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Week of 12.26.21

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Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Today is the First Sunday after Christmas

Scripture for today: Isaiah 52:7-10, 11-15 + Colossians 3:12-17 + Luke 2:22-40

Pastor Carretto's sermon is "Need Some Good News?" based on Isaiah 52:7-10

**** FUNERAL** – Steve Stortz, former principal at Christ Lutheran School, was called to his Savior's side on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Funeral service and Christian burial will be held at Christ Lutheran on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be at the church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27. Steve faithfully served Christ Lutheran in various positions for 33 years.

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

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)

**** THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped with the presentation of the Live Nativity on December 11. What an amazing witness of giving: Nyla and Ashley Wanke, Dan Karmazin, Micah SYmmank, Leon and Kathy Gebhardt, Kari and Morgen Buss, Drew and Tina Urban and family, Haylee Miller, Shelby Tachovsky, Karen and Marshall Petersen, Grace Nelson, Judy deKoning and family, Jerry and Lori Bohn, and Amy and Bethany Bockelman.

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. 9th Street). The next study will be Tuesday, January 4. 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.



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)

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 12/19/21	418
Communed	226
Advent Midweek 12/15/21.....	243

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received 12/19/21 \$ 21,643

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – Rusty Petersen

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

LIFE QUOTE: "Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!" *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone ... Always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

YOUTH FOCUS

** **CONFIRMATION** (7th & 8th grade) has begun. 7th grade meets at the school (Room 131). 8th 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. During Advent, we are meeting as one group immediately after the Advent service.

** **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, or send a text @ 507-456-5380.

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**** MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR** - The LHNE Faculty & Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are so thankful for the opportunity to educate the amazing students at LHNE. We pray that our students take some time to enjoy celebrating CHRIST's birth with their families! We are looking forward to a great year in 2022!

**** NEW LHNE COACHES ANNOUNCED** - LHNE is excited to introduce our new coaches that were just recently hired. Mr. Ryan Kollbaum will be our Spring Golf Coach, Mr. Chad Miller will be our new LHNE/NC Girls Soccer Coach, and Ms. Bri Swan will be our new Silver Talons Dance Coach.

**** LHNE ONE ACT PLACES 6TH IN THE STATE** - Our One Act cast and crew placed 6th in the state last week in the C1 State Championship. Students had steep competition and had a great time performing. Micah Goedeken, Esther Molina, Nathan Sievert, and Ruth Zimmerman earned Outstanding Performer awards.

**** MOCK TRIAL HEADED TO STATE** - The LHNE Mock Trial A team is headed to state! Both the A & B teams competed at our regional Mock Trial Competition on December 7 and the A team earned 1st place in their region and will be advancing to the state competition in early January!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF DECEMBER 26, 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, Gail Gubbels, 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, Rusty Petersen, 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, 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, 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 Charlene Stortz and family in the loss of her husband, Steve Stortz.
- For those celebrating birthdays of 80 years or more including: Robert Vogel (12/26), Vernon Hjorth (12/27), Helen Anderson (12/30), Evelyn Kurpgeweit (12/31) and Delvin Schulz (12/31).
- 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.

Lutheran High Northeast – January 2022



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our *Growing the Future, Rooted in Him* Capital Campaign continues to get closer to the final goal. As of December 15th, \$2,295,460 has been raised toward the goal of \$3.4 million. You might notice some trees missing from the planned site – the nineteen pine trees that were growing on the LHNE northeast lawn have now been moved to the north side of the practice football field and just west of the soccer field.

LHNE ONE ACT GOES TO STATE

For the first time in LHNE history, our One Act cast and crew headed to the C1 State Championship which took place in Norfolk. LHNE placed 6th in the state! Micah Goedecken, Esther Molina, Nathan Sievert, & Ruth Zimmerman received awards for Outstanding actors and actresses for their performance in “*Lady: Limited*”. We are so thankful for our director Steven Whitney and our assistant director, Heather Whitney who did a wonderful job with these students.

LHNE MOCK TRIAL GOING TO STATE AGAIN

On December 7th, the LHNE Mock Trial A Team won the regional championship and is headed to state on January 10-12th. Our A Team competed against South Sioux City's varsity and our B Team competed against Wayne's varsity. Our A team defeated South Sioux City in the championship and finished 4-0 and ranked 1st overall in our region. Our B Team fell to Wayne's varsity team, but still finished 4th in the region. We are so thankful for Mr. Sunderman and Shawn Beaudette who have spent several hours helping these students prepare for this competition!

LHNE REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR 2022-2023

On Tuesday, February 1st, Lutheran High Northeast will be having its annual Registration Night for all current eighth-grade students who have an interest in attending LHNE in the Fall of 2022. Students who are currently in High School that are interested in transferring to LHNE from their current school are also welcome. It is an opportunity to meet teachers, administration, coaches, and club advisors. It is also an opportunity for incoming students to meet current LHNE students.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 3 – Girls/Boys C team at Crofton
- Jan 4 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB vs Wakefield @HOME
- Jan 6-7 – Girls/Boys Varsity BB at Wausa
- Jan 10 – Girls/Boys C team at Stanton
- Jan 11 – Girls JV/V BB @ Stanton
- Jan 12 – FFA meeting
- Jan 13 – Girls/Boys JV/V vs Battle Creek @ HOME
- Jan 14 – Trivia Night
- Jan 15 – Speech Meet
- Jan 15 – Wrestling @ Battle Creek
- Jan 16 – Booster Club mtg
- Jan 17 – No School
- Jan 17 – Girls/Boys C BB teams @ HOME vs HLHF
- Jan 18 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB @ HOME
- Jan 21 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB @ HOME vs Norf. Cath
- Jan 21 – Eagle Fun Day
- Jan 22- Speech Meet
- Jan 22 – Wrestling in Neligh
- Jan 23 – LHNE Choir at Our Savior Lutheran Church
- Jan 24 – Lutheran Schools Week
- Jan 24 – Girls/Boys BB C-team @ home
- Jan 27 – FFA District Livestock Judging
- Jan 27 – Girls/Boys JV/V vs Fullerton @ Home
- Jan 29 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB at HSF

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