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Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Welcome to worship for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture for today: Jeremiah + James 3:1-12 + Mark 9:14-29

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Fale + Special Music: Lutheran High Northeast Choir

**** FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for 150 years of God's blessings given to Christ Lutheran congregation. Other flowers - a side arrangement is given in loving memory of LaVerne Munson. The other side arrangement is in thanksgiving for 93 years of birthday blessings for Daphne Ferguson from her family.

**** FUNERAL** – Juline Gall was called to her Savior's side on September 8, 2021. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Sunday, September 26

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Leon Rosenthal, guest preacher

Fellowship time with doughnuts and coffee following the service

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Sunday, October 3 - 9:00-9:45 a.m. – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion – Rev. Chip Winter, guest preacher

Sunday, October 10 - 9:00-9:45 a.m. – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Rev. Dirk Reek, guest preacher, Jared Stiek, guest organist

- Abbreviated Saturday evening services will be held at 5:30 p.m. for those not able to attend the Sunday worship service and events on these special weekends.
- Check out the 150th Anniversary activities for Christ Lutheran School inside this Focus.

**** \$200,000 CHALLENGE – We are almost there ...** with \$387,343 of the total \$400,000 already received. Anonymous gifts of \$200,000 were initially received towards the church renovation project. Our goal is to match this \$200,000 by October 1. Special envelopes are available in the narthex if you would like to contribute towards this much needed and appreciated upgrade to our facilities.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL ANNOUNCED

Our **Uniting To Grow** capital campaign has been progressing very nicely. We have been preparing materials for the campaign, recruiting and training the volunteers, and have begun the silent phase of campaign solicitations. The support for this project and the energy of our members is fantastic. One indication of that is in our volunteer team. We have almost 70 individuals/couples serving on our campaign team!

We will be launching the campaign in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, you should have received a flyer from us called *Frequently Asked Questions*. This flyer addresses some of the common questions that we have heard regarding the project so far. We urge you to review this document thoroughly as it contains important details about the campaign and our plans for the school. We want everyone to be well informed about this project. If you have additional questions that are not addressed in this flyer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

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



BIBLE STUDY MENU

SUNDAY

The Prophet Malachi 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall (Carretto)

MONDAY

Bible Stories 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall (Carretto)

WEDNESDAY

Church Denominations 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall (Moreno)

MORE BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE

**** MONDAYS – Join Pastor Carretto for “Bible Stories”.** You’ve read the Bible’s familiar stories from the time that you were a small child. This Monday night Bible Study gives you the chance to see these stories in a new light and with new depth! We’ll take one story a week. Come us Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for “The Rest of the Story”.

**** WEDNESDAY – THE BIBLE** - Join Pastor Moreno from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The current focus is on “Church Denominations”.

**** TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S BREAKFAST STUDY** takes place every other Tuesday morning, at 7:00 a.m. at First Choice Catering (1110 S. 9th Street). The next study will be Tuesday, September 28. Topic: Joshua

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship **09/12/21** 436
Communed 126

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **09/12/21** \$ 18,157

Your generosity and continued support during this time of restrictions is greatly appreciated.

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – Jeff Suckstorf

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the Church Office.

LIFE QUOTE: “God has put us in our roles as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world’s resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!” *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.

2 John 6a

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL** is off and rolling! Haven't made it yet? We can't wait to see you! Email Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education with any questions. cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org We meet at the school at 9:15 a.m. On all Sundays that are part of the 150th anniversary celebration, Sunday School will be from 9-9:45 a.m. This includes September 19, September 26, October 3, and October 10.



**** CHRIST CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT IS NEXT SUNDAY** - Christ Lutheran School will be hosting its 1st Annual "Christ Classic" 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament Sunday, September 26, at 1:00. The tournament will be held at Eldorado Golf Course. Fees are \$60 per player. Sign up your team or become a sponsor by calling the school office (371-5536) or emailing Principal Urban at durban@clnorfolk.org. Come out for fun, fellowship and friendly competition with the CLS community!

150th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL

The 150th anniversary celebration for Christ Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran School is just beginning! There are many special events planned.

+ Saturday, September 25 - the CLS JH Band will be marching in the Lion's Club Parade. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. We're hoping to have some alumni for our band join us. Music is a gift that never ends. The Christ Lutheran Campus (church, school, daycare) will also have a float in the parade. If you're interested in helping, contact Mr. Urban or Mrs. Voelker at school.

+ Wednesday/Thursday, September 29 & 30 are Pioneer Days at CLS. Wednesday, students and staff are encouraged to wear pioneer attire. If they bring cold lunch, we suggest their bring it in a pail, basket, or cloth bag. In the morning, the classes will be participating in some varied pioneer activities. Mr. and Mrs. Portwood are going to read sections of "Little House on the Prairie" to the students after lunch. Chapel will begin at 2:30 and will have an "old time" feel. Boys sitting on one side of the church, girls on the other.

