



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

605 S. 5th Street, Norfolk, Nebraska
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VISION STATEMENT:
Growing together in faith

Week of October 19, 2025

FOCUS

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

Today's Scripture Readings: Joshua 2:1-14, Acts 15:1-11, Luke 8:43-48

Hymns for 5:30 & 8:00 services

Liturgy: Divine Service 4 – LSB pg. 203ff
#732 – “All Depends on Our Possessing” (stz. 1-2, 5-6)
#849 – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
#620 – “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” (stz. 1-3, 5)
#841 – “O Son of God, in Galilee”
#637 – “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
#812 – “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

Songs for 10:30 service

“Whom Shall I Fear” by Chris Tomlin
“Clean Heart” by Katie Torwalt
“Trust in God” by Elevation Worship
“Todah Yahweh” by Songwriter Initiative

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 are given to the glory of God by Bill and Kandi Kralik in thanksgiving for 20 years of marriage blessings.

**** FUNERAL** – Robert Vogel was called to his Savior's side on October 11, 2025. Funeral service and Christian burial were held on October 16, 2025.

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.

- ♥ **Sunday, October 26** – *Trunk-or-Treat 3-5 p.m. @ CLS*
- ♥ **Sunday, November 9** – *S.O.S. Big Mission Event*
- ♥ **Wednesday, November 19** – *Hope for the Holidays Grief Forum*
- ♥ **Sunday, November 23** – *Friendsgiving*
- ♥ **Tuesday, November 25** – *Live Nativity*

HAPPENING NEXT WEEKEND

**** TRUNK OR TREAT** – Sunday, October 26 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the CLS parking lot. In case of inclement weather, it will be inside at Christ Lutheran School. New this year will be games, hotdogs and popcorn. Donations of candy would be appreciated. If you would like to help with games, contact Sara Huwaldt or the church office. Sign ups for hosting a trunk are available in the narthex.

**** CLERGY APPRECIATION** – We will celebrate the blessing of our pastoral staff and thank them for their endless hour of dedication to the ministries here at Christ Lutheran.

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

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

Currently studying Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians. Our study guide is the New Testament!

**** MOSAIC & CLC** 9:15 a.m. 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** at 9:15 in the music room at school; led by Elizabeth Osten

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'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)

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

**** WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** – 7:15-8:15 p.m. beginning October 22, in the CLS Music Room; led by Laura Kowalski. We hope to see you as we start discussing the Lord's Prayer. This is for adults and will run during youth group, but you are welcome to attend regardless of whether or not you have children. We can't wait to get to know you better as we learn together.

**** 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 19 - Have questions about same sex relationships or whether it's possible for someone to change their gender come up in conversation within your family recently? Check out the "Resources" section of the LFS website for help you can use to navigate these conversations in ways that are grounded in God's truth, and compassion for all people who struggle. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LIFE QUOTE: October 19 - "You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**** 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.

**** S.O.S. (Servants of the Savior)** will be meeting this Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Final preparations will be made for the Big Mission Event coming on November 9, and the group will be working on decorations for this.

**** BIG MISSION EVENT** - Come celebrate the joy of mission work at The Big *Mission* Event scheduled for Sunday, November 9, at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. The Big *Mission* Event, sponsored by Servants of the Savior of Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, begins with a 5:00 p.m. social hour, followed by a buffet dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and his associate, Rev. Steve Schulz will serve as presenters for the evening. The Event also features a live auction, with Lisa Wolken as auctioneer. Tickets are available for a cost of \$70 per person from Christ Lutheran Church, (371-1210). No tickets will be sold at the door.

**** ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?** Through Thrivent Choice Dollars members can elect to have their choice dollars sent directly to Christ Lutheran Church. Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year and you can have your portion sent directly to Christ Lutheran Church. Contact your Thrivent agent for more information.

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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**** JR HIGH BOYS' WRESTLING** - Anyone interested in participating in junior high wrestling this year should attend the parent meeting in the LHNE library at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20. The season only happens in November, and we are planning on attending four tournaments. Any questions? Reach out to Ryan Sorensen at 402-920-0405.

**** PREK-8TH GRADE WRESTLING** - If your child is interested in wrestling, please fill out this form by October 22. The PreK-8th grade wrestling is for boys and girls! Click the link! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMC-VF-GhHqdxR9V-Widr7ySpdYIMy2BoQXAGM_-MIEBe8pg/viewform

**** BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** - Join the Booster Club at their meeting on Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m.

**** TURKEY TROT 2025** - The 2025 LHNE Turkey Trot will be on Thursday, November 27! The Turkey Trot is a great way to start Thanksgiving Day! Work up an appetite by participating in an 8:00 a.m. 5K run/walk or the supervised indoor fun zone for the kids. This year, there will be door prizes drawn before the race and only prizes for the top overall male and female runners, so the event will move much faster! If you would like to be a sponsor, please sign up by November 3. To register and/or sign up to be a sponsor, go to <http://bidpal.net/turkeytrot25> or text TurkeyTrot25 to 243725.

