



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

The First Sunday in Lent

5:30 & 8:00 Liturgy: Divine Service 2, pg 167ff

Scripture for today: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 + Romans 10:8b-13 + Luke 4:1-13

Today we begin our sermon series based on the "Forgiving Challenge".

The focus this week is on SCARS. Rev. Adrian Hanft is our preacher

FORGIVING CHALLENGE ... Discussion Starter

Is it harder for you to ask forgiveness, or to say "I forgive you?"

Discuss this with someone you know or someone you live with! If you want to discuss or read more, we hope you grab a "Forgiving Challenge" book from the gathering area outside of the sanctuary.

**** BAPTISMS** – Two children are being baptized into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism in the 5:30 service this weekend.

Violet Marlene Freudenburg, daughter of Ross and Shelby Freudenburg. Violet was born February 5, 2022. Sponsors are Cody and Bri Boche, and Ryan and Hanna Freudenburg.

Jackson Keith Knapp, son of Kevin and Faith Knapp. Jackson was born February 1, 2022. Sponsors are Hope Blumenberg, and Kyle and Ashley Eisenmann.

**** FUNERAL** – Jean Woockman was called to her Savior's side on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial will be held Monday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – MARCH 9

"In View of God's Mercy"

12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Meal served 5:00-6:15

Hosts: Priscillas

Menu: Pork loin sandwich, salads, goodies & beverage

Freewill donation of Lutheran World Relief to assist Ukrainian refugees

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. The services will focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ.

- March 9 – Mercy in Temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
- March 16 – Mercy in Suffering (1 Peter 2:23)
- March 23 – Mercy in Betrayal (1 Peter 3:11)
- March 30 – Mercy in Relationships (Ephesians 4:32)
- April 6 – Mercy in Service (Hebrews 6:10)

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

Rev. James and Angie Sharp (Elias, Ambrose, Callida, Magdalyn) are missionaries in Uruguay. Christ Lutheran Church supports this family in South America. They are returning to Uruguay in March. Having made 13 presentations while on home service in the states, Pastor explains "home service" in his last newsletter. "Home Service is not a vacation and it isn't a furlough. Home Service is service! Even though we will put a lot of miles on the van and maybe not know what state we are in from time to time, we really enjoy it. We like to meet new people and see supporters who are now old friends. We love telling people what we are doing and saying thanks in person for their support. We have to schedule our Home Service around Angie and the kids' school schedule, so it has to be in our summer in Uruguay which is winter up north. Not the best time to drive around the Upper Midwest, but it's what we have to do. Every time we come home, we try to go to places we haven't been before. We enjoy this part of our ministry and are happy to meet with any group, big or small." **Thank God for His blessing in the Uruguayan Mission Field.**

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 of this study is on the Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday: Jeremiah 26:8-15, Philippians 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-35.

**** THURSDAYS** – “Equipped – The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles” Men’s Bible Study. 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Monte Glaser.

**** 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, March 15. Topic: James.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 02/27/22	464
Communed	134
Ash Wednesday	371

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **02/27/22** \$ 17,762

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – no one listed; at Clarkson/Omaha – Don Walker.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you.”
Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10b

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**** LHNE SILVER TALONS COMPETE AT STATE** - For the first time in years, the LHNE Silver Talons attended the State Dance Competition in Grand Island, NE where they placed 7th. These ladies have spent several early morning hours preparing for this opportunity. A big THANK YOU to their dance coach, Bri Swan for all of her help preparing for the event.

**** SPEECH MEET AT LHNE** - Last weekend, LHNE held its annual Speech Meet where several area schools came to compete as they prepared for District Speech competition. This year, LHNE has nine students competing in speech. They began competing in January and have competed in eight tournaments this year, bringing home a number of medals in multiple events. They competed in the District Speech tournament last Tuesday in Hartington, where only the top three competitors in each of the nine events will advance to compete at the State Speech tournament later in March.

**** GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY** - We are excited to share that the go-ahead to build the new addition has been given! Please help us celebrate at the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sunday, March 20th, starting at 3:00 P.M. (This event will follow the annual Delegate Assembly starting at 2:00 p.m.) The NE District LC-MS President Rev. Richard Snow, District Superintendent Bob Ziegler, administration, teachers, students, and leaders of the community will be present to kick off the fourth addition to the building since its original foundation in 1999.

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.

**** 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 DURING LENT** – Grades 7-12 at 7:15 p.m; parent discussion group 7:15-8:15.

