



# Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**VISION STATEMENT:**  
*Growing together in faith*

Week of August 10, 2025

# FOCUS

*This week's opportunities  
to serve and participate in  
the ministries of Christ Lutheran*

**Sermon Series Theme: Let's Talk About It ... the 10th Commandment**

**Today's Theme: "Possession Pressure"**

**Readings: Micah 2:1-5, James 4:1-10, Matthew 6:25-34**

**Hymns for 5:30 & 8:00 services**

Liturgy: Prayer & Preaching, LSB pg. 260ff

#869 – "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

#736 – "Consider How the Birds Above"

#941 – "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

**Songs for 10:30 service**

"We Fall Down" by Chris Tomlin

"Counting My Blessings" by Seph Schlueter

"Trust in God" by Elevation Worship

"God of This Place" by David Leonard

"Our God" by Chris Tomlin

**PASTOR CAL'S FAREWELL**

**Sunday, August 17**

**11:45 (following late service)**

**CLS School commons area**

This will be a potluck dinner with chicken, cheesy potatoes & beverage furnished. The congregation is asked to furnish a vegetable or side dish, salad or dessert.

Pastor Kapel's last Sunday to preach will be August 24.

**\*\* FUNERAL** for Willard Vyhldal was held on Monday, August 4, 2025. Willard was called to his Savior's side on July 30, 2025.

**\*\* NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP** – We will be recognizing teachers as we begin a new school year and ask for God's blessings on all those in the education field. We will also have "blessing of the back-packs" during the children's message.

**\*\* MINISTRY MILESTONES** will be observed the weekend of August 17 as well. Honorees this year are Von Portwood, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher – 40 years; Pastor Moreno – 35 years; and Pastor Kapels – 10 years. Bags will be available in the narthex if you'd like to bless Von, Pastor Moreno and Pastor Kapels and thank them for their accomplishments, service and commitment to Christ Lutheran Church and School.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND – August 30/31**

We will only have the 5:30 Saturday evening service (August 30) here at church on Labor Day weekend. Sunday, August 31 – you are invited to a worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Johnson Park. This service will be a combined worship with members from Grace, Our Savior and Mount Olive. Bring your own chair and enjoy worship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lunch and children's activities will also be available. Volunteers are still needed for this event to help with parking, food, games, security, set-up/clean-up, etc. Please contact the Church Office.

Due to the Labor Day holiday and the combined worship service that weekend, the Weekly Focus published on August 24 will be a 2-week edition. If you have Focus items for either the week of August 24 or 31, please submit them by 10 a.m., Monday, August 18.

## **ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD**

**\*\* SUNDAYS** – 9:15 in Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor Carretto in a study of **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians**.

**\*\* MONDAYS** – 7:00 p.m. Join Pastor Carretto for **“Minor Prophets of the Old Testament”** – Delve into the stories behind these individuals and discover how they carry out their role in God's plan.

**\*\* TUESDAYS** – 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and faith conversations studying God's Word. Meet at Inspire Home & Land Realty, 2100 Market Lane – Suite 700.

**Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Bible Class** meets bi-weekly at 7:00 a.m. at Orphan Grain Train (enter east door)

**\*\* WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join Pastor Moreno in the Fellowship Hall. Current study on the **Book of Luke**.

**\*\* THURSDAYS** – 6:30 a.m. **“The Letters of the Apostle Paul”** is the current focus for Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is included. Led by Monte Glaser.

### **STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE** (through General Fund Offerings)

Week of August 3, 2025

Actual

\$ 19,087

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

Week of August 3, 2025

Worship 446

**Building Healthy Families:** Much of today's media reflects values that we wouldn't want our family to see or use as a model for life, but there are notable exceptions! Why not plan a weekly movie night with your family or friend group, intentionally choosing films that are both entertaining and faith-affirming? Here's an idea to get you started: “Where Hope Grows” (streaming on many online platforms) tells the story of Calvin, a former baseball player who struggles with addiction and loss who befriends Produce, a young man with Down Syndrome who works at the grocery store. God uses their relationship to help Calvin rediscover hope and faith. Among the unwholesome story lines out there are some that shine light and challenge us to change our opinions in helpful ways...like remembering the value of people born with Down Syndrome! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

#### **LIFE QUOTE: August 10 -**

“Our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that the Heavenly Father makes His love for our kind evident in sunshine and rainfall (Matthew 5:45) along with sparrows and lilies (Matthew 6:25-33). So, we may expect to learn about the sanctity of every human life not only from His Word but also from His world.”

*Pastor Michael Salemink, – A Life Quote Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**\*\* OGT CHRISTMAS BOXES** – Our donations are in and we're excited to begin packing Christmas Boxes for Orphan Grain Train! Here's our packing schedule: Monday, August 11, at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. All packing will take place in the north basement of Grace Lutheran Church. Enter through the north parking lot door. Contact Kelly Asbury, 402-371-3521 for info.

**\*\* BOOK CLUB** meets Monday, September 22 at 6:00. Discussion will be on “The Mountain Between Us” by Charles Martin. See Ann Henny for detail.

