



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 2, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, December 5 ... 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

“The Gospel According to the Angels”

by Rev. James Carretto

*Soup Supper served 5:00-6:15 p.m. by Helping Hands Child Care
Homemade Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup*

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

** **WARMTH, PEACE & PAJAMAS** – The Salvation Army, along with their usual Christmas season “Toy and Food Drive”, is collecting new pajamas for their “pajama project”. All brand new pajamas for girls and boys will be accepted, however the greatest need this year is size 5T – Adult Medium. Collection dates will be November 19-December 16. A collection box will be available in the Church narthex during these dates to help with this project. Christ Lutheran’s Board of Evangelism is sponsoring this activity.

** **ANGEL TREE** is back for the upcoming holiday season. A limited number of angels remain on a first come basis. Gift suggestions are listed on the angels you pick. Each gift should cost between \$15 and \$20. Further instructions are available with the Angel Tree display. All gifts must be returned to the Church by December 14 so they can be prepared and sorted for distribution on the December 15. If you would like to help with distribution or have questions about Angel Tree, please contact Dale Schlote at 402.379.0781.

** **JOIN THE FUN OF CAROLING** - The Board of Evangelism is sponsoring a Christmas Caroling event this Sunday, December 2. Participants should meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. Following the event, a warm and tasty Soup Supper will be served. Anyone wishing to join in this time of holiday fun and fellowship is welcome. This will also be the activity for the Junior High Youth Night. Drivers are needed.

** **AN INVITATION FOR ALL LADIES** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Ladies Circle Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Smokin’ Stan’s will provide the meal of pulled pork sandwich, potato salad and baked beans. Ladies Circle members will provide salads and side dishes. *Please R.S.V.P. by calling Judy Allvin at 402.371.2846 by Wednesday, December 5*, if you plan to attend. Following the luncheon, the Kindergarten children from Christ Lutheran School will provide entertainment. Bill and Bonnie Begeman will share highlights of their recent trip to Russia for Orphan Grain Train.

** **SOCKS FOR STUDENTS** - Help us reach out with warmth this winter to students at Northeast Community College! Please bring in new pairs or packages of socks to share at an on campus outreach event with the students. With their socks, the students will receive a reminder that God loves them, and information about our LCMS campus ministry available to them. Place your sock donations in the giant stocking in the Narthex by December 10. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave.

** **INSIDE THIS FOCUS** – you will find a complete list of worship services for the month of December. Take time to prepare your hearts and homes for the celebration of Christ’s birth during the upcoming Advent season

** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – **Special Voters Assembly** on Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will allow discussion of a new administrative restructuring plan with a presentation by Bob Ziegler (LCMS Nebraska District Office for Education and Youth), and consideration of a new staff position.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

Share God’s Word – Share His Love – Do It Now!



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

Sarah Kanoy has received our support to be a medical missionary in Kenya since the Big Mission Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19, 20 We are thankful the Lord has chosen missionaries to go to foreign fields to share God's love. Please take time to find the pictures of the missionaries that Christ Lutheran is supporting with weekly gifts and through the Big Mission Event. You will see the large map in the narthex with these missionary pictures attached to their country.

- Rev. Charles Ferry - Taiwan, Republic of China
- Rev. Brian Gauthier - Panama
- Rev. Arthur Just - Latin America and Spain
- Rev. Adam Lehman - Spain
- Rev. James Sharp - Uruguay
- Jana Ingelhart - Dominican Republic, Latin America
- Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
- Rev. Michael Schempf - Uganda
- Rev. Hans Trinklein - South Korea
- Rev. Matthew Wood - Indonesia

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

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	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Chapel
<i>Grades 7-8 Bible Study</i>	Bryants	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	CLS Rm. 132B

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<i>Parents & 2's</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	Christ Lutheran School
<i>Preschoolers</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	
<i>Kindergarten – Gr. 6 & special needs adults</i>	Sun., 9:30 a.m.	

(Please note – the school will remain locked until 9:15 a.m. to allow teachers fellowship time following the 8:00 service)

** **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - "Christianity and the Competition" meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

** **GRACE LUTHERAN MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY** will meet Tuesday, December 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.

** **CHOIR SCHEDULE** – Choir Practice will be immediately after Midweek Advent Worship on December 5 and 19. No practice on December 12.

** **TEN POINT PITCH PLAYERS** will meet with sister congregations on Thursday, December 6 in the Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Playing time is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for fun and the enjoyment of making new friends as well as seeing old friends. You may bring snacks to share and beverage is provided.