**** SAVE THE DATE** for these great youth activities:

- March 6 @ 11:30- Youth Meeting for the Gathering
- March 30 - Youth serving Lent Meal with the Board of Christian Nurture.
- April 17 - Easter Breakfast
- April 24 @ 11:30- Youth & Parents

Friends - We have some wiggle room with possibilities of adding more kids. If you want to invite a friend, please let Cori know. It is a great way to share your faith and help friends learn about Jesus too.

**** QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUTH EVENTS?** - or want to start receiving text notifications about youth ministry? Email Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education at cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org, or text @ 507-456-5380.

**** PASSION DRAMA 2022** – Senior High youth ... we are looking for your help in leading the Passion Drama for our worship services during Holy Week. We need staging crew, lights/sound, and actors so we would love your help! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings following Midweek Lenten services. Please text Elizabeth Osten at 402-750-7464 for more information and to volunteer your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help make and serve coffee on Sundays. Greeters are also needed. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested, or sign up at the Coffee Bar. This is a great way to get know more people in the congregation.

**** LIBRARY BOOKS *Last chance!*** – Books from the former Church Library are available for anyone who may be interested. Visit the first room on the left at the top of the stairs in the old school edition to see the selection. Any books remaining after today will be donated to the Norfolk Rescue Mission for their annual book sale.



**** REVEL AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED** - Our Revel Committee is in the process of looking for items to be donated to our annual REVEL dinner auction. Example of big ticket items we would love to have donated by individuals and/or businesses would be: grills, lawn mowers, kayaks, etc. Experiences such as cabins, timeshares or professional experiences someone could provide such as cooking, flying, etc would be wonderful donations to help with REVEL. Please contact Principal Drew Urban at durban@clnorfolk.org if you have an item or experience to donate.

**** CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE** – *Save the date ...* Sunday, March 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**** PLANT SALE** kick off is Monday, March 7. If anyone wants to purchase plants, they may purchase from a CLS student! Plant Sale pick-up is at the Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30!

**** 3rd & 4th GRADE MUSICAL** will be presented Friday, March 18 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. 'Life School Musical' explores the Keys to Life and is a humorous musical for the entire family. The production will take place at Christ Lutheran School gym. We hope to see you there!

**** GRANDPARENTS DAY** is Thursday, March 17. If a grandparent cannot attend, another adult may take their place. Sign-ups are available at the school office. Lunches for grandparents/adults are \$6 per person.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 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, 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, Edie Weich, Dominic Wolff, Jesse Wright, & a young girl, Taryn, & those undergoing tests/treatments.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Jeannine Papstein (3/10), Maxine Schulz (3/10), Ken Tech (3/11), and Carol Wolff (3/13).
- Thanksgiving for the Baptisms of Violet Marlene Freudenburg and Jackson Keith Knapp.
- For Sandy Cover, undergoing surgery on March 9, and Keith Flesner's surgery on March 15.
- For the family of Jean Woockman, called to her Savior's side.
- 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 13 TIME TO SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

Next week (March 13) is time change weekend. We push our clocks ahead one hour as most of the nation goes to Daylight Savings Time. Perhaps the kids will protest the earlier bedtime as parents try to explain that, although the clock says 8:00, it's really 9:00. Even adults can find it a challenge to adjust to the time change.

We're all affected by time, especially when we "lose" an hour. Time is a non-renewable resource and, therefore, very valuable. St. Paul attests to the value of time: *"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is"* (Ephesians 5:15-17).

What is the Lord's will? He is the giver of time, as He is of every gift. For what purpose does He give gifts to the Church? In Ephesians 4:11-3, we learn that they are to be used to *"prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up."*

Just as we use our talents and abilities and our money for God's Kingdom, so should we be wise in the use of our time. By His death and resurrection, Jesus has freed us from worry and bondage to sin and for service. Let us make this transition time a time to reflect on the ministry opportunities God places before us and to resolve to set aside meaningful blocks of time for the Lord's work.

FORGIVING

CHALLENGE

Join us in this congregation-wide experience.

Starts in March!

Saturdays

Sermon Series (5:30 pm)

Sundays

Sermon Series (8 & 10:30 am)

Sunday School (9:15am)

Adult Bible Study (9:15 am)

Wednesdays

Youth Group (Grades 7-12 @ 7:15)

Parent Discussion Group 7:15-8:15

Grab your free book in gathering
area outside the sanctuary.
Books for kids & adults!