



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

FOCUS

Today is the 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgy: Divine Service 1, pg 151ff

Scripture for today: Isaiah 6:1-8 + 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 + Luke 5:1-11

Pastor Carretto's sermon theme is based on Isaiah 6:1-8

"Rediscovering How Our Lord Redeemed Us!"

** **FUNERAL** – Celeste Farlee was called to her Savior's side on January 31, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial were held Friday, February 4, 2022.

** **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.

** **2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** were mailed on Thursday, January 27. Please note the following when reviewing yours:

- ✓ As of August 1, our contributions were recorded under a different software program than prior years.
- ✓ Due to the switch to the new system, contributions were recorded by household envelope number, however, only show up under the individual listed as head-of-household.
- ✓ Please check both sides of the statement. Due to our switch in recording systems, some envelope numbers generated two statements. The two statements need to be added together to obtain your total giving amount.
- ✓ If you feel any recorded amounts are incorrect, or you have questions regarding your statement(s), please contact the Church Office at 402-371-1210.

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

Rev. Michael and Jen-Yi Paul are missionaries in Taiwan. Pastor Paul is a theological educator serving the China Evangelical Lutheran Church and China Lutheran Seminary. He teaches, writes, and helps plant and pastor Lutheran churches. (Big Mission Event in 2018 helped support them to Taiwan.) At the "community Christmas program" outside their living complex, they formed a bell choir with children who rang and sang "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger." They prepared a Christmas program inside their church highlighting Luke 1 and 2. Many non-Christians came including some from Jen-Yi's Mom and Tots group and from Pastor's men's English class. **Pray that God's Word will create Christian faith in those who have been hearing God's Word.**

** **LENTEN SUPPERS** – If your group or organization is interested in serving a Lenten Meal this year, please contact Starla in the Church Office. There are still a couple of open slots on our schedule (March 16 and April 6). What a great opportunity to utilize our newly remodeled facilities and modern kitchen. Lent begins March 2. Services will be held at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m., with suppers served from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

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 15. Topic: James.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship **01/30/22** 444
Communed 351

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **01/30/22** \$ 32,451

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – Doug Hankins, Faith Knapp and baby boy; in Omaha – David Mauch, Mark Maas.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “Say, ‘Congratulations and thanks be to God!’ Pregnancy is never a sin, and motherhood, even amid afflictions, is always a blessing. Our Lord has honored her with this holy vocation. She and her baby belong to Him from this time forth and forevermore!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

1 Corinthians 4:1

YOUTH FOCUS

** **CONFIRMATION RETREAT – March 18 & 19** presented by Camp Lutheran and Norfolk Area Lutheran Churches. \$70 per student; \$30 for adult. Visit www.campluther.org/confirmationretreat for more info.

** **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** – Grade 7 & 8 is 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 912 is 7:45-9:00 p.m.

** **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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**** CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** - LHNE is in the final weeks of its pledge drive for the *Growing the Future, Rooted in Him* Capital Campaign and we have some exciting news to share! To date, over \$2.8 million of the \$3.6 million goal has been pledged or given, and we just received a challenge to push us closer to the finish line.

Two private donors and one foundation have provided matching gifts for any pledges or gifts received from now until February 14th. The first gift will match all pledges and donations up to \$300,000, and the second gift will match up to \$250,000. Put simply, a \$500 pledge or gift becomes a \$1,250 blessing for the campaign! To make an online gift, please use our website at www.LHNE.org or call the office if you would prefer to receive a pledge card. If you would like to raise your original pledge, all the additional dollars will go towards this match.

We ask for continued prayers for this campaign and want to extend our gratitude to all of the wonderful LHNE supporters through this process.

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

**** UPCOMING EVENTS**

02/08 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB vs Creighton @ HOME (parents' night)
02/11 – Girls/Boys JV/V BB @ Summerland
02/11 – NO SCHOOL
02/12 – Speech Meet
02/13 – FBLA Week
02/14 – Girls' BB Districts Begin

**** BASIC LERT TRAINING CLASS** - will be held at the Nebraska District LCMS Office, 152 S. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE on February 19, 2022. Participants will receive an introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program and learn the basic nature of disasters, the opportunities to respond to personal needs in such disasters, and how as Christians, we can support families, congregations and the public during these trying times as the hands and feet of Jesus.

A registration fee of \$25 per person helps cover the cost of lunch and snacks, training materials, and LERT T-shirt. Please send registration fee to Nebraska District LCMS Office, 152 S Columbia, Ave., Seward, NE 68434. Participants are encouraged to preregister before February 14, 2022 so materials can be ordered, however last minute attendees are also welcomed. Please note "LERT Training Feb. 19, 2022" on your check. If you have questions, please contact *Mick Onnen* at DisasterResponse@ndlcms.org.

The training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Participants should arrive by 8:30 am to complete registration and sign in. Only LCMS members who are 14 years or older will receive certification as LCMS LERT volunteers. You will receive your certificate of participation, volunteer ID card, and T-shirt from LCMS Disaster Response after the training is complete. Your LERT trainer will distribute all the necessary LERT materials during and after the class.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 6, 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, Sandy Schulz, Brayden Vodehnal, James Wagner, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, & a young girl, Taryn, & those undergoing tests/treatments.
- For David Mauch, recovering from surgery this past week.
- For the family of Gary Weich, son of Edie Weich, brother of LeWayne Weich, called to his Savior's side.
- For the family of Celeste Farlee, called to her Savior's side this past week.
- Thanksgiving for a baby boy, born to Kevin and Faith Knapp (2/1).
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Yvonne Bethune (2/6), Carl Mellor (2/7), Richard Zutz (2/7), Ralph Goetsch (2/9) and Dorothy Wetzler (2/9).
- 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.
- 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 *Update: Space is limited and filling up quickly!*

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.