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Week of 01.23.22

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**Christ Lutheran
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Today is the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgy: Divine Service 4, pg 203ff

Scripture for today: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 + 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a + Luke 4:16-30

**** FUNERAL** – Duane L. Marks was called to his Savior's side on January 15, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

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

**** 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 as *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!"

**** 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.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

We are observing Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in our worship services this weekend. Lutherans for Life representatives have a display in the Narthex and invite you to stop by after worship to find out more about their organization and how you can support life issues. The mission and purpose of Lutherans for Life is: equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Their vision is that every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same. The Lutherans for Life theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is "I Chose You!" based on John 15:16 "*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.*" For more information on Lutherans for Life visit their website at <https://lutheransforlife.org>.

**** PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, January 30 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Center, 2301 W. Madison Avenue. Hosted by Norfolk Area Right to Life. Menu includes pancakes, eggs and ham served by the Knights of Columbus. Freewill donation to support Right to Life projects.

BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE

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

** **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, February 1. Topic: James.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 01/16/22 401
Communed 239

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received 01/16/22 \$ 14,986

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

LIFE QUOTE: “The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – no one listed;

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.

Ephesians 6:7

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. Mark and Megan Mantey are career missionaries in Uganda.** They deployed in March Of 2017. (Christ Lutheran BME supported them) They walk along with Lutheran Church of Uganda and focus on teaching, administering, mentoring and helping at the Lutheran Theological College Uganda. Many of the Lutheran churches have Lutheran schools. They have witnessed over 20 baptisms of all ages in the recent past. Few situations on earth are more joy-filled than baptisms in the Lutheran Church of Uganda! There is much celebration, clapping, singing, and dancing as each person is adopted into God's family. **Pray and give God thanks for those who were adopted into God's family through Baptism, who affirmed their Christian faith through Confirmation, and the opportunity for the Mantey's to serve God's people in Uganda through the Lutheran Church of Uganda.**

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** – will not be held this week, January 26.

** **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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**** NEW STUDENT REGISTRTRION NIGHT FOR 2022-2023** - In a little over one week, 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 1st with the doors opening at 7pm. This is an opportunity for students and parents to meet teachers & coaches, and to get tuition questions answered.

**** COACH NEEDED** - LHNE is currently in need of a Boys' Golf Coach for this spring. If you are interested in the position, please contact the office at (402) 379-3040.

**** LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** - This week is Lutheran Schools Week! We thank God that we are in a country that allows for Christian Education! We are also thankful for the support from parents, Pastors and churches who support this ministry in many ways. We look forward to our celebration of Lutheran Schools when the warmer weather hits in the spring! Thank you for your continued prayers for Christian Schools throughout our nation!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF JANUARY 23, 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, 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 David Mauch, undergoing knee surgery this coming Wednesday.
- For Mark Maas, undergoing surgery this coming Friday in Omaha.
- For the family of Duane Marks, called to his Savior's side this past week.
- For the family of Katrina Peabody, called to her Savior's side on Wednesday evening.
- Thanksgiving for Lutheran Schools and Christian education.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Jerry Glaser (1/24) and Marlin Reuter (1/26).
- For organizations such as Lutherans for Life who continue to value and promote the sanctity of human life.
- 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.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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.

**** UPDATES FROM THE BAND ROOM** – We are blessed with many talented students who are sharpening their skills and giving it their best effort.

- Myles Dederman attended the Nebraska All-State Honor Choir on Friday, January 7 in Omaha. Director for the choir was Greg Gilpin, an internationally known composer and arranger of vocal music.
- Brodie Nielsen (Alto Sax) and Abigail Paulsen (Flute) were selected to attend the Wayne State College JH Honor Band. Stella Kratochvil (Clarinet) was chosen as an alternate. Schools from Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas submit student auditions for the honor. The Wayne State College Honor Band will be held on Saturday, January 29 at Wayne State College. They will present a 4:30 concert.
- The CLS Junior High Band will perform with the LHNE Pep Band at the Eagles' basketball game on Friday, February 4. This is a great opportunity for our students to help cheer on the Eagles.

**Join us in celebrating
National Lutheran Schools Week
January 23-29
Theme: *"In All Things"***