**\*\* MANY THANKS** – to the individuals who helped during the month of July at the Food Pantry. Helpers included: Bonnie Begeman, Lori Bohn, Lola Brockman, Jenn, Hayley and Lauren Carlisle, Susan Fink, Syd Gardels, Gretchen Hild, LaJean and Shari Hofmann. Russ and Janice Johnson, Mike and Deb Kesting, Liela Konopasek, Judy Miller, Jeanette Schipporeit, Char Siedschlag, Myron and Patsy Wasson and Judy Allvin.

Many thanks also to everyone who generously brought food donations to help stock the pantry shelves and fill the needs of some less fortunate in our community.

## SCHOOL CONNECTION



**\*\* TEE-OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE** – Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14. The Christ Classic is back and better than ever! Join us for a fun-filled day on the green, all in support of Christ Lutheran School. If you're a seasoned golfer or just in it for the fun, this is an event you won't want to miss. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Whether you want to promote your business, honor a loved one, or simply show your support for Christ Lutheran School, a variety of sponsorship levels are available, offering great exposure and a meaningful way to give back. For more information, to register, or to become a sponsor please contact Principal Drew Urban at [durban@clnorfolk.org](mailto:durban@clnorfolk.org) or Communications Director Kenzie Pasold at [kpasold@clnorfolk.org](mailto:kpasold@clnorfolk.org). More information is available on the flyer attached to this Focus.

## LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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### **\*\* JR. EAGLES VOLLEYBALL INTEREST FORM GRADES 3-8**

This is an interest survey to get an idea of the athletes in grades 3rd-8th who would like to play volleyball in the fall with the Jr. Eagles.

SurveyCode:<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY2oN8FSXqOZb4kRZ42t3uuSmXznAD9zxMF31VxiyFfJu87g/viewform>

**\*\* 2025 BEEF BLAST – August 24!** We would love your help making the Beef Blast this year a great success! On Sunday, August 24, the school is transformed into a welcoming place full of delicious food, silent and live auctions, and games. This is our largest fundraiser of the year for student tuition aid, the mission and ministry of the school, and student needs. We need your help to make this day successful! Throughout the summer, we will be receiving donated items to put on the silent and live auctions. Would you or your business have an item or service that could be added? Items vary greatly, and usually auction for more than their value, which makes the donation even more meaningful. We would love to have your support through a donation, and keep Sunday, August 24th, free for a fun day!

**\*\* LHNE YOUTH FOOTBALL** - Our youth football program will be playing games this year! We will have a parent meeting on Tuesday, August 12, at 5:30 PM at LHNE.

**\*\* WATER SOFTENER SALT FUNDRAISER** - The LHNE football team is selling Crystal Diamond 40 lb. softener salt. The price is \$10 for pellets or crystals. Orders are due by Friday, August 15 and will be delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. The team will even deliver the bags directly to your house! Make checks out to Lutheran High Northeast. If you have any questions, text or call Mitch Hyde: 402-841-4432

**\*\* LHNE FOOTBALL STORE** - The LHNE FB Store is up! All orders must be placed by Thursday, August 21, at 10 a.m. Order here! <https://lhnefootball25.itemorder.com/>

**\*\* SPIRITWEAR STORE OPEN** - The LHNE Spiritwear Store is up and set to close on Friday, August 15 at 10 a.m. Here is a link for you to share with everyone: <https://lhnespiritwear25.itemorder.com/>

**\*\* EAGLE CARD SALES** – 2025-2026 LHNE Eagle cards are now available from the LHNE office or a LHNE student. Cost is only \$10 for a lot of great local business deals.

**\*\* BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** – August 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the LHNE Library. Please join us.

## **YOUTH CONNECTION**

**\*\* WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY KICKS OFF – September 10.** We can't wait to see you at Christ Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. This is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE – September 19-21** is our annual Fall Retreat for youth at Camp Luther! Registration materials available next week.

**Have you been getting the texts?** Email Cori Woltmann at [cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org](mailto:cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org) or text at 507-456-5380 to make sure you are added!

**\*\* GETTING THE EMAILS?** - If you have not been getting the weekly Focus emails, it means your profile needs to be updated in our system! Emails are sent out weekly, and if you have children, updates about youth and children's ministry are sent out that way also. If you think your profile needs updating, you can contact Lynn Walmsley at [lwalmsley@clnorfolk.org](mailto:lwalmsley@clnorfolk.org), and she can help you!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENTS** – Pastor Moreno and DCE Cori Woltmann are excited to be teaching Confirmation this year! The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation meeting (for youth and parents) will be **Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.** Registration forms will be available next week. Please note that the first day of Confirmation class will be Sunday, September 28. Classes will be 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sundays. September 19-21 is the annual Fall Youth Retreat and we hope all Confirmation students consider attending!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**\*\* MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE** – Looking to stay active, build community, and enjoy competitive basketball? Join us Monday nights at 7:15 p.m. in the Christ Lutheran School gym. Whether you've played for years or are just getting back into the game, we'd love to have you.

