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Week of 01.16.22

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**Christ Lutheran
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Today is the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgy: Divine Service 1, pg 151ff

Pastor Carretto's sermon is "*I Will Not Keep Silent!*" based on Isaiah 62:1-5

Scripture for today: Isaiah 62:1-5 + 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 + John 2:1-11

**** IN THE 8:00 SERVICE TODAY**, the Celebration Choir will be singing "Invitation to Communion". This selection is a call for us to come to the Lord's table as we confess our sins, ask for forgiveness and recognize God's saving power and our unworthiness, but yet receive His gift of love and salvation.

**** BAPTISM** – Onyx Mattias Brueggemann, son of Tim and Holly Brueggemann, is being baptized in the 10:30 service this weekend. Onyx was born December 22, 2021. Sponsors are Eric and Megan Pavlik.

JANUARY 'STATE OF THE CHURCH' VOTERS MEETING **Sunday, January 23, 2022 ... 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Key Agenda include:

- Updates on Call Process, School Building Campaign and Project
- Dedication of Church Renovations and Recognition of Members
- Strategic Planning process / plans; Ted Kober
- Approval of loan/line of credit with bank until pledges are received
- Extend a formal Call to Pastor Carretto to serve as Assistant Pastor

After consideration with the current state of COVID, we will NOT have a soup or chili dinner with this event. We will have a 'State of the Church' report that will detail the ministry of Christ Lutheran. We look forward to seeing you there!

**** SPIRITUAL LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING ... Saturday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Church leaders rarely receive training for their service. This one-day seminar equips you *spiritual leaders*. Beginning with God's Word, we'll explore what it means to be a spiritual leader. You'll receive practical ideas for making church meetings meaningful and effective. You'll learn how to provide spiritual care for your professional church workers and their families as well as for church members. As one pastor shared after his lay leaders put this training into practice, "It changed the culture of our church!"

Life Week 2022

Lutherans For Life has been busy planning a week-long, life-affirming event: Life Week 2022. This week, from January 16-22, will highlight the theme "God chose YOU!" We hope you will join in! Each day, the LFL team will host an educational event that focuses on a gift God has chosen for YOU. Our guest speakers will not only discuss each gift but also highlight how God speaks directly to life issues that affect each of these gifts. Register for Life Week 2022 at <https://lutheransforlife.org>.

Norfolk Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring today's broadcast of The Lutheran Hour in observance of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday which will be observed next Sunday, January 23.

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 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 18. Topic: James.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship **01/09/22** 424
Communed 108

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **01/09/22** \$ 17,743

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – Duane Marks.

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

** **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the Narthex. If you have not already picked yours up, please do so. Also, discard and recycle any remaining envelopes you may have from 2021, and use only those that are dated 2022 for the new year. If you are not able to locate your box, please ask for assistance.

LIFE QUOTE: “You are not and never have been simply a number, a blob of tissue, or an invisible nobody. Rather, you are now and always have been God’s handcrafted gift to the world.” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

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

The Big Mission Event will be supporting **Rev. Dr. John & Melinda Bombaro, Missionaries to Latvia**. John's hometown is Stratford, N.J. He received bachelor's degrees from Rutgers Univ. and Columbia International Univ., master's degree in theology from the Univ. of Edinburgh, and doctorate degree from King's College in London. He also has a diploma in theology from Westfield House and Cambridge Divinity School, England, and John has his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Before serving in Latvia, he was the senior pastor at Grace Lutheran, San Diego, CA. He is also a member of the United States Navy Reserves and is active duty working at the Pentagon with the Marine Corps. Melinda's hometown is Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. She has a degree from Canadian Bible College and a certificate in Scotch-Irish Studies from Edinburgh Univ. She worked at an investment company and a biotechnology company before becoming a missionary. **PRAY the Bombaro family is given wisdom and boldness to proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior.**

** **S.O.S. (Servants of the Savior)** will meet Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH FOCUS

**** CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - 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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**** LHNE JANUARY BLOOD DRIVE** - The LHNE January Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 17 from Noon-6:00 p.m. If you have questions on how to sign up for a slot, please call the LHNE office.

**** NEW STUDENT REGISTRRTION NIGHT FOR 2022-2023** - LHNE will be holding its annual Registration Night for incoming freshmen and current high school students interested in transferring to LHNE. The event will be held on February 1 with the doors opening at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for students and parents to meet teachers & coaches, and to get tuition questions answered.

**** LHNE EAGLE FUN DAY** - LHNE's Annual Eagle Fun Day will be held this Friday, January 21st. All students in grades 6, 7, & 8 from our feeder schools have been invited. If you know of a student who is currently in grades 6, 7, or 8 who would like to spend a day as an eagle and has not yet made plans to attend, please tell them to contact us – we would love to add them!

**** COACH NEEDED** - LHNE is currently in need of a Boys' Golf Coach for this spring. If you are interested in the position, please contact our office.

**** UPCOMING EVENTS –**

01/16 – LHNE Booster Club mtg at 1pm

01/17 – LHNE Blood Drive Noon-6pm

01/17 – NO SCHOOL

01/17 – Girls/Boys C team BB vs HLHF @ HOME

01/18 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB vs Clarkson/Leigh @ HOME

01/19 – FFA mtg at 6pm

01/21 – LHNE Eagle Fun Day (No School for LHNE Students)

01/21 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB vs Norfolk Catholic @ HOME

01/22 – Wrestling @ Neligh

01/22 – Speech Meet @ Scotus



Looking for a preschool can be daunting. Parents are encouraged to look for a high-quality program, but what exactly does that mean? There are obvious standards of quality like appropriate teacher-student ratios, adequate and inviting spaces, and highly-trained and experienced staff.

Other things to look for are:

- Staff members who love children and take a vested interest in their lives
- Social and emotional skills are intentionally taught
- Hands-on activities are incorporated every day
- Parents encouraged to be active participants in the early learning experience

These and many other standards of quality can be found in Christ Lutheran's early learning programs. More importantly, Bible stories and truths are taught daily and we are passionate about sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness throughout the day. This combination provides an experience, second to none, at Christ Lutheran.

The preschool is accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a high-quality, faith-based program, please contact the school office (402) 371-5536. We would love to give you a tour and tell you more about our excellent early learning programs. Registration forms are available on the website (clnorfolk.org) or at the church, school, or childcare offices.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF JANUARY 16, 2022

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, 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, 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 those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Mary Haas (1/18) and Donald Hogendorn (1/22).
- 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.