



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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VISION STATEMENT:
Growing together in faith

Week of October 5, 2025

FOCUS

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

Today's Scripture Readings:

Esther 4:6-16, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 4:18-22

Hymns for 5:30 & 8:00 services

Liturgy: Divine Service 1, LSB pg. 151ff
#909 – "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
#826 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"
#832 – "Jesus Shall Reign"
#839 – "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"
#856 – "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"
#837 – "Lift High the Cross"

Songs for 10:30 service

"I Will Follow" by Chris Tomlin
"Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)" by Kari Jobe
"My Story" by Big Daddy Weave
"God is on the Move" by 7th Time Down

WORSHIP AIDS – please see an usher for the following ...

- **Personal hearing devices** for the hearing impaired.
- **Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers** are available for Holy Communion.
- **Large print LSB hymnals** for those with limited vision.

FLOWERS on the altar today have been placed to the glory of God by Priscillas/LWML.

**** SPECIAL MUSIC** in the 8:00 service today is by our Handbell Choir. They will be ringing "With Timbrel and Dance" and Variation on Theme by Brahms.

**** TODAY IS LWML SUNDAY – Lutheran Women's Missionary League.** The Christ Lutheran Priscillas/LWML is among many women, who are in Mission, gathering MITES to fund projects voted on at the National Convention in Omaha this past June. Please visit our table this weekend for information and pick up a MITE box for yourself and/or your child, and save those coins to help us fund the special projects. Your MITE box can be returned to the church office at anytime. Our table is located in the Narthex beside a beautiful banner (made by Sarah Moje). You should see ladies in purple this weekend, ladies in MISSION! Christ Lutheran Priscillas/LWML meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. Thanks for supporting us in sharing Christ with the nations and here at home.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

... and watch for more information in coming weeks.

All of these are great events that you can participate in
and also connect with your church family and the community.

- ♥ Starting Saturday morning, October 19 – *Pickleball (for all ages)*
- ♥ TODAY - Sunday, October 5 – *Life Chain 2 p.m.*
- ♥ Friday, October 17 – *Project Homeless Connect @ CLS*
- ♥ Sunday, October 26 – *Trunk-or-Treat 3-5 p.m. @ CLS*
- ♥ Sunday, November 9 – *S.O.S. Big Mission Event*
- ♥ Sunday, November 23 – *Friendsgiving*
- ♥ Tuesday, November 25 – *Live Nativity*

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

**** SUNDAYS** – 9:15 in Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Carretto.

For our past lessons, we've been studying Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We completed that letter last weekend and are ready to take up Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians. We begin at 9:15 or there about, every Sunday morning and invite you to join this study with us. This is the fourth book of the New Testament that we're about to study (we've done Luke, Acts and 1 Corinthians) and we're planning to go right through the New Testament until we get through the book of Revelation! Our study guide is the New Testament!

**** MOSAIC & CLC** at Christ Lutheran School led by Glenna Gutz

A Bible study and worship time celebrating every person's talents and gifts. Call 402-316-8873 for more info.

**** ALSO ON SUNDAYS** (starting October 12) in the music room at school; led by Elizabeth Osten

We will be going through a study called 3:16. The purpose of this study is for parents to connect with each other, and we will be learning and discussing how salvation is a gift from God, and His love for us is immeasurable! One of the passages we will be focusing on is John 3:16. If you have children that are too young for Sunday School, and you would like to be a part of this study, they are welcome too. We will have a volunteer (Karen Petersen) available to hang out and play with them. This is a parent & noise friendly study!

**** MONDAYS** – 7:00 p.m. led by Pastor Carretto.

We've completed our study of the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. We're now studying the book of Genesis chapter by chapter. As the first book of the Bible, it's filled with all kinds of interesting stories that amazingly open up much discussion for our modern day life as Christians. We meet every Monday night starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us for this new study!

**** 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)

**** TUESDAY EVENINGS** (through October 7) – Bible, Brats, & Beverages Men's Bible Study for faith, fellowship and football. Jim Kruse and Bill McAllister invite you to join them for an interactive five-week Bible study – relaxed evening of conversation, food and beverages, 1002 Park Way, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This small-group study is designed for men and built around a football-themed framework. RSVP text to Mac at 402-380-1329 to help with food planning. Week 5 study: 4th Quarter.

**** 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.

Building Healthy Families: October 5 - A recent CDC report on Alzheimer's Disease noted that caregivers experience a significant level of burnout. It also noted that caregivers benefited from receiving education, respite care, and support. These lessen the burden of caregiving and improve the care received by their loved one. Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say *Amen* to that obvious conclusion. Who has God put in your world cares for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease? They likely won't ask you for help...but help anyway! Take the initiative to do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutter, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* **Lutheran Family Service Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LIFE QUOTE: October 5 - "We shouldn't expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God's blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ." *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote*
Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org

**** LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY – TODAY**, October 5 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. beginning at the intersection of 13th Street and Norfolk Avenue. Norfolk Area Right to Life invites you to participate in a peaceful, prayerful, public witness against abortion. Signs will be provided. If you are unable to stand for the hour, please feel free to bring a chair.

