



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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Scripture for today: Isaiah 12:1-6 + 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Pastor Hanft's message is "It is Fitting to Celebrate & Be Glad!" based on Luke 15:32

FORGIVING CHALLENGE ... Discussion Starter

Peter really messed up. He denied Jesus three times (he said he didn't know who he was!) Why do you think Peter ran to Jesus when he saw Him? And what does that tell us about Jesus? (Check out John 21 for the whole story!) Discuss this with someone you know or someone you live with!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – MARCH 30

"In View of God's Mercy" 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Meal served 5:00-6:15

The Board of Christian Nurture and our National Youth Gathering participants will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar

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 30 – Mercy in Relationships (Eph. 4:32)
- April 6 – Mercy in Service (Hebrews 6:10)

**** CALL COMMITTEES ACCEPTING NAMES:** The Call Committees for Associate Pastor and Director of Music have finalized job descriptions for these positions and are now accepting names for possible individuals to fill these positions. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for the position and for our congregation, please use the "nomination of candidate" forms available in the narthex for this purpose. Job descriptions for both of these positions are also available in the narthex. Deadline for submission of names is Sunday, April 10, 2022.

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

Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry (Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, Charlotte, Caylee) are missionaries for the church in all of Asia. They had come to the U.S. for in-service, doctor and dentist appointments. Returning to Taiwan, they had to take two weeks of mandatory quarantine. They had 7 Covid tests over 3 weeks. They were welcomed home and celebrated the new Book of Concord in Chinese with church partners and LCMS Michael Paul. Caleb, Caitlin, Charlotte and Chloe resume Chinese classes with their Teachers. Cheryl continues to home school while all the children resume Chinese classes. **Give thanks to God for their safe travels back to Taiwan, where the Lord has placed them through His church. Praise God for partners who provide generous resources for their ministry in Asia.**

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. 9th Street). The next study will be Tuesday, March 29.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 03/20/22	451
Communed	229
Midweek Lent 03/23	234

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **03/20/22** \$ 24,386

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; Milford Nitz is at St. Joseph Care Center.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension.”
James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Romans 13:8a

** **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!

Eden is a trained LCC K-9 Comfort Dog at Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. Eden is a friend who brings a calming influence and allows people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them.

Launched in August 2008, the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

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LHNE BEAUTY & THE BEAST - It is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that Lutheran High Northeast welcomes you to their spring production of "Beauty and the Beast." Join the cast and crew on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold in advance - admission is \$5 for ages 5 & up. Belle would also like to extend a special invitation to princesses 12 and under for Belle's Princess Party prior to the show on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.! Information for the princess party can be found on LHNE's Facebook page.

GROWING THE FUTURE, ROOTED IN HIM - Many thanks to all who came and celebrated the groundbreaking on Sunday, March 20! It was a beautiful and windy day to mark the start of the fourth addition to LHNE - an Agricultural Education classroom and workshop, and a science laboratory and classroom. Special thanks to the leaders in the community who shared words of encouragement at the event: Chairman of the Board Mark Oltjenbruns, Norfolk Mayor Josh Moenning, Senator Mike Flood, LC-MS District Executive Bob Ziegler, and President of the Nebraska District LC-MS Rev. Richard Snow. We are excited that construction has begun and look forward to the completion in December of 2022!

UPCOMING LHNE MUSIC CONCERT - The LHNE Music Contest concert featuring soloists and large and small ensembles will be held on April 10, at 2:00 p.m. at LHNE. They will be performing the pieces they will be competing with at District Music Contest.

YOUTH FOCUS

** **PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION** – All children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional on April 10 at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service. Children should gather in the Narthex where there will be Sunday School teachers to assist them in getting their palm branches prior to the service. After the procession, children will be seated with their families.

** **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 – NYG participants 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, or text @ 507-456-5380.

** **COOKIE EVENT TODAY!** - 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!



**** VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AT NATIONALS** - The CLS boys basketball team attended the National Lutheran Basketball Tournament March 18-20 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Our boys finished 7th out of 32 teams! Good job!!! The last time the boys varsity team qualified for nationals was six years ago.

**** TICKETS ON SALE FOR REVEL 2022** - Please 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 28 at this link: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/revel-2022/tickets>. You can also text REVEL2022 to 99192.

**** CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE** - The CLS Open House is April 3 from 2:00-4:00. Everyone is welcome.

**** PLANT SALE** kick off was Monday, March 7. If anyone wants to purchase plants, they may purchase from a CLS student! Order forms are also available at the Scrip desk in the Narthex. 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. Thank you for your help and helping us build up our leaders!

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

**** LIFTING LIFE OVER LUNCH** – The Norfolk area chapter of Lutherans For Life will hold a meeting at Christ Lutheran at noon, April 19. We are trying something new by having the meeting over the noon hour making it more feasible for people to attend and participate. This will be a planning meeting for our potential participation in the LCMS Million Dollar Life Match grant. Come share your creative ideas for fundraising and feel free to bring your lunch!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 27, 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: Loretta Slobodny (3/27), Barbara Miller (3/31), Reba Mann (4/1), Jerry Smith (4/1) and Carolyn Beeks (4/2).
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- 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.