



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

December 3, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

“The Gospel According to the Angels” – part 2

by Rev. James Carretto

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

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY 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.

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 GIFTS** - 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.

**** 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.

**** SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED** – Have you considered leading a small group evangelism series? If so, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Goehmann. A new evangelism discussion series, “Everyone His Witness” will be starting during Lent. Please consider being a small group leader for this new series.

**** CHOIR SCHEDULE** – Choir Practice will be immediately after Sunday School Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 19. No practice this coming week on December 12.

**** NORFOLK CHAMBER SINGERS** will present “Sing Noel” Friday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Arts Center. Tickets for the performance are \$15, and a limited number are still available at the Arts Center, or from any member of the Chamber Singers.

**** 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Fellowship Hall. They have been renumbered. Please do not use the new envelopes until after January 1. Please ask for assistance if you cannot locate yours.

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

Orphan Grain Train is assisting families affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Florence and Michael and Hawaii's erupting volcano Kilauea. By mid-Oct. about \$2,397,853.00 worth of purchased and donated disaster relief supplies, construction materials, and food was delivered here in the United States and to Puerto Rico. Houston, Texas received 32 loads of construction materials and food, two bedroom units and a storage unit for tools. Corpus Christi, Texas received a bedroom unit for volunteers. In North Carolina, after 140 mph winds and 35 inches of rain ravaged areas, OGT sent relief supplies.

In Florida, after Hurricane Michael wiped out neighborhoods and businesses, OGT delivered the portable mobile chapel and a container of flood cleanup tools and supplies to Panama City. OGT has donated \$20,000 to help 4 families who were displaced due to the eruption of volcano Kilauea. OGT shipped 7 containers of food, water, disaster relief supplies, generators and Bibles to Puerto Rico. OGT transported hay bales and purchased fencing with posts to assist ranchers who were ravaged with wildfires in OK. When an EF3 tornado ripped through Marshalltown, Iowa, OGT delivered food, twin mattresses and air mattresses for families that lost everything. In Wisconsin OGT helped 8 displaced seniors whose low income senior housing facility was flooded from heavy rains.

OGT Branches all over the country have donated money and other articles to disaster relief. At the Big Mission Event in November, OGT was gifted \$8,000 to continue to assist and share the love of Christ to hurting brothers and sisters in the United States.

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 18, 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.

LIFE QUOTE: "The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby's face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV)." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



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.

**** PARENTS & 2s JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY** – During the Sunday School hour on December 16, Parents and 2s will have a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus in their classroom (Mrs. Voelker's Kindergarten room). This is for all children 18 months to 3 years old. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend as well.

**** 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!

**** REHEARSAL NEXT SUNDAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE** - Mass rehearsal for all students will be **Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 in the sanctuary.** Songs and narrations for classes are being practiced in smaller groups each Sunday during the Sunday School hour this weekend.

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Communication

Jr. High & Confirmation	Sr. High Activities
Text 81010 @ChristNo	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.

**** 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.

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

- December 12 – Wednesday Midweek Advent at 12:15 (chapel) & 6:30 p.m.; Soup Supper 5-6:15 p.m.
- December 15 & 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent; worship Saturday at 5:30; Sunday 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Service rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.
- December 19 – Wednesday Midweek Advent at 12:15 (chapel); Sunday School Service at 6:30 p.m.
- December 22 & 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent; NO Saturday worship; Sunday 9:30 a.m. only. No Bible Class
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.
- December 25 – Christmas Day Communion at 9:30 a.m.
- December 29 & 30 – Sunday after Christmas; worship Saturday at 5:30; Sunday 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.; No Sunday School.
- December 31 – New Year's Eve Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

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 - 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** is this 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 9, 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, Jonathan Glaser, 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: Gertrude Hofmann (12/9), Joan Schulz (12/10), Cliff Haas (12/11), Ronald Siecke (12/11), Janice Nicholas (12/12), James Barritt (12/14), Dean Timperley (12/15)
- Thanksgiving for a baby boy, Charles Matthew, born to Kevin and Christine Freudenburg (11/18).
- 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 @clnorfollmail.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: no one listed; at Women's Methodist/Omaha – twins Maddox and Merrick Kalin; at Randolph Colonial Manor – Jacqueline Nelson.

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 12/2/18198

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 12/02/18.....\$13,308

Amount borrowed\$ 70,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)

Received for Deficit reduction \$ 29,953

Growing the Future Campaign

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

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 12/02 \$1,158,015

Amount paid out on project as of 12/02 ... \$1,181,553

Amount borrowed on project \$ 23,538

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 9

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

1:00 p.m. VOTERS ASSEMBLY

3:00 p.m. LHNE Christmas Concert @ LHNE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:30 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

No events scheduled

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

7:00 p.m. COUNCIL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:30 p.m. Ladies Circle Luncheon

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. FOCUS assembly

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday School Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP

3:00 p.m. CLS Christmas Concert at LHNE

5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Night