



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 30, 2018

WEEKLY FOCUS

** **FUNERAL** – *Michelle Griffith* was called to her Eternal Home by Jesus on Friday, September 21. Funeral service and Christian burial were held Thursday, September 27.

Sandra Geary was called to her Savior's side on Saturday, September 22. Funeral service and Christian burial will be held on Monday, October 1.

** **THE OTHER END OF LIFE** - Do Christians need to avail themselves to every possible treatment when dealing with a life-threatening disease? Can we ever say enough is enough? There are simple questions Christians can ask to help with tough end-of-life decisions. Learn about the Christian view of death when Kim Laube and Rev. Dr. James Lamb of Lutheran Family Service presents "The Other End of Life" on **October 1 from 7:00-8:30**, at Grace Lutheran Church, 416 West Park Avenue.

** **LIFE CHAIN** – Life Chain Sunday is next Sunday, October 7, and we hope you are planning to join us. We are meeting at the intersection of 13th Street & Norfolk Avenue. There you can pick up the signs that you will hold that say "Abortion Kills Children"; "Adoption: the Loving Option"; "Lord Forgive Us and Our Nation" etc. This event is a peaceful, prayerful time from 2:00-3:00 p.m., yet it will show Northeast Nebraska that abortion is wrong and that we steadfastly oppose the killing of the unborn. Please take 1 hour out of your busy schedule to take a stand for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves. (If you are unable to stand for the entire hour, you are welcome to bring a chair to use.) For more information regarding "Life Chain", please contact us at norfolkarearighttolife@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

** **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** District President Rev. Richard Snow will be present to share his thoughts on the congregational Self-Study that we just completed and give insight into what's next in the Call process for Christ Lutheran as we continue our search for a Director of Ministries. This meeting is another important step in this ongoing process so please plan to attend.

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

The Big Mission Event is November 11, 2018. It is time to introduce to you the missionaries that we will be supporting in 2018. **Jana Ingelhart is a missionary in Dominican Republic.** (We also supported her in 2016) Jana has been called to be our LCMS Communications Specialist in Latin America. She visits missionaries, puts out information, photos and news reports on missionary work in this part of the world. Recently, she accompanied LCMS Disaster Response team to Guatemala as communities were buried under the ash of Mt. Fuego. She visited temporary shelters for the volcano victims, spreading the Good News by praying with families and distributing Bibles, Bible story books and coloring books to refugees. She distributed medicine, food, hygiene supplies, and medical supplies. **Jana will be the event speaker at the Big Mission Event.** Prayerfully consider supporting our missionary and coming to the event by buying a ticket from an SOS member or in the church office.

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

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>	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, October 9, at 7:00 a.m. The group meets every other Tuesday morning 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.

**** WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A "Lutheran?"** Do you want to learn what we believe as Lutherans – do you want to learn about becoming a member of Christ Lutheran. Well, we have a class for that! When was the last time you took a class about what we believe as Lutherans in the Missouri Synod? Do you have questions about our teachings? Well, we have a class for that! Beginning on Monday nights on October 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Pastor Carretto will be teaching an Adult Information Class. Whether you are a potential new member or have been a member for all your life – this class will give you a refresher on what we teach and why. Hope you can join us!

LIFE QUOTE: "My hope and prayer and encouragement to each of you is to see people of all abilities as God sees them. Each of His children is beloved and valued. Each is uniquely gifted so that the work of God may be displayed—through every season of life." *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

**** S.O.S. BIG MISSION EVENT PLANNED** - Are you looking for an evening of elegance, excitement and entertainment? Then look no further! The Big *Mission* Event is for you! And what's more, this is an opportunity to share our abundant blessings in support of mission activities here and around the world. Hosted by Servants Of the Savior from Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, The Big *Mission* Event will be held on Sunday, November 11, at Divots Conference Center. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a tenderloin medallion dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Featured speaker for the evening will be Jana Inglehart, LCMS Missionary in the Dominican Republic. Gary Thies, LCMS Mission Counselor will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are available for a cost of \$50 per person from Christ Lutheran Church, 605 South Fifth Street, Norfolk (371-1210). No tickets will be sold at the door.

Youthministry

Communication

Jr. High & Confirmation

Text 81010 | @ChristNo

Sr. High Activities

Text 81010 | @ChristNor

**** SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Junior & Senior High Sunday School classes are studying the Gospel Project – a three year project of the entire Biblical narrative. Exciting! There are occasionally donuts, and always good conversation. Junior High meets in the school, Room 132; Senior High gathers in the Chapel.

**** LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! - NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING** If this is on your bucket list, today is your *last chance* to turn in forms and down payment to Heidi. **Will you be joining us** for NYG 2019 - July 11-15, 2019? *Real. Present. God.* Registration forms and information can be found on the table in the narthex. Registration payment due now is \$182 (half of the registration fee). You may use your youth account funds; check with Heidi for your balance. Current 8th graders through Seniors in high school are eligible. If you have questions - text or call Heidi at (314) 420-2591.

**** JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT – Sunday, September 30, 4-7 p.m.** at the Crow's Nest Corn Maze. Meet in the Christ Lutheran parking lot at 4:00 p.m., pick up at 7:00 p.m. back at Christ. \$5 per person. We need drivers for this event! Contact Heidi if you're willing to help.

**** OCTOBER SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT** - Sunday, October 14, 5-7:00 p.m. at the Peterson's, 1200 Tara Heights...bonfire, hotdog and potato chip bar, Psalm 46:3, and servant project.

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. The LHNE Scrip program is a great way for you to organize your budget and spending, while supporting Christian education at the same time. Before you head to the grocery store, gas station, go out for dinner, or start your next fix-it project, purchase gift cards from the LHNE Scrip program. A percentage of each purchase comes directly back to the students at LHNE. Check out the newest additions to the LHNE Scrip: CVS Pharmacy, Franklin's Bistro, Smokin' Stan's, Taco Johns, Whiskey Creek and Raising Cane's.

**** YOU'RE INVITED!** – The students and staff of Lutheran High Northeast would like to invite EVERYONE to our Discover LHNE Open House event on Sunday, October 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is open to the entire community. Come take a tour of our building with our student ambassadors or grab a map for a self-guided tour, meet our staff, receive additional information to take home, and enjoy a yummy pancake dinner hosted by our Booster Club at the same time. We hope to see you on October 14.

**** BUS DRIVER NEEDED** – LHNE is now accepting applicants for bus drivers. All applicants must have a Class B School Bus endorsement. Please contact John Robertson if you are interested at jrobertson@lhne.org or call (402) 379-3040.

**** LHNE MUSIC CONCERT** – The first music concert of the school year will be on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Andrews Activity Center of LHNE. Please join us as the students share the skills they are developing with the talent that God has blessed them with.

GENEROSITY. WITH FAITH

We are thankful that in the past several years budget deficits have been infrequent. This year, however, we have one. The deficit for the budget year 2017-2018 was \$203,359. Our bylaws require that we attend to any deficit in the autumn of the next budget year.

To that end we will be having announcements regarding the "Generosity, with Faith" campaign during the coming months. The goal is to raise roughly an additional average Sunday's offering each month over the next 10 months. Here's how that looks with an average household offering of \$100 a week.

Splitting up the additional offering over the 10 months between now and the end of June, 2019, would mean putting in 1/4 more than usual each Sunday, or \$125 in every week instead of \$100. While the regular offering would go into the weekly envelope, the extra \$25 would go into the golden envelope included with your contribution envelopes and be labeled "deficit reduction."

Please prayerfully consider "Generosity, with Faith" and help Christ Lutheran move forward in ministry.

POSITION CHANGE

The following item from Christ Lutheran Principal Steve Stortz was included in the October 2018 ECHO mailed on Tuesday of this past week.

**** POSITION HAS COME FULL CIRCLE** - In 1986 I was a fresh graduate out of Concordia College Seward and had just arrived in Norfolk to teach Grade 3 and serve as the computer/audio-visual coordinator. Since that time, I have also taught Grades 4, 5 and 7. I then moved to full time technology. Several of you had me as teacher and now your children are part of our school family.

It was eleven years ago when at the late acceptance of a Call by Principal Bill Meyer to another school, that the Christ Lutheran Board of Education asked me to fill in as an interim principal for one year while they searched for a new leader. At the end of that year, the board asked if I would continue serving as principal.

On July 31 I shared with the Christ Lutheran Church personnel committee that at the end of this school year I would like to step down as principal and return to the classroom. I then shared this information with the Christ Lutheran School Board of Education at their August meeting and the school staff after that. If you were to ask the students, or staff what my favorite part of the day is, they would tell you that is the time I spend greeting students and parents in the morning before school. Moving out of the office and back to teaching will provide an opportunity to do what I love and am passionate about – working with students.

