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Week of 11.21.21

CHRIST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



1871-2021  
150 Years - Rooted In Christ

## Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year – Christ the King Sunday**  
**Scripture for today: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 + Revelation 1:4b-8 + John 18:33-37**

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**\*\* IN WORSHIP TODAY – 8:00 Handbell Selection:** Our handbell choir will play "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen at the 8:00 service. Our readings this week, for Christ is King Sunday, refer to the the Victorious King Jesus in heaven, and the many believers He gathers to Himself. The handbell piece asks God to gather in the community of believers. Meditate upon these lyrics as you listen to the beautiful song which also features flute:

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

**\*\* 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** are here! If you ordered an ornament, please stop by the Scrip/Welcome Desk after church services or contact the Church Office to make arrangements for pick up.

**\*\* DRIVE THRU LIVE NATIVITY** - Christ, Grace, Mt. Olive, and Our Savior in Norfolk are hosting a *Drive Thru Live Nativity* December 11, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Memorial Field Parking Lot, free and open to the public. The *Drive Thru Live Nativity* will include seven scenes from the Christmas story, music, Bible readings, actors, live animals, and giveaway gifts that go along with each scene to help families share the story in their cars and afterwards at home.

### *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* *A Service of Thanksgiving* *With Holy Communion*

**Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Join us for a service filled with songs of praise, prayers  
and thanksgiving to our gracious God.*



The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church

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

## BIBLE STUDY MENU

### SUNDAY

ACTS

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)

### THURSDAY

Men's Bible Study – "Armor of God"

6:30 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. Join us Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for "The Rest of the Story".

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

**\*\* THURSDAYS** – "Equipped – The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles" Men's Bible Study. 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Moreno.

**\*\* TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY** takes place every other Tuesday morning, at 7:00 a.m. at First Choice Catering (1110 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street). The next study will be Tuesday, November 14. Topic: James.

**\*\* 2022 LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE – BIBLE 101** is scheduled for Sundays, January 9, 16 and 23 (30), from 1:30-4:30 p.m. God offers hope in His holy love letter. Come and see. The Institute will be held Grace Lutheran Church, 416 West Park Avenue.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**\*\* SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin practicing today for their Christmas Service on December 15. Please come join us! Email Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education with any questions. [cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org](mailto:cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org)  
We meet at the school at 9:15 a.m.

### Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 11/14/21 ..... 417

Communed ..... 120

### Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received 11/14/21 ..... \$ 19,609

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

### Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:  
at FRHS – Dennis Fleming, Celeste Farlee.  
Tammy Schlote is recovering at home following surgery.

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

**LIFE QUOTE:** "We pray for God's light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God's Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29)." *Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



***May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy.***  
1 Thessalonians 3:13a

**\*\* PARENT PARTNERS** – a project of the Christian Nurture Board, is seeking “experienced” parent volunteers who would be willing to partner with “new” parents in our church. Simply put, you would reach out to and support brand new parents as they begin their journey in raising Christian children. Contact the church office to leave your name and receive further information.

## **UNITING TO GROW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CLS**

We are very pleased to report that our *Uniting to Grow* Capital Campaign has reached the \$4.5 million mark. We have exceeded our Foundation Goal of \$4 million and continue to get closer to our Celebration Goal of \$5.5 million and our Challenge Goal of \$7 million.

So how do we finish what we have started and get to our Challenge goal of \$7 million? The simple answer is that we need to have every member of our faith community participate in this campaign. As St. Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians:

*“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.” - 2 Corinthians 8:12*

Your gift or pledge in any amount will help us reach our goal. More importantly, your gift will help us build an important legacy that will benefit our children and our community for many years to come. Please take time to make your pledge now.

**LONG DISTANCE RELATIVES** - Do Grandma and Grandpa live in another town but still want to support their grandchildren with educational opportunities? Forward their name and address to the Church Office and we will be glad to share more information with them about the **Uniting to Grow** Capital Campaign and how they can become involved even with miles of separation in between. Aunts, uncles and other family members could be welcome recipients of this information and joyful supporters of this community project to share Christian education for years to come.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

**\*\* CELEBRATION CHOIR** – Celebration Choir rehearses 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. (During Advent, Celebration Choir Rehearsals move to Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.)

**\*\* MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR 10:30 SERVICE** – Willing to play guitar, keyboard, drums? 10:30 Praise Team needs you. Please contact the church office for further information.

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

The Big Mission Event supports **Youth of Christ Lutheran Church**. Youth and their leaders seek opportunities to do servant events in their home congregation, with sister congregations, and in the community. **Lord, may the light of Jesus shine in our youth as they participate in servant mission events.**

**\*\* S.O.S. BIG EVENT IS VIRTUAL** - Due to concerns about Covid, the Christ Lutheran SOS group is again doing their BIG EVENT virtually. This fundraiser supports Missionaries, Orphan Grain Train, scholarships for sons of the congregation for seminary school, CL youth mission events, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and Priozersk Russian Orphanage. Thank you for your support of this endeavor. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

## **YOUTH FOCUS**

**\*\* CONFIRMATION** (7th & 8th grade) has begun. 7<sup>th</sup> grade meets at the school (Room 131). 8<sup>th</sup> graders gather in the Chapel.

