is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

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

** **TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will be meeting with sister congregations on Thursday, September 7 at Christ Lutheran fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fun of playing – beginners as well as experienced players. We play from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the afternoon and meet new friends. You may bring snacks to share; drink is provided. Be watching for the new meeting place in October as the rotation of meeting places is changing.

** **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 Gohmann 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!

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

Christ Lutheran website: 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

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Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader
Sarah Moje PreSchool Director
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Steve Stortz Principal
Matt WingertDirector of Christian Education

Administrative Staff

Judy Bohn Business Manager
Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant
Lynn WalmsleyAdministrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week; at FRHS, Derald Moenning, Juline Gall.

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 08/27/17 640
Communed 134
Sunday School / Staff 112 / 27
Bible Class 45

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 08/27/17.....\$15,966

Growing the Future Campaign

Campaign goal (all committed) \$1,200,000
Rec'd towards committed goal as of 8/20 .. \$ 786,828
Amount paid out on project as of 8/20 \$1,062,885
Amount borrowed on project \$ 276,057

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – Labor Day

Christ Lutheran Campus closed for holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

3:30 p.m. Finance

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:20 a.m. Chapel

9:10 a.m. Preschool Chapel

5:15 p.m. Confirmation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

2:00 p.m. Pitch Players

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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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