LIFE QUOTE: “Advent is about Return—the Lord’s Second Coming, our return to Him, which is another way of saying ‘repentance.’ Repentance requires memory, for return requires memory. The Prodigal did some mental research and remembered the facts about his father's house from his personal history. Informed by a paternal history, he struck a new course, which was to return. And the Homecoming was sweet, like the marriage supper in paradise, when all history will be fulfilled, and the guests live happily ever after. Advent reminds us, based on history that we know, that He is coming, which should remind us. Repent!” *James M. Kushiner. The Fellowship of St.*

*This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives
for our brothers.*

1 John 3:16



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 STAFF & HELPERS NEEDED** - We are still in need of some helpers for Sunday School. Please consider helping out. **Many hands make light work.**

- Team teacher for Grades 4 & 6 – looking for a sub, approximately 1 time per month.
- 1 Station Helper to lead a 10 – 15 minute activity planned for you.
- Opening Leader – to lead children in a short slide show.
- 1 Couple for Jr. High (7th & 8th grade) Looking for someone that could be a sub, when the regular teachers are away. This would be approximately 5 times per year.

Contact Phyllis Glaser 402.841.3293, if you could help out in any of these areas. Thank You!

**** REHEARSALS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE** have begun for character actors, readers and Angel Choir. Mass rehearsal for all students will be Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Songs and narrations for classes will be practiced in smaller groups each Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

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Communication

Jr. High & Confirmation

Text 81010 | @ChristNo

Sr. High Activities

Text 81010 | @ChristNor

**** SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – The Senior High and Junior High students are both studying The Gospel Project, a walk through the Bible in 3 years. There are occasionally surprise donuts as well as the always sweet Gospel of Jesus. Junior High meets in the school, Room 132; Senior High gathers in the Chapel.

**** JUNIOR HIGH CAROLING & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** ... is Sunday, December 2, Meet at church at 4:00 p.m. for all church Christmas caroling, and our Christmas lights scavenger hunt, with dinner to follow. We'll be done by 7:30 p.m.. We will need drivers for this activity. If you are willing, please talk to Heidi.

**** SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CHRISTMAS GATHERING** - Sunday, December 16, 5-7 p.m. at the Petersen's. We'll have a hot cocoa and cookie bar, make cocoa bag treats for the Zone after-school program and challenge ourselves with Pastor and Heidi's Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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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 - Abbey Christian Store during regular business hours (M-F, 9-8; Sat. 9-6) or at LHNE.

**** LHNE GIVING CHALLENGE** – Great news! LHNE has been provided a great challenge to raise \$50,000 by December 31, 2018. This challenge was created by a donor from the Omaha area! The donor will match your gift to Lutheran High – dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 total – as long as it is given by December 31, 2018. Will you be part of the great challenge? You can send your gift to LHNE, 2010 N. 37th St., Norfolk. You can make a gift through our website – www.lhne.org - click on GIVE. On behalf of the students at LHNE – **thank you** for your prayers and your gifts!

**** LHNE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. We hope that you will be able to join us for an afternoon of celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus, with the joyful sounds of Christmas music. There is no admission fee, but a free will offering will be available at the door.

**** LHNE ANNOUNCER** – Lutheran High is looking for someone to announce basketball games this year. If this someone is you, or if you know someone that is willing to help out, please contact Darin Suckstorf at 402.379.3040 (school) or 402.750.8925 (cell).

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

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, Jason Jackson, Lela Kiepke, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Colet Lierman, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Jackie Nelson, Amy Neuhalfen, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Jim Roethler, Randy Schultz, Leon Schulz, Nicholle Soukup, Carol Thies, Larry Walker, 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, Brendan Gnewuch, Craig Herpy, EllaMae Jensen, Elden Kapels, Jerry Kerkman (brother of Connie Schulz), Steve Long, Marilyn Means, Connie Mock, Donnis Omer, Shelby Reeker, Sandy Schulz, Jim Siedschlag, James Wagner, 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: Iva Schultz (12/7).
- Thanksgiving for a baby boy, Bryer Matthew, born to Matthew and Alicia Blumenberg (11/28).
- For Christ Lutheran Church in this time of transition.
- For our military, those who have faithfully served and / or continue to serve.
- For peace in our land and an end to the violence and 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.

Pastor Goehmann is often out of the office for home, hospital and other visits. Contact the Church Office for available appointments with pastor.

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. David Goehmann Pastor

Ministry Staff

Chad Bryant Child Care Director

Heidi Goehmann, Deaconess Interim Youth Leader

Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader

Sarah Moje PreSchool Director

Steve Stortz Principal

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: Jacqueline Nelson, Dean Timperley; at Women's Methodist/Omaha – twins Maddox and Merrick Kalin;

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.

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

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

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship / Communed 11/25/18 452 / 128

Thanksgiving Worship 11/21 225 / 204

Sunday School / Staff 62 / 17

Bible Class 36

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 11/25/18.....\$19,369

Amount borrowed\$ 70,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)

Received for Deficit reduction \$ 28,703

Growing the Future Campaign

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

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 11/25 \$1,157,620

Amount paid out on project as of 11/25 ... \$1,181,553

Amount borrowed on project \$ 23,933

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 - 34,254

Amount needed \$ 65,746

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

4:00 p.m. Caroling followed by Soup Supper

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:30 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

No events scheduled

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:20 a.m. Chapel

12:15 p.m. Advent Service

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

5:15 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Advent Service

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

2:00 p.m. Pitch Players

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. FOCUS assembly

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

1:00 p.m. Special VOTERS ASSEMBLY