YOUTH CONNECTION

**** WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP** – Grades 7 & 8 and 9-12 are serving this Wednesday at Mercy Meals. Meet at CLS at 6:45 and we will walk over to the event. Pick up at Mercy Meals at 8:30 p.m. If you are planning on going, let Cori know. Contact her at cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org or (507) 456-5580.

**** SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP ANNOUNCED:** The Senior High youth group is going to Colorado July 18-25, 2026. You are eligible to go if you are TODAY 8-12 grade. Grab more info in the Youth Room or from Cori's office door (across from the Fellowship Hall).

**** IT IS BUTTERBRAID TIME!** The youth are selling ButterBraids throughout October to raise money for youth mission trips and projects. If you would like to support our youth ministry, you can contact the church office to place an order or stop in. They will also be for sale in the gathering area October 19 & 26. Youth, if you want to sell ButterBraids you can grab a form by Cori's office door, across from the fellowship hall.

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.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE (through General Fund Offerings)

Week of October 12, 2025

Received \$19,114

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

DEBT DRIVE: Goal \$190,000 Received to date \$30,811 Balance Remaining \$159,189

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Week of October 12, 2025

Worship 481

**** 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**** THE BEST OF IRELAND** – Pastor Myq Awe in cooperation with Nawas International Travel would like to invite you to join him to experience St. Patrick's Day in Ireland. The dates are March 16-26, 2026 on this exciting 11 day Tour of Ireland! We will enjoy the Emerald Isle, what some have passionately called "God's country." We will see sights like Waterford and visit the glass factory where the world famous crystal is made. A stop at Blarney castle is a must with a visit to the infamous Blarney stone. A breathtaking tour of "The Ring of Kerry" that promises spectacular vistas of mountains, lakes, and villages. Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Hills of Donegal and Dublin are just a few more stops that we will take on this amazing tour! The price is \$4599 and includes most meals, first-class accommodations, transportation, and round-trip airfare from Omaha. Taxes and tips are extra. Contact Pastor Myq Awe at 531.218.5793 or e-mail at the1revma@gmail.com.

**** FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS**—Infertility, Pregnancy & Infant Loss-Candlelight remembrance at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. Register at www.oursav.org

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19

- 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 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

- 7:00 p.m. Servants of the Savior

Wednesday, October 22

- 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. Youth Group
- 7:15 p.m. Parent Connection

Thursday, October 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 1:15 p.m. Veterans Home Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Saturday, October 25

- 8:30 a.m. Instrumental rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild decorating
- 5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation observed

Pastor Appreciation

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

*During regular office hours, the church building is only accessible through the **east** alley doors. Please ring the bell on the right side of the wall by the door. Someone in the office will open the security door for you to enter. Please be patient, the office staff might be on the phone or talking to someone in the office and can not push the door button immediately.*

PRAYER REQUESTS 10.19.25

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, Cheryl Husmann, Earl Henseleit, Denise Volquardson, Nancy Brudigan, Shelby Bliss, Jeanine Kollath, Jim Kirsch.
- Prayers of healing for Aleigha Lawless and Joye Shaffer after recent surgeries.
- For Gloria Vogel and family in the loss of her husband, Robert.
- Thanksgiving for 20 years of marriage blessings given to Bill and Kandi Kralik (10/21).
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Eleanor Hahn (10/19), Jim Beutler (10/21) and Kathy Hankins (10/25).
- 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 22

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord
For He is Good
And His mercy endures forever. - Psalm 136:1

Christ Lutheran Church has been blessed this past year! We have seen God bring new members to our church, and the school and child care are delivering Christian care to children and their parents.

However, at the end of the year, we have found ourselves with a deficit. It was rather sizable. However, due to savings, the generosity of Christ Lutheran endowment, and a donation from Christ Lutheran Childcare, the deficit has been lowered from \$375,000 to \$190,000.

If you remember from last year, we had a deficit of \$160,000. We have had the opportunity to provide ministry and care to so many, and that cost did rise due to inflation and other considerations. So we are asking you to join us in eliminating our debt for this year.

Our debt reduction drive will go from September 14th to November 22nd (Thanksgiving). God has been so good to us! He who "loved us while we were yet sinners" has had mercy on His children. We have the wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community with the love of Christ. We would ask you to make a special gift to help retire this debt.

We also want to let you know that we are taking steps to reduce expenses. The personnel committee has worked with Concordia Health Plans to offer comparable health plans to those in the past at considerable savings of approximately \$52,000 a year. We will continue to look for ways we can steward the finances entrusted to the church for the good of the mission of Christ Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care.

Should you have any questions, please speak to our congregational chairman, Jesse White, or Pastor Moreno.

In Christ,

Pastor Moreno