



MISSION STATEMENT: To be a redeemed family of believers growing in faith and receiving God's grace, discovering unity and belonging, rooted in Jesus Christ.

FOCUS

Today is the 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgy: 5:30 – Vespers, pg. 229; 8:00 – Matins, pg. 219

Scripture for today: Jeremiah 17:5-8 + 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 + Luke 6:17-26

Our theme today focuses on the family of believers – God's family. Pastor Hanft is our preacher.

**** IN THE 8:00 SERVICE TODAY** – Celebration Choir will be offering a number of choral pieces to add to our worship. The ending of preservice will be a hymn based on the Gospel lesson for today from Luke 6, the Beatitudes – “Blest Are They.” The choir will chant the appointed Psalm for today, Psalm 1, with the congregation joining in on the ‘Gloria Patri’ for this selection. At the close of the service, the choir will sing “Family of Faith”. The last stanza will appear on the screens and the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing. This selection recognizes we are all unique individuals, but yet calls us to be one in our family of faith.

**** FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Pam Calkins in thanksgiving for 30 years of marriage blessings.

**** FUNERAL** – Ralph R. Goetsch was called to his Savior's side on February 8, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Visitation is at 1:00 with service following at 2:00.

**** 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!”

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

Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele are missionaries in Africa. Rev. Steele tells about a student Abraham Thiong' who he taught in the Bachelor of Theology Program at Neema Lutheran College, Matongo, Kenya. Recently, Pastor Abraham Thiong' conducted youth training in the Small Catechism, the Lutheran Confessions, and basic Christian Doctrine because Abraham wants to equip these young people so they might be strong in the faith and be ready to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those they meet. He knows that getting the message correct and getting the message out are both very important. Over 35 young men and several women attended the two session training. Abraham shared Jesus redemption for them and explained their new birth of water and the Spirit by their Baptism into Christ, which is counter to the core teaching of the various African Traditional Religions. **Pray that God grants Walter wisdom and strength as he works alongside the Principal and other faculty to increase the quality of teaching at Matongo.**

**** SOS** (Servants of the Savior) will be volunteering at Mercy Meals Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. All ages are encouraged and welcome to help. Packing the meals takes about 1 1/4 hours. Mercy Meals is now located at 603 Madison Avenue in Norfolk. Volunteers are to bring and wear masks while packing food.

**** 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 02/06/22 433
Communed 211

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received 02/06/22 \$ 17,571

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, Milford Nitz, Val Riedel, Lois Hinzman. Recovering from surgery: David Mauch, Mark Maas.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the church has a place for them. Your Church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the body of Christ.”
Mona Fuerstenau – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Prayer for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

YOUTH FOCUS

** **VBS NEWS** – We are excited about the Summer of 2022 as we build relationships in our community. Join us as we spend time getting to know our neighbors, eat together, and have conversations. Once a week VBS coming this summer, on a playground near you. Stay tuned for more information, and contact Cori Woltmann with questions at cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org.

** **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** – We hope to see you on Wednesdays in February as we discuss what it means to be Gifted. Join us for food, discussion and games. Bring a friend! Grades 7 & 8 at 6:30-7:30; Grades 9-12 at 7:45-9:00 p.m. Meet us in the gym at Christ Lutheran School.

** **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 REGISTRATION A SUCCESS** - On February 1, over 30 students and their parents visited LHNE for New Student Registration night. It was an opportunity for students to visit with teachers, coaches, and current students about LHNE. Several families also received a tour of the facilities. If you were able to tour and are still not sure if LHNE is the right fit, please call and have your son or daughter shadow with our current students so they can get a better idea of what life as an Eagle is really like.

**** BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** - Last month, the LHNE Booster Club put on their annual Trivia Night which was a huge success. They have also found a few different ways to help raise money to support LHNE students. In the past, the Booster Club has purchased equipment for sports, club events, the musical, school vehicles, and more. If parents of current students would like to help the Booster Club in their efforts to support LHNE students, please plan to attend their next meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the LHNE library. LHNE students and staff are so grateful for all that the Boosters do!

**** 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 13, 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, Gretchen Trinklein, 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 the family of Ralph Goetsch, called to Eternal Rest this past week.
- Thanksgiving for a baby girl, Brenleigh Rose, born to Edwin and Angelica (Blomenberg) Izumigawa (2/5).
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Bonnie Loyd (2/16) and Don Walker (2/20).
- Thanksgiving for 30 years of marriage blessings given to Jeff and Pam Calkins (2/14).
- 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.

**** CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** - We increased our total this week to \$8.12 million dollars. If you would like to support this project, please contact the school office! Here are a few other things going on as of late with our building project.

- 1). A building committee was selected by Christ Lutheran's church council.
- 2). Our architect, Davis Design, finished their specs on the gym. The pre-engineered metal building is currently out for bid. The bidding process should take 2-3 weeks.
- 3). Our staff is starting to make decisions in preparation for demo this summer. 3rd grade is moving to the 04' addition. We are cleaning out extra rooms in the 84' addition to serve as a temporary office and workroom.

**** MUFFINS WITH MOM** - Muffins with Mom will be February 23 starting at 7:00 a.m. Chapel will be Wednesday morning so moms can attend worship with their kids. If mom cannot make it, please know another adult is more than welcome to take her place. If you will be attending, please RSVP using the link below so we plan for enough muffins for the event!



Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B44A8AC23A2FA7-muffins>

**** KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT DATES** - With the calendar turning to February, we are starting the beginning of admissions for the 2022-2023 schools year! Preschool enrollment is underway and we will start having events for our kindergarten as well. We have two open house dates for anyone considering attending CLS for kindergarten. We will give any information you need to know about kindergarten as CLS. We have also set our Kindergarten Round-Up times. We are expecting a big kindergarten class so we will have three sessions. We will have parents sign up for a session once we get closer to the date. Here are the dates we have so far.

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday February 24th from 5:00-7:00

Tuesday March 1st from 5:00-7:00



Kindergarten Round-Up

3 Sessions: Monday, March 21

4:00-5:00, 5:15-6:15, 6:30-7:30