**** FOOD PANTRY DRIVE** – SOS (Servants of the Savior) is participating in Thrivent's Fall Food Shelf Challenge that challenges groups to collect at least 500 individual containers of non-perishable foods or essential items for a local food pantry if the goal is met. The food drive will be supplemented with a **Generosity Multiplier Gift of \$500, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska**. That means Norfolk Food Pantry will receive the non-perishables collected plus \$500. Christ Lutheran School and Child Care is participating in this challenge. Items may be dropped off at either building anytime during business hours by November 2.

**** BOOK CLUB** is scheduled to meet Monday, October 20 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Discussion will focus on the book: "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. See Ann Henny for details.

MUSIC NOTES

**** CHOIR REHEARSALS** are now underway on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Ann Henny with questions. ahenny@clnorfolk.org

**** ALL BRASS & SAXOPHONE PLAYERS** – you are welcome to play for the 8:00 a.m. service on October 26 – Reformation Sunday. For more information, contact Ann Henny ahenny@clnorfolk.org

**** ALL STRING, FLUTE & CLARINET PLAYERS** – you are welcome to play for the 8:00 a.m. service on November 2 – All Saints Day. For more information, contact Ann Henny ahenny@clnorfolk.org

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**** VOLLEYBALL PACK THE GYM NIGHT** is Tuesday, October 7. The game against Plainview will begin at 5:30 with JV and Varsity to follow. Students PreK-8 will be admitted free. There will be an activity led by Student Council!

**** BOOSTER CLUB PANCAKE FEED** is Sunday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a freewill donation with funds raised going towards LHNE transportation fund. There will also be an open house for all students and families who would like to tour and meet our teachers. All 8th grade students who participate will receive a free t-shirt! The open house will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**** FALL ACTIVITY SENIOR NIGHTS** – Volleyball and Cross Country seniors and their parents will be recognized at the volleyball game against Humphrey-Lindsay on October 14. Football seniors and their parents will be recognized at the football game against Plainview on October 16.

**** HOPE HEROES FUNDRAISER** – The LHNE Student Council is hosting a Hope Heroes fundraiser October 13-17, selling baked goods at lunch to support the cause. The goal is to raise \$500 (or more!) We'll celebrate and announce the total raised at the football game on October 16!

YOUTH CONNECTION

**** FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY, OCTOBER 5** – There is NO regular Sunday School. We want families to connect together as they engage in faith building activities. It all starts at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there.

**** YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK** – We will be at Poppy's from 7:00-8:30p.m. Cost is \$8. We will have bottled water and s'mores available, but the Poppy's concessions will not be open. Pick up and drop off is at Poppy's. Email Cori Woltmann cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org with any questions.

**** SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY** – Join us Sundays at 9:15 in the Youth Room. It is led by youth, so you know it is going to be awesome! Whether you have joined us before or not you are always welcome.

**** SAVE THE DATE**

- **October 22** – Youth Group starts at Christ Lutheran and we will walk over to Mercy Meals.

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

**** PARENT CONNECTION & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES** – **Wednesdays in October** we will be having a new parent Bible study opportunity at 7:15 p.m. (during youth group). These will be led by Laura Kowalski and Cori Woltmann. You are welcome regardless of the ages of your kids, or regardless of what school they attend.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE (through General Fund Offerings)

Week of September 28, 2025

Actual

\$ 21,231

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

DEBT DRIVE: Goal \$190,000

Received \$14,544

Balance Remaining \$175,456

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Week of September 28, 2025

Worship 536

**** LB531 GIVING OPPORTUNITY** – There are still funds available through LB531 but time is running out! Businesses and individuals can contribute, and it is a true dollar-for-dollar tax credit. If you do not qualify, we are able to refund your contribution. To learn more or to participate, please contact Chad at the Child Care or Lynn in the church office. This is a wonderful way to invest in the future of our children while also being a wise financial decision.

**** BASIC LERT TRAINING (Lutheran Early Response Teams)** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Jackson Street, Madison on Saturday, October 18. Come learn how you can serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to those impacted by disasters. Learn more about the class and register at www.lcms-lert.org. Questions? Contact Dylan Woodall at dwoodall1993@gmail.com 816-263-0444, or Mick Onnen at DiasasterResponse@ndlcms.org. 402-364-3370.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**** BIG EVENT – Save the Date!** The annual Big Mission Event hosted by Christ Lutheran Servants of the Savior (S.O.S.) is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, at Divots Conference Center. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this mission-themed event with Gary Thies and Rev. Steve Schulz of Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa. Tickets are on sale now in the Church Office or from S.O.S. members.

**** OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER** - Sunday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, 39452 205th Avenue (Mason Road), Columbus. Adults \$18, Children 5-10 \$7; 4 and under are free. Carry-out available. Menu is Bratwurst, German meatballs, Eisbein and Sauerkraut, Hot German Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, American Potatoes and much more, plus cheesecakes, pies and bars.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

- 7:00 p.m. Priscillas

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:00 & 1:20 PreSchool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
- 2:45 p.m. School Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Youth Group

Thursday, October 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Saturday, October 11

- 5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, October 12

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

PRAYER REQUESTS 10.05.25

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 April King, Aleigha Lawless, Cheryl Husmann, Earl Henseleit, Denise Volquardson, Nancy Brudigan, Shelby Bliss, Jeanine Kollath, Carl Bernstrauch, Derald Moenning.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Gary Schacher (10/7), Dean Bohn (10/8), and Joan Olson (10/10).
- For our country and our nation's leaders.
- **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.
& Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FOCUS ARE DUE BY 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8