+ Thursday, September 30 is Fun Day ... Students are encouraged to wear sneakers (no pioneer clothing) as we will be having different races and activities in the afternoon. Three legged race, sack race, wheelbarrow race are just a few of the activities. Lunch that day will feature some of the pioneer activities from Wednesday (homemade bread, homemade butter, dried apple slices and homemade ice cream).

Mission Memo ... Pray for Church Workers Around the World & in our Community

James and Angela Sharp are missionaries in Uruguay, South America. Rev. Sharp is leading a workshop on "Lutheranism and Values." Non-Christian parents send their kids to be taught "values." He talks about Christ at the center of "values," what it means to be rooted in the Gospel, and how that is different from how the world thinks. Mrs. Sharp is a Lutheran teacher and is teaching Math in English in the Bilingual program at the middle school. Their son Elias finished his first year at St. Paul Lutheran High in Concordia, MO, and really liked it. Ambrose is in 8th grade and is happy to have classes in a new building for Colegio San Pablo. Callie (6th grade) and Maggie (5th grade) both participate in Catechesis classes this year. **Pray that more people will hear the Word and desire to gather in Bible study, Catechesis, and eventually missions and worship services.**

**** HELPING HANDS JOB OPPORTUNITIES** - Helping Hands Child Care is hiring for classroom helpers in the infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms. Hours per week are flexible and can range from 15 - 40 hours depending on your availability. Also looking for 2 after school helpers (can be in high school). Afterschool helpers must be available a minimum of 2 days per week from 3 - 6 pm. A love for working with children and strong work references are a must to apply! Please contact Chad at 402-379-3275 or cbryant@clnorfolk.org

YOUTH FOCUS

**** WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUPS** - September 8 launched our weekly youth group 6:30-7:30 for 7/8 grade, and 7:45-9:00 for 9-12. Join us every Wednesday evening for discussion, questions, snacks, games, and Bible study. Meet at Christ Lutheran fellowship hall. Bring a friend! Email Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education with any questions. cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org

**** CONFIRMATION** (7th & 8th grade) starts October 17 with classes being held in the school.

**** SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY – MAJOR NEWS** ... First day of High School Bible Study is going to be October 3 at 9:00 a.m.

**** STAY UPDATED WITH YOUTH EVENTS** - The youth ministry will be using the Remind system to stay up to date with youth events. You will typically receive 2-3 texts a week. Please sign up if you haven't already! Email Cori Woltmann @ cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org and let her know if you want to be in the 7-8 or 9-12 group. Your cell phone number will remain private.

MUSIC NOTES

**** CELEBRATION CHOIR** – Individuals interested in singing in choir for the 150th Anniversary Service on October 10, as well as several other occasions coming up are invited to come to Celebration Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church sanctuary. High school youth on up are welcome. Questions – contact Starla in the Church Office 371-1210.

**** HANDBELL CHOIR – is seeking substitute ringers!** While we have a full handbell choir, there are occasions when a ringer will be absent and a substitute is needed. Rehearsal is in the balcony on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning September 8. Some knowledge of music is preferred. Contact Lisa Moreno at 402-316-8197 if interested.

INVITATION: Christ Lutheran School and Church are celebrating their 150th anniversary. In order to celebrate and to demonstrate that music is for all ages - I'd like to invite any former CLS band students to march with the current JH Band in the Lion's Club Parade on Sept. 25. The band will be located just in front of the church/school float. Contact Mrs. Gansebom at egansebom@clnorfolk.org to get a copy of the music. We're playing "This Is My Country". No special outfit to wear and I'll have school horns you can borrow. We'll meet at Franklin's Bistro parking lot at 9:00 the morning of the parade. I think it could be fun, we're a small band and any/all instruments are welcome. Well, maybe not bagpipes or an accordion! I hope you'll join us.

Mrs. Gansebom

MEETINGS

**** S.O.S.** – Servants of the Savior will be meeting Tuesday, September 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Planning is underway for the Big Event coming in November. Come and be a part of this mission-minded group.

**** MOPS** - Are you a new mom or do you have little ones? Then MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is for you! Join us for a meal, devotional, and other activities once a month! First meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, 6:30 - potluck dinner / 7:00 meeting. Sign up: www.mops.org and click on "Become a Member". Check out our Facebook group: Norfolk Night MOPS.

**** LIVE NATIVITY PLANNING MEETING** – will take place Saturday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in helping with this event and serving on a planning team please come. There will be a way for everyone to help and participate.

**** LWML SUNDAY** – *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly ... As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace* (1 Peter 4:8,10). Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," in celebration of LWML Sunday, 2021 on October 17. LWML shares God's ministry around the world through mites, service, and prayer. Priscillas, our LWML group, meets the first Tuesday of each month.

**** LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE ZONE 11 FALL RALLY** will be October 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Wakefield. The event begins at 3:00 p.m. with a hymn sing and opening, followed by a 3:30 speaker, with business meeting and a 5:00 supper. Speaker is Paul Leckband, Board Member and former principal of Lutheran High Northeast, now working for Orphan Grain Train. RSVP to Pastor Willie Bertrand by September 30th (402-584-2408)

**** MISSIONARY PRESENTATION** – Wednesday, October 13 from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Andrew and Noel Schaff will be presenting an update about the LCMS mission in Taiwan. The couple has served the past 17 years as teacher missionaries at Concordia Middle School in ChiaYi, Taiwan.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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, Sonia Clark, Sandy Cover, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Bruce Gardels, Bruce Hansen, Stacy Hart, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Judy Hilkemann, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Melvin Jensen, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Kevin Langel, Margaret McCutchen, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Bryan Muehlmeier, Amy Neuhalfen, Keith Neuhalfen, Katrina Peabody, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Janice Rosberg, Melvin Sanders, Leon Schulz, Jay Sila, Steve Sothan, Nicholle Soukup, Larry Walker, Velda Warneke, John Weber, Karen Widhalm, April Wiley, Kathy Wolfe, Don Wolff, Colton Wright, Allan Zeitz.
- For those homebound, in care centers, nursing homes, suffering long-term illness; those who face tests, uncertainties about their health, undergoing surgery, or facing difficult times, including: Elizabeth Ambrose, Hazel Bermel, Ken BoyerMike Brockhaus, Shellie Bretschneider, Robert Daughton, Daphne Ferguson, Lucille Gesell, Jonathan Glaser, Timothy Hallberg, Nicole Hausmann, Craig Herpy, Joy Henkel, Melody Hulse, EllaMae Jensen, Lois Kapels, Steve Long, Lois Miller, Connie Mock, Jim Papstein, Hazel Pflueger, Renee Praeuner, Diane Pinger, Shelby Reeker, Michelle Reeson, Sandy Schulz, Brayden Vodehnal, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, & a young girl, Taryn, & those undergoing tests/treatments.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Lois Vogel (9/21), Willard Kohlhof (9/24), Theresa Shermer (9/26) and Darlene Davis (9/27).
- For the family of Juline Gall, called to eternal Rest.
- For Charlie and Peg Menke in the loss of Charlie's mother, Elaine Menke.
- For Andrew Rutten, as he awaits kidney transplant surgery.
- We pray for all people in authority over communities and countries, all whose decisions affect the health of its inhabitants, and all who are charged to maintain justice within their borders and peace among nations.
- We pray for all who serve the Lord as they care for others – medical personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and neighbors, professionals and volunteers.
- For grocers, pharmacists, other retailers, and transport personnel who keep their stores open, the shelves stocked and deliver essential needs for all customers.
- That God would raise up a mighty army of believers who would guide our nation back to Christian principles.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PASTORAL NEEDS – If during this time of suspended worship services and visits, you have a prayer request or a special need that would require pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office (402-371-1210). We will handle needs on an individual basis.

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**** HOMECOMING THEME ANNOUNCED** - This year's Homecoming will be "Disney Themed". LHNE's Homecoming week is September 20th-25th.

**** PACK THE BLEACHERS NIGHTS** - During the week of Homecoming, the volleyball and football teams want to "Pack the Bleachers" on **September 21st (VB)** and **September 24th (FB)**. We would love to see a HUGE number of students and families come and cheer! Students in K-8 get in free and we will have free face tattoos and fun kids games for prizes. Volleyball games begin at 6:00 p.m. at LHNE and the Football game begins at 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Field.

**** LHNE ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED AND OPEN HOUSE** - Save the date – Sunday, October 17th – Fun musical performances, a great breakfast, and an Eagle Open House for families/students interested in attending LHNE.

**** LHNE POSITIONS AVAILABLE** - We are still in search of:

- ✓ A Full Time Maintenance Director – begins in January
- ✓ A Head Girls Soccer Coach
- ✓ An Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- ✓ A Bus Driver

**** A CHRISTMAS BOX THANK YOU** - Amazing things are possible! Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Christmas box project. This year we had more of everything-more donations, more volunteers, more boxes. When we had finished, we had packed 1900 Christmas boxes for Orphan Grain Train to send all over the world to tell children of the love of Jesus. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort donations, pack boxes, and transport finished boxes to Orphan Grain Train. As you celebrate Christmas this year, remember the 1900 children who will receive one of these Christmas presents and hear the Christmas story.

Church Office is open to be of service to the congregation.
Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Fridays 8 a.m. – Noon

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

Throughout this year, we have conducted the celebration of the Lord's Supper in a different manner. We rejoice that we were given the life giving body and blood of Christ through this difficult time. However, this practice has also led to confusion. So, to insure we are respectful of God's gift of Holy Communion. **Please do not take a communion cup home to relatives who cannot come to Church.** This is not in accord with the practice of the Church. Instead, please ask a Pastor and we will be happy to visit your loved one and provide the Lord's Supper.