



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Week of 03.13.22

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 Second Sunday in Lent

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

Scripture for today: Jeremiah 26:8-15 + Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 + Luke 13:31-35

FORGIVING CHALLENGE ... Discussion Starter

If Jesus forgave Peter, what does that mean for us?

Do we have to worry about Jesus forgiving us?

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.

**** BAPTISM** – *Amelia Marie Swan*, daughter of Josh and Sara Swan, is being baptized in the 5:30 service this weekend. Amelia was born December 4, 2020. Her sponsors are Lon and Jeannie Timperly.

**** FUNERAL** – Jean Woockman was called to her Savior's side on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial were held Monday, March 7, 2022.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – MARCH 16

"In View of God's Mercy"

12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Meal served 5:00-6:15

Hosts: Christ Lutheran Child Care

Menu: Chili and Cinnamon Rolls

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

**** PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS** – We will soon begin the process of a new pictorial directory for our congregation. This will be done differently than past directories however – it will be online pictorial directory, and accessible on the computer or a phone app. Pictures can be done in one of two ways – in person (more info below), or members may submit their own pictures for inclusion.

For those wishing to have photos taken in person, Michael's Photography will be on site the following dates: Saturday, March 19 – 11:00-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 23 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 24 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled online at the following website: <https://portraits.midwestschool.net/pages/index/785911> Anyone who has and uses an email address should be able to navigate the scheduler.

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

Johanna Heidorn is a Communication Specialist to Latin America and Caribbean Region. (She began her missionary journey after the 2017 Big Mission Event helping her to Asia, the Hong Kong region.) After her recent home service, she returned to The Dominican Republic and now lives legally on the island another year. She reports that schools are open again in the Dominican and Lutheran schools have a great influx of students and attendance. After many years and shipments of books, the Concordia El Reformador Seminary now has a library of resources for students to access as they study to become pastors. In Uruguay nine children were confirmed this past month, seven of which are from the Lutheran school. The missionaries in Belize are out of Bibles so they have been doing trips to the border of Guatemala to retrieve more. In Peru Elvis Carrera, a recent graduate of the seminary in the Dominican was ordained, making him the first Lutheran Peruvian pastor in the church's history. **Thank God for His blessing on the work of missionaries in Latin America and Caribbean Region.**

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: Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and Luke 13:1-9.

** **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 **03/06/22** 405
Communed 199
Midweek Lent 03/09.....236

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **03/06/22** \$ 24,075

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – no listing; Don Walker is at St. Joseph Care Center. Lois Hinzman is at Heritage of Bel Air.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “Paul kept his eyes on Christ who came and faced all the same heartaches, burdens, and sadness we do, and came through victorious. He shouldered our guilt and punishment on the cross and died that we might have life to the full.” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously supported the Priscillas Lenten Supper on March 9. Through your gracious donations, over \$1,400 was raised for Lutheran World Relief to assist the Ukrainian refugees. God bless you for this outpouring of support.

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**** DISTRICT SPEECH RESULTS** - Congratulations to LHNE speech team members who placed at Districts! Esther Molina and Maddie Bryant placed 3rd in duet acting and are going to state! Esther also got 5th in serious prose and William Bryant and David Rodriguez placed 5th and 7th respectively in extemporaneous speaking. The entire speech team did an excellent job.

**** WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS** - This week, we welcomed two student teachers from Concordia University, Nebraska. Taylor Zehendner will be working in the art program with Mrs. Fowlkes and Autumn Johnson will be in Spanish with Mrs. Sweigard. This student teaching experience is the final capstone of their degree which will conclude on April 29.

**** PREPARATION FOR ADDITIONS IS UNDER WAY & GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED** - It's begun to look a little more like a construction zone around LHNE. Containers have been moved and fencing placed. Soon, the ground will move as the foundations will be prepared. As early as mid-April the steel building for the ag shop will arrive and begin to be assembled. Help us celebrate at the Groundbreaking ceremony Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. (following 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.

**** TALE AS OLD AS TIME.....** Students are now preparing for this year's Musical "Beauty and the Beast". Keep the weekend of April 1 open to see this magical performance!

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 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 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. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings following Midweek Lenten services. Please text Elizabeth Osten at 402-750-7464 for more information and to volunteer your help. The Passion Drama will be presented as part of our Good Friday worship on April 15 at 6:30 p.m.



**** JOIN US FOR REVEL 2022** - We're excited to be back in person and LIVE for our 2022 REVEL Fundraiser! REVEL will be held on Friday, April 1st at Midtown Event Center in Norfolk. The evening will consist of silent auction, dinner, live auction and, most importantly, FUN! Social hour will start at 5:30 with silent auction running until 6:45, Dinner will be served at 7:00 with the live auction to follow at 8:00pm. EVERYONE is welcome so invite your friends and family who may not attend CLS! We've realized there may be a misconception that this is an upscale, fancy, elaborate event. That could not be more untrue! We want this to be a casual, fun, relaxing evening where guests can mix and mingle and get to know other parents. Jeans are perfectly acceptable! Tickets are on sale individually for \$50 each or can be purchased as a table of 10 for \$450. Maybe your business would want to purchase a table! Tickets are ON SALE NOW through March 28th at this link: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/revel-2022/tickets> OR you can buy tickets by texting REVEL2022 to 99192.

**** CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE DATE MOVED** - The CLS Open House for March 20 has been move to April 3 from 2:00-4:00. Lutheran High is having their groundbreaking on March 20 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**** PLANT SALE** kick off was 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.

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.

**** MEMBER VISITS:** God has raised up leaders in our congregation for many years, president, board members and so on. As they are entrusted with leadership to make decisions for our congregation, they are also learning how to lead by example. We recently had a training to teach all of our leaders to lead a short devotion. Their next step is to lead a devotion with our members. This does a few things.

- It allows our leaders to lead by example,
- to visit with you face to face, and
- to pray for you.

This is one way that we can strengthen our congregation and improve communication. So, we would you ask you please to make 20-30 minutes to receive a visit? This can be done in your home, at a coffee shop, or even over the phone. If you would be willing to be a recipient of a short devotion and prayer visit, as well as assist these individuals in utilizing and growing this leadership skill, you may sign up in the Narthex, or email your name and contact to info@clnork.org. Thank you for your help and helping us build up our leaders!

**** COOKIE EVENT** - The Youth [7th Grade and up] and any ladies who want to be involved, are invited to decorate Easter cookies for our shut-ins. Decorate with Priscillas on Sunday, March 27, at 11:45 a.m., after church. All supplies and cookies will be furnished, but bring any Easter sprinkles you might have. These cookies and other goodies will be delivered to our shut-ins. This project is in conjunction with our Evangelism Team. Come have some sweet fun!

**** EDEN, THE COMFORT DOG** – Priscillas will be hosting Eden, the Comfort Dog, from Columbus, Nebraska at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to come and hear about the ministry of Comfort Dogs and meet this special dog, Eden. Eden will be busy that day as they will visit our School and the Edgewood Care Center. Even after a busy day, Eden will be up for much petting in the evening. Please come! Watch the Focus in coming weeks for more information on the Comfort Dog program.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 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, 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: Carol Wolff (3/13), Gerald Dahlkoetter (3/18) and Wanda Sramek (3/20).
- Thanksgiving for the Baptism of Amelia Marie Swan into God's family.
- For those recovering from surgery – Sandy Cover and Eunice Brandt, and for Keith Flesner's upcoming 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.