



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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Scripture for today: Isaiah 43:16-21 + Philippians 3:8-14 + Luke 20:9-20

Pastor Moreno's message is based on the Forgiving Challenge: Restoration

**** FUNERAL** – Wilma Purdy was called to her Savior's side on Monday, March 28, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on Friday, April 1.

FORGIVING CHALLENGE ... Discussion Starter

Page 151 of our *Forgiving Challenge* book has the lyrics of the hymn "Jesus Paid it All." Read it with someone, or watch a YouTube video. What lyric sticks out to you as meaningful?

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – APRIL 6

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

Lenten Meal served 5:00-6:15

Hosted by Lutherans for Life and the Evangelism Board

Menu: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, fruit and dessert

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship 12:15 p.m.

Good Friday Worship and Passion Drama 6:30 p.m.

The Festival of Easter – Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast served by Youth 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**** PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION NEXT SUNDAY** – 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.

**** 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. Dr. John and Melinda Bombaro (Sophia, Marie, Anna, Luca) serve the Lord as missionaries in Latvia, based in Riga. (The Big Mission Event in 2021 supported the Bombaros.) John is an assistant to the regional director of the Eurasia region. He works to plant an English-speaking congregation in Riga. He teaches Lutheran theology and mentors seminary students in a Bachelor of Divinity program at Riga Luther Academy. He assists in the re-accreditation of the English speaking seminary accredited through the European Union. **Pray for John, Melinda and their children as they adjust to the language and culture in Latvia. Ask God to give Melinda opportunities to connect with women, particularly mothers with school-aged children, and to share the Gospel with them. Pray the Bombaro family is given wisdom and boldness as they proclaim and present Christ as Lord and Savior.**

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: Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Philippians 2:5-11, and John 12:20-43

**** 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, April 12.

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 03/27/22	437
Communed	130
Midweek Lent 03/30	234

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Received **03/27/22** \$ 14,457

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

Hospitalized

Known to be hospitalized this past week:
at FRHS – Ruby Schulz.

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

LIFE QUOTE: “You and I are God’s workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God’s tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
John 13:34b

**** 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!

**** PALM SUNDAY CONCERT** - Two years ago Norfolk Chamber Singers quickly disbanded at the outbreak of COVID, and now the group has returned to its routine. The singers invite you to their Palm Sunday performance *He Gave It All*. The concert will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2300 W. Norfolk Avenue, April 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The handbell choir from Christ Lutheran Church, as well as other instrumentalists, will assist in the evening performance. No admission will be charged, but a freewill offering will be gathered to support Orphan Grain Train for Ukrainian refugee relief. Please, plan to attend.

**** 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.

**** 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.

**** LHNE QUIZ BOWL CHAMPIONS** - Congratulations to Kolby Nielsen, William Bryant, Max Carlson, and Noah Pedersen who were NECC Quiz Bowl Champions this year! The last time that LHNE won the championship was in 2013. The team will be competing at State in April. Go Eagles!

**** SPRING POWER LIFTING A SUCCESS** - Several students have been training for the Spring Powerlifting competitions and many have been successful! Last month in Verdigre, Carleigh Tietz & Harrison Holdorf both earned 1st place, Evan Glaser placed 2nd, Jonathan Glaser placed 3rd and Dustin Hazen placed 4th in their weight divisions. Last weekend in Harvard, Evan placed 1st, Jonathan placed 3rd, and Arian Hernandez placed 7th. They will be competing again in Orchard on April 9. Good Luck!

YOUTH FOCUS

- ** **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:
- 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.



- ** **CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE** - The CLS Open House is April 3 from 2:00-4:00. Everyone is welcome.
- ** **PLANT SALE** Thanks to all who place plant orders with our students. Don't forget 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 work sessions on Saturday, April 9 and April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Many hands make light work.

**** ONLINE PICTORIAL** – Photos will continue to be taken indefinitely, however they will no longer be available at the church. Those wishing to have their photos taken may still sign up via the website listed below, and photos will be taken at Michael's Photography studio (13th Street & Norfolk Avenue). For an appointment time go to website: <https://portraits.midwestschool.net/pages/index/785911> Anyone who has and uses an email address should be able to navigate the scheduler.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF APRIL 3, 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: Marlene Walker (4/4), JoAnn Boyer (4/6), Betty Jean Gunter (4/6), Sandra Wolff (4/8), Marilyn Biehle (4/10), and Bernice Walters (4/10).
- For the people of Ukraine.
- For the family of Wilma Purdy, called to her Savior's side this past week.
- For Stacy (Kesting) Hart, undergoing surgery on Thursday.
- 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.

**** RIGHT TO LIFE AD** – Norfolk Area Right to Life will be sponsoring a Mother's Day ad in the Norfolk Daily News thanking mothers for choosing life. The ad will appear in the paper on Saturday, May 7, the night before Mother's Day. Included in this ad will be the names of individuals and families that support our belief that every child is a gift from God.

We invite you to be a part of this special event by having your name(s) appear in the ad. Signatures are being gathered in the Narthex this week and next (4/3 and 4/10). Norfolk Area Right to Life does ask for a donation of \$10 per line or \$15 per family to help pay for this ad. Please stop at the table in the Narthex and sign the permission sheet to have your name(s) appear in this ad. By joining your fellow parishioners in this endeavor, you are speaking volumes to all of Northeast Nebraska that we believe that all life is precious.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Many situations in life require mediators. Two parties at odds with each other can be brought together by one who is skilled in helping each one see things from the other's point of view. Christ was just such a mediator. Sin had separated us from God. A great chasm lay between us. The just and holy God could not tolerate sin and we helpless humans could not keep from it. Thanks be to God for giving His Son to bring about reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father!