**\*\* AT MISSION CENTRAL** – Want to know what is going on in the Mission Field of Kenya? Come join the folks at Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa on **Monday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m.** and hear an update on mission work in East Africa from Missionary John Wolf and family. The Lord is working in this part of the world and blessings some amazing mission work there.

**\*\* ICE CREAM / PIE SOCIAL** – Sunday, August 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Foster. Freewill donation will be designated for mission projects.

**\*\* CAMP LUTHER 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT** – at Quail Run Golf Course, Columbus, will be Sunday, September 21. Check-in at 12 noon, with shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. This is an 18-hole, 4-player team scramble. Registration is \$80/player or \$300/team. Registration forms available in Church Office.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, August 10**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

### **Monday, August 11**

- 1:00 p.m. Finance
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### **Tuesday, August 12**

- 10:00 a.m. Pastors Conference

### **Wednesday, August 13**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
- 7:00 p.m. Council

### **Thursday, August 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School ☺**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Madison House Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **Saturday, August 16**

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **Sunday, August 17 – Teacher Recognition & Milestones**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

## **PRAYER REQUESTS 08.10.25**

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 battling cancer, for their families and caregivers.
- For those homebound, in care centers, nursing homes, suffering long-term illness; facing tests, uncertainties about their health, undergoing surgery, or going through difficult times.
- For those with health concerns this week including Keith Johnson, Ryan Schulz, Dorothy Freudenburg, Robert Schulz, April King, Evelyn Kurpgeweit,
- For Cliff & Mary Haas in the loss of Cliff's brother, Gerald Haas.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Sharon Wolff (8/11), Warren Stuthman (8/11), Mardelle Tech (8/13) and Judene Abels (8/14).
- Blessings for all teachers and students preparing for the beginning of a new school year.

**PRAYER REQUESTS & PASTORAL NEEDS** – for Prayer Requests or special needs requiring pastoral care, please contact the Church Office (402-371-1210). We will handle needs on an individual basis.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS ARE DUE BY 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**

## **SUPPORT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHILDCARE – AND GET IT ALL BACK!**

Exciting news for Nebraska taxpayers! You can now make a meaningful impact on faith-based early childhood education and receive a 100% Nebraska state income tax credit through the **LB531 Child Care Contribution Tax Credit**. This is a unique opportunity to give generously – at no net cost to you!

### **Here's What You Need to Know:**

- **100% State Tax Credit** – Every dollar you contribute to Christ Lutheran Childcare is credited back to you on your Nebraska income tax return.
- **Who Can Give?** Nebraska individuals, businesses, and corporations with state income tax liability are all eligible.
- **Simple Process** – Write a check to Christ Lutheran Church (memo: "LB531 Childcare Contribution"), drop it off at the church office, and complete the provided forms.
- **We'll Help You Through It** – the church office will assist with forms and provide everything you need to submit your application to the Nebraska Department of Revenue.
- **Invest in What Matters** – Your gift supports a quality, Christ-centered early learning environment – shaping young hearts and minds for life.

**Questions or Ready to Give?** Call the Church Office at 402-371-1210. We're here to help!



## 5th Annual Christ Classic 4-Person Scramble

**Date:** September 14, 2025

**Time:** Noon Shot Gun Start

**Venue:** Fairplay Golf Course

**Cost:** \$100 per player. \$10 Option to purchase "Tiger Ticket": 2 mulligans, 4 extra raffle tickets, participate in "Greenie" raffle (a raffle ticket for every Par 3 green a player hits on first shot)

**Event Information:** Registration starts at 10:30. Lunch will be provided at 11:00 from Kane's. There will be a dinner and raffle after golf is completed. Every participant will receive a "goody bag" at registration.

Winners of the Christ Classic will receive commemorative crystal and names engraved on coveted "Schipperit Cup" traveling trophy. A 2<sup>nd</sup> flight winner will be determined after the round.

\*\*There will be a putting contest prior to the round with a grand prize for the winner. \$5 per putt or 3 putts for \$10.

**Purpose of Event:** To build community among Christ Lutheran School families and raise money for small coaching stipends (1/3 of proceeds) and school improvements (2/3 of proceeds).

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

**Hole Sponsor:** \$150

*"Hole sponsors can be a business or family. A hole sponsor will have their name or business on a yard sign on a tee box or green."*

**Business Sponsor:** \$750

*"Business sponsors will have their business on a yard sign at a tee box, green, or main visible areas by clubhouse and posted on our Tiger Tales newsletter throughout the year. Business sponsors will receive one team to participate in the 5th annual Christ Classic. Sponsorship includes \$10 mulligan/raffle/greenie package. Please send a high-resolution logo of your businesses to the emails below so we can promote your business!"*

Please call the school office at 371-5536 or email Principal Urban at [urban@clnorfolk.org](mailto:urban@clnorfolk.org) or activities director Jonathan Himmler at [jhimmler@clnorfolk.org](mailto:jhimmler@clnorfolk.org) if you would like to be a hole or business sponsor. Deadline for sponsors is September 1! **\*\*If anyone would like to donate items for the raffle, please drop off the items at the school office! Thank You for your support! The Christ Classic had 36 teams and filled up quickly last year. Please reserve your team today!**