Life in a Lutheran school is full of change. Teachers change grade levels and take on new or different responsibilities all the time. This is part of having the "heart of a servant" mentality. We use our talents and abilities to serve God in the ways that He would lead us. I believe that He has called me to return to the classroom. How that will look is in His hands. There are two Bible verses that I have come to love which sum up what faith looks like when put into practice. Proverbs 3:5 "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding*". Jeremiah 29:11 states, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*". The verses are a way of looking at life and trusting God in all circumstances no matter what your occupation or stage in life.

I ask that you keep the CLS Board of Education and myself in your prayers as they begin a new search for a principal.

From the Board of Education - *After 11 years as our Principal, Mr. Stortz has asked to step down from his administration role with Christ Lutheran School at the end of this school year. We will honor his years of dedication to the children of Christ Lutheran School, at the annual Ministry Milestone celebration in April. Before then, please take the opportunity to say thank you to Steve. His many years and long hours of managing our school is a testimony to his faith and his commitment to our students. Please pray for Mr. Stortz and his family as God guides them in a new direction.*

COMMUNITY

**** TEN POINT PITCH** players will be meeting with sister congregations Thursday, October 4 at Our Savior Lutheran's new church at 2420 West Omaha Avenue (former Budweiser warehouse). Please enter the East doors into The Point. Everyone is welcome to come from 2:00-4:00 for fun and enjoy making new friends as well as seeing old friends. You may bring snacks to share; drink is provided. Nothing with nuts in it please as they have a student with severe allergy.

**** NORFOLK ZONE FALL LWML EVENT** "In Praise to the Lord" will be Saturday, October 13 at St. John Lutheran Parish Hall, Battle Creek. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Event starting at 9:00 a.m. Car pool will leave from Christ Lutheran parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Mission speaker will be Heidi Goehmann sharing about mission work in Haiti. Heidi is a vivacious speaker with a heart for this particular ministry. The ingathering will be a monetary gift to Ministry in Mission, an LCMS recognized service organization in Haiti. Even if someone is not an LWML member, you are welcome to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 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, Marvin Herbert, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Sandy Horst, Jason Jackson, Lela Kiepke, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Colet Lierman, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Lisa Murray, 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, Donniss Omer, Harlan Prauner, 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 Katrina Peabody, undergoing surgery on Monday.
- For the family of Michelle Griffith, called to her Savior's side last Friday; and for the family of Sandra Geary, called to Eternal Rest last Saturday.
- For Robert and Gloria Vogel in the loss of Robert's brother, Lester Vogel.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more this week including: John Simpson (10/4), Jerome Wockman (10/4) and Arlene Meisinger (10/5).
- For those participating in the new Stephen Ministry classes that are beginning this week, that they may grow in the care-giving skills.
- 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.

LEFTOVERS

**** LAST CALL** for a Presto countertop pancake griddle left in the Fellowship Hall from the Blom Pancake Fundraiser in late July. If this belongs to you, please pick it up from the table in the Fellowship Hall. If it is left after October 1, it will be donated.

**** 3 LIFE JACKETS** remain in the Narthex that were used for VBS. Please claim these as soon as possible before they are put in storage with props or given away.

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

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:, Ellen Glanzer, 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 09/23/18 521 / 151

Bible Class 74

Sunday School / Staff 67 / 22

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Received 09/23/18.....\$16,690

Amount borrowed\$ 20,000

June 2018 Yearend Deficit (\$203,359)

Growing the Future Campaign

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

Rec'd towards committed goal as of 09/23 \$1,129,672

Amount paid out on project as of 09/23 ... \$1,181,553

Amount borrowed on project \$ 51,881

Capital Campaign (for Land Acquisition)

Purchase Price \$ 277,000

Early Commitment -100,000

Christ Lutheran School Foundation - 57,000

Previously received offerings - 20,000

Needed & authorized by Voters for Capital Campaign \$ 100,000

Offerings received for Capital Campaign - 33,555

Amount needed \$ 66,445

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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

10:30 a.m. Playground Build continues

10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

4:00-7:00 Junior High Youth Event

7:00 p.m. CCDDM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

3:30 p.m. Finance

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Class

7:00 p.m. Adult Info Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:20 a.m. Chapel

5:15 p.m. Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7:30 p.m. Praise Team

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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

10:30 a.m. Playground Build continues

10:45 a.m. WORSHIP