



# Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Week of 07.10.22

**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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: Divine Service 4, pg. 203ff

Scripture for today: **Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18 + Colossians 1:1-14 + Luke 10:25-37**

Pastor Carretto's sermon is "Being Different" based on the Old Testament lesson

\*\* **FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for 63 years of marriage blessings given to Jerry and Marilyn Glaser, from their children and grandchildren.

\*\* **IN WORSHIP** – Installation of 2022-23 Officers will take place in both morning services this Sunday. We pray for God's guidance as they lead the congregation in the coming year. Check elsewhere in the Focus for a complete listing of Officers and Board Members.

\*\* **FUNERAL** – Lois Hinzman was called to her Savior's side on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Funeral service and Christian burial was held on Thursday, July 7, 2022.

**SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY – Sunday, July 17 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Agenda: Vote on Divine Call for an Associate Pastor**

## **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

National Youth Gathering is underway in Houston. Please keep the 21 youth and 7 adult sponsors in your prayers for safe travel and a fantastic faith experience as they are joining hundreds of other youth from across the nation for this week's high-energy event.

\*\* **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.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – A BLOCK PARTY FOR ALL AGES**

\*\* **IT'S A BLOCK PARTY** - We can't wait to see you at Block Party Vacation Bible School! This is for families of all ages on July 20, 27 & August 3 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Join us for free food, crafts, activities, and a devotion at 6:30. It's all happening on the Christ Lutheran School playground.

**Help us spread the word!** Invite your family, friends, neighbors...you name it! The fun starts July 20. You can grab postcards and sign up to hang door hangers in the narthex between the stair cases.

If you are interested in helping with the Block Party, you can check out our sign up genius (qr code), or contact Cori Woltmann @ 507-456-5380.



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

Rev. Dr. Arthur Just, Jr. is professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and an LCMS missionary. At the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia in Wittenberg, Germany, He led the week's class on the history and conduct of the liturgy. He stated, "If the liturgy is not about the Lamb who was slain and raised again, then it is not the heavenly liturgy." On October 31 of the Reformation in 2021, the students, professors, and others gathered to receive the Word and Sacrament with all the company of heaven. **Pray that many people may hear the message of the Word and Sacrament.**

## **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, now 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 preceding Sunday, the 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18; Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37.

\*\* **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, June 7.

### **Our Stewardship of Time**

In Worship **07/03/22** ..... 315  
Communed ..... 282

### **Our Stewardship of Treasure**

Received **07/03/22** ..... \$ 12,988

*Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated.*

### **Hospitalized**

Known to be hospitalized this past week:  
at FRHS – no one listed.

Leon Wagner is at St. Joseph Care Center

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

**LIFE QUOTE:** “How sweet it is to have gathered around Jesus and learn again, or maybe learn for the first time, how He loves you and me. And He promises nothing is ever going to break this circle, ‘...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (Romans 8:38b-39).” *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

*Let us not give up meeting together,  
as some are in the habit of doing, but  
let us encourage one another.*

Hebrews 10:25a

## **LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST**

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\*\* **LHNE JULY BLOOD DRIVE** - Just because school is not in session doesn’t mean that Americans aren’t in need of blood. If you are able to donate blood, LHNE will be having its July Blood Drive on Monday, July 18 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to donate, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org> and click on “give blood” to schedule a donation.

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

\*\* **S.O.S. (Servants of the Savior)** will meet Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to plan the Staff Appreciation breakfast and get updates on the Big Mission Event. You are welcome to come to the meeting.

## **2022-2023 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

- **Chairman:** Adam Marotz
- **Vice Chair:** Monte Glaser
- **Secretary:** Jesse White
- **Treasurer, General Fund:** Mark Raders
- **Treasurer, Special Funds:** Bill Begeman

**Elders:** Gary Krueger, Leon Gebhardt, Trevor Osten, Kendal Yagow, Mike Freudenburg, Dan Janke, Dennis Bolduan, David Freudenburg, Jeff Pasold, Keith Moje, Bob Hafer, Jeff Calkins, Steve Plamann, Larry Grunke, Von Portwood.

**Trustees:** Ron Nitz, Kevin Lingenfelter, Terry Lichtenberg, Tim Carlisle, Jared Gall, Kendal Siedschlag, Curtis Brandt, Doug Deck, Amanda Hafer, Jerry Bohn, Curt Bockelman, Dale Schlote.

**Christian Nurture:** Jennifer Carlisle, Phyllis Glaser, Sally Splittgerber, Jennifer Larsen, Lisa Moreno.

**Stewardship:** Mark Johnson, Lori Bohn, Janet Miller, Tina Bredehoeft, Tom Buss, Pam Calkins.

**Board of Education:** Amy Schroeter, Jeff Thoene, John Hancock, Jed Millikan, Steven Spaulding, Brian Cram, Kari Buss, Jennifer Bazyn, Adina Stephens, Jeanette Schipporeit.

