



**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 Third Sunday in Lent

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

**Scripture for today: Ezekiel 33:7-20 + 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 + Luke 13:1-9**

**\*\* TODAY IN WORSHIP** – Pastor Carretto’s message continues in our current sermon series “Forgiving Challenge: Confession”. It is based on 1 John 1:5-9 (ESV) which reads as follows: *5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Also in the 8:00 service, the Handbell Choir will be ringing “Glory Be to Jesus” (Hymn #433) during the distribution of Holy Communion. The Celebration Choir will be leading us in the Introit for the day, and also singing “Grace” (by Carolyn Hamlin). This song reminds us that God’s grace and love will guide and protect us through all of life’s troubles and our falterings.

### **FORGIVING CHALLENGE ... Discussion Starter**

**John 21 starts with "Afterward Jesus appeared again." Peter denied Jesus three times.  
What would you have said to Jesus if you were Peter?**

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** – *Oakley Sky Werner*, daughter of Jeremy and Melissa Werner, is being baptized in the 8:00 service this weekend. Oakley was born December 30, 2021. Her sponsors are Josh and Tracy Speidel, and Luke and Robyn Korth.

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – MARCH 23**

**“In View of God’s Mercy” 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.**

**Lenten Meal served 5:00-6:15 Hosts: Servants of the Savior (S.O.S.)**

**Menu: BBQ Brisket, Cole Slaw and desserts**

**Freewill offering to assist Ukrainian refugees through Mission Central**

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

**GROUNDBREAKING FOR LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST ADDITION**

**Sunday, March 20, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.**

**\*\* 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: 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**

**Deaconess Carol Lee Halter began her missionary journey to Hong Kong, China.** (The 2014 Big Mission Event supported her.) Carol happily shares the Word of God with women of all ages. She teaches ladies how to serve the Lord as full-time church workers. She creatively uses visual aids to make the Gospel message more understandable. One lady who is a full-time church worker shared that she memorizes Scripture. The mother said she was memorizing Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses! Carol also speaks about a lady who they had taught and prayed for her to grow in faith for over twenty years. When she died, her funeral was a witness to all her non-Christian friends. **Pray that Deaconess Carol is given the Holy Spirit to continue her teaching as many thirst for the Word of God.**

**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: Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

**\*\* 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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street). The next study will be Tuesday, March 29.

**Our Stewardship of Time**

In Worship <b>03/13/22</b> .....	450
Communed .....	107
Midweek Lent <b>03/16</b> .....	251

**Our Stewardship of Treasure**

Received **03/13/22** ..... \$ 31,912

***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;

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

**LIFE QUOTE:** “The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



***Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.*** Psalm 55:22a

**\*\* 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 next week's Focus for more information on the Comfort Dog program.

# LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

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**\*\* GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY** - 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. Ceremony will start in the Andrews Activity Center at LHNE.

**\*\* UPCOMING LHNE BLOOD DRIVE** - Monday, March 21 is LHNE's March Blood Drive. It will be held from Noon until 6:00 p.m. There is always a critical need for blood donations, and we welcome all who can donate to stop in. If you have not scheduled an appointment, please call our office to find out what time slots are most available to walk in. (402) 379-3040

**\*\* FFA AG MECHANICS TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE** - Congratulations to the FFA Ag Technology & Mechanics team who qualified for state competition at the recent District FFA CDE competition. Team members are Justus Searight, Valen Searight, Levi Uecker, & Sophia Wolff. Their team as well as 3 other LHNE FFA teams will be competing at the State FFA Convention in early April.

## **YOUTH FOCUS**

**\*\* CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - 7<sup>th</sup> grade meets at the school (Room 131). 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**\*\* 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](mailto: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.

**\*\* COOKIE EVENT** - The Youth [7<sup>th</sup> 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!



**\*\* VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AT NATIONALS** - The CLS boys basketball team was accepted into the National Lutheran Basketball Tournament March 18-20 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The last time the boys varsity team qualified for nationals was six years ago. Good luck to our boys as they compete with the nation's best.

**\*\* 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 1 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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@clnorfolk.org](mailto:info@clnorfolk.org). Thank you for your help and helping us build up our leaders!

**\*\* TRUSTEE WORK DAYS** – Join the team for a work session on Saturday, March 26, April 9 and April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Many hands make light work.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 20, 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: Wanda Sramek (3/20), Joan Sila (3/26), Beverly Smith (3/27), and Loretta Slobodny (3/27).
- Thanksgiving for the Baptism of Oakley Sky Werner into God's family.
- For those recovering from surgery – Sandy Cover and Eunice Brandt, and Keith Flesner.
- For Jeff and Yolanda Gallop in the loss of Jeff mother, Kyla Pendergast.
- 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.**