**\*\* HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** – meets at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday in Room 205 (Resource Room) at CLS.

**\*\* WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** - We are having a blast hanging out and spending time in God's Word at youth group. All are welcome, and bring a friend! Grade 7 & 8 is 6:30-7:30 p.m., and 9-12 is 7:45-9:00 every Wednesday. Meet by the grass at Christ Lutheran Church!

**\*\* QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUTH EVENTS?** - Do you have a question about a youth event, or want to start receiving text notifications about our youth ministry? Email Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education at [cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org](mailto:cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org), or send a text @ 507-456-5380.

## **LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST**

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**\*\* HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** - We have so much to be thankful for this year! *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalm 100:4 (ESV)*

**\*\* FFA PATHWAYS 2 CAREERS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS** - Last weekend, 9 LHNE FFA members attended a Leadership Conference in Kearney. This was the first in-person leadership conference that our FFA members have been able to attend since our chapter formed. Our chapter members were able to meet several hundred students from all over the state. Our next event will be held in Hartington. It is a Leadership Development Event in December.

**\*\* MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION IN FULL SWING** - Last week, the LHNE mock trial members competed against 2 different schools at their first Regional Competition of the year at the Madison County Courthouse. They are now preparing for their next competition which will occur after Thanksgiving.

**\*\* ONE ACT NEWS** - Our One Act team performing "Lady: Limited" earned third place at the One Act Competition in Schuyler last week! They will be competing again this weekend in Pender. **GOOD LUCK!**

**\*\* LHNE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GIFT WRAPPING** – Students in the National Honor Society at LHNE will be offering gift wrapping for Christmas presents on Saturday, December 11, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at LHNE. Take the stress out of getting ready for Christmas. Wrapping charge range from \$3-\$8. You can bring gifts up to LHNE before hand and they will be ready for you on December 11 to pick up during the event..

**\*\* LHNE BLOOD DRIVE** - As the holidays approach, no gift is more valuable than the gift of life through blood donations. Please consider donating blood on Monday, November 22 at LHNE. We are moving our collection area from the Library to the Gym in order to increase the collection units. Please consider donating. The blood drive is held from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 21, 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 (Kesting) Hart, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, Judy Hilkemann, Kellie (Hoffman) Reyes, Elaine Holmberg, Melvin Jensen, Miriam Krueger, Georgia Lambrecht, Margaret McCutchen, Lisa Meyer, Robert Mock, Bryan Muehlmeier, Amy Neuhalfen, Keith Neuhalfen, Katrina Peabody, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Melvin Sanders, Leon Schulz, Jay Sila, Steve Sothan, Nicholle Soukup, Larry Walker, Velda Warneke, 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, Mike Brockhaus, Shellie Bretschneider, Robert Daughton, 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: Jean Woockman (11/21), Sharon Zautke (11/21), and Elaine Scheurich (11/22).
- For Ken and Sandi Petersen and family in the loss of their son, Cory Petersen.
- 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 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.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**\*\* AUDIO/VISUAL** - We have installed new audio/visual Live Stream equipment for the broadcasting of our worship services. If you are interested in videography, this would be an excellent way to use your skills, or learn a new one. Training is provided. Contact the Church Office for more information.

**\*\* CLICKERS NEEDED** - We need your help. Would you like to learn how to be a clicker (screen operator) for the worship services? We need you! Openings are available for all services. There is an urgent need. Please contact Lynn in the office and she will get you started on your journey in serving Christ Lutheran. Lynn's email is [lwalsmsley@clnorfok.org](mailto:lwalsmsley@clnorfok.org). Training is provided.

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

In the beginning, God gave, and He continues to give. God's character is to give. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He holds nothing back from us, either in this world or the one to come. *"He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32) To give and to keep on giving is the essential nature of God Who is love. As our faith grows and matures, we also become givers who, by God's grace, give freely and generously.

**Drive Thru  
Live Nativity**

**Saturday, December 11**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Field Parking Lot**

**715 South 1<sup>st</sup> St.**

*Sponsored by Christ, Grace, Mt. Olive and Our Savior Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*



**DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Wednesdays, December 1 & 8**

Advent Worship 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Supper served 5:00-6:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 15**

Advent Worship 12:15

Sunday School Service 6:30 p.m.

*(no supper served)*

**Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**4:30 and 8:30 p.m. Traditional**

**6:30 Contemporary**

**Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Sunday, December 26**

**9:30 a.m. Worship**

*(no Sunday School or Bible Class)*

**Friday, December 31 – New Year's Eve**

**5:30 p.m. Holy Communion**

**No Saturday Worship (New Year's Day)**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**

*(no Sunday School or Bible Class)*