**Evangelism:** Jared Oswald, Deb Johnson, Virginia Hilkemann, Nancy Boche, Deanna Blumenberg, Kathy Karmazin.

**Child Care:** Susan Hartstad, Kathy Krueger, Michelle Sullivan, Brian Stortz, Renee Praeuner,

**Finance:** Mike Kesting, Judy Bohn, Lyn Lund.

**Youth:** Michelle Lingenfelter, Faith Knapp, Shelby Freudenburg, Devin Wanke, Karen Petersen.

**Audit:** Jeanette Rutten, Anna Janke, Liz Osten.

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**\*\* ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES** - Amazing! That sums up last summer's Orphan Grain Train Christmas Box project. At the end of our project last year 1,902 Christmas boxes were ready to be delivered to Orphan Grain Train, all packed with donations collected last summer. Over that previous three years we have sent 4,161 boxes to children around the world who rarely receive any gifts. Some do not own anything other than the clothes on their back. Some do not know the Christmas story.

Our goal this year is to share another 2,000 gift boxes through Orphan Grain Train so even more children can hear the Christmas story. You can help us fill these boxes using monetary gifts or donations of clothes and toys. Each box contains a t-shirt, socks, underwear, coloring book, stickers, crayons, ball, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and toy. The boxes are for children ages 2 to 12. We are collecting new underwear, new socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books, pages of stickers, plastic and rubber balls, and toothbrushes in individual packages. Used items to be donated include t-shirts, stuffed animals, and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden), baseball gloves, and children's puzzles.

Take a tag from the Christmas in July tree and return the items to the tree. Any used items to be donated may also be placed under the tree. Monetary donations (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. We are collecting donations through July 31. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. You can help these children know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

Christ Lutheran Priscillas group is assisting with the collection of these items during July and the packaging that takes place on August 2 at Grace Lutheran.

**\*\* JOB OPPORTUNITY - Christ Lutheran Communication Director.** Looking for someone who has great communication skills and knowledgeable of website, Facebook and other means of communicating, good sense of marketing concepts and strategies a plus, able to develop fund-raisers, build relationships with school families, assist with admissions for school students and is excited and passionate about Christian ministry and the potential for growth at the school and church. For more information or to submit resume email [info@clnorfolk.org](mailto:info@clnorfolk.org) or [durban@clnorfolk.org](mailto:durban@clnorfolk.org)

**\*\* A VISIT TO MISSION CENTRAL** – Zion Lutheran, Pierce LWML Agape Circle has contracted a bus to Mission Central at Mapleton, Iowa on Tuesday, July 12. Seats are available at a cost of \$24 payable to LWML Agape. Contact Lynette Koehler (402-329-6248), Sylvia Furstenau (402-329-4496) or Zion Church Office (402-329-4313) to make your reservation. Bus departs Zion parking lot at 8 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WEEKS OF JULY 10, 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, Cody Camenzind, Sonia Clark, Sandy Cover, Megan Curry, Joyce Deuel, Earleen Gansebom, 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, Tammy Peisal, Sondra Reigle, Melvin Sanders, Leon Schulz, Jay Sila, Steve Sothan, Nicholle Soukup, 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, Jim Barritt, 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, Jagger Nathan, 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 Maxine Thies, wife of Ol' Missionary Gary, as she recuperates from a fall earlier this week.
- For the family of Lois Hinzman, called to her Savior's side this past week.
- For those celebrating birthday blessings of 80 years or more including: Harriet Wehrle (7/11), Ruby Schulz (7/12), Leon Schulz (7/13), Metha Wildermuth (7/16).
- Blessings for the 21 youth and 7 adults attending National Youth Gathering.
- For rain to quench the parched earth and favorable weather.
- 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 - Prayer Requests or special needs that would require pastoral care, please contact the Church Office (402-371-1210). We will handle needs on an individual basis.**

## **BRICKS AVAILABLE**

There are many bricks available from the old school building for a free will donation for anyone that would like them. The problem is they are in chunks and sealed together with mortar. We are looking for any volunteers to separate these bricks from the mortar so we can have single bricks available. Hausmann Construction has informed us that this can be done with hammers and masonry chisels, masonry hammers, and hammer drills with a chipping bitstream. Hausmann is willing to take a chunk of the building over to the garage area where someone can start separating bricks. If you have the skills or interest to do this, please contact the church or school offices. We can coordinate with Hausmann to bring a chunk of the building over where any volunteers can start the process of separating bricks. Thank You!

**\*\* SUNDAY, AUGUST 7** – Join us as we celebrate education on this day. In worship, we will be installing our new Preschool Director, Rhonda Henschen, re-dedicating our current faculty, recognizing ministry milestones, and also have blessing of the backpacks for students.