



Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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VISION STATEMENT:
Growing together in faith

Week of November 2, 2025

FOCUS

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

Today we observe **All Saints Day**

Scripture Readings: Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

**** TODAY IN WORSHIP** we remember the faithful departed as we read the roll call of those from our congregation who, during the past year, have gone to reside in their heavenly home with their Savior.

Hymns for 5:30 & 8:00 services

- #461 – "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (stz. 1-4)
- #563 – "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
- #671 – "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"
- #461 – "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (stz. 4-8)
- #677 – "For All the Saints" (stz. 1-3, 7-8)

Songs for 10:30 service

- "For All the Saints" (LSB #677)
- "Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham
- "Well Done" by The Afters
- "All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher

**** FLOWERS** on the Altar are given to the glory of God by the family of Arlen and Marla Gall in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage blessings. Their anniversary is November 1.

Thank you to our Handbell Choir for using their talents and ringing their praises, and to the string, flute & clarinet musicians for sharing their praises in the 8:00 service this weekend.

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.

HAPPENING TODAY

**** GOLDEN YEARS** – meets this Sunday afternoon, November 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll begin with an opening devotion, a potluck meal and then we'll be playing Jeopardy on Thanksgiving traditions. Hope you can join us for this afternoon of fun and fellowship.

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, November 9** – *S.O.S. Big Mission Event*
- ♥ **November 9-21** – *Everything but the Turkey Food Drive*
- ♥ **Tuesday, November 11** – *CLS Veteran's Day program, 2 p.m.*
- ♥ **Sunday, November 16** – *Youth Porch Pot Fundraiser*
- ♥ **Wednesday, November 19** – *Hope for the Holidays Grief Forum*
- ♥ **Sunday, November 23** – *Friendsgiving*
- ♥ **Tuesday, November 25** – *Live Nativity*
- ♥ **Wednesday, November 26** – *Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.*

NEXT STEPS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Some may wonder what the next steps are in Christ Lutheran ministry as we move forward. We are having intentional conversations, brainstorming, praying and making plans, together. The call process to fill a pastoral vacancy is not something we are rushing into as we take a breath and really put some thought into where we are as a church body and where we want to go/be. Discussions have started with the hope to share more information with the congregation in the next 6 weeks. We will work to keep you consistently updated during this time, as the Next Steps team has started meeting. As always, you are welcome to share thoughts or ask questions. You are encouraged to reach out to Congregation Chairman Jesse White at jesselw02@gmail.com or Pastor Moreno at mmoreno@clnorfolk.org.

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

We will be doing different series, and are currently looking at 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 volunteers available to hang out with your children and hold the babies. We hope to see you there, whether you have any Bible study background or not!

**** 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. (every other week) this Wednesday, November 5 in the CLS Music Room; led by Laura Kowalski. We hope to see you as we discuss 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.

**** DECEMBER BOOK CLUB** – Meets Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. The book: *Stone Cold Christmas* by Liz Bradford.

At our next meeting we will be doing a book exchanges! Please bring a wrapped book to share – it can be a favorite you've read, a hidden gem you recommend, or something new you think others would enjoy. We'll have fun unwrapping and discovering new reads together!

Building Healthy Families: November 2 - Someone somewhere counted, so now we know that on average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling - and a happy heart - are known to bring health benefits including decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often this week and enjoy the many benefits! *"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed."* Proverbs 15:13
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LIFE QUOTE: November 2 - "We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today's world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!" *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote*
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**** BIG MISSION EVENT** - There's still time to buy your tickets for The Big *Mission* Event to be held next Sunday, November 9, at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. Sponsored by Servants of the Savior, from Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk, the Event will have a live auction, with all proceeds raised going towards Orphan Grain Train, support of various missionaries and a number of mission projects throughout the world. Gary Thies, LCMS Mission Development Counselor and his associate, Rev. Steve Schulz, will be serving as presenters for the evening. The Big *Mission* Event begins with a 5:00 p.m. social hour, followed by a 6:00 p.m. buffet dinner. Tickets are available for a cost of \$70 per person from the Church Office or S.O.S. members. Final date to purchase tickets is Monday, November 3. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**** SERVANTS OF THE SAVIOR (S.O.S.)** is sponsoring the November 2 broadcast of the Lutheran Hour in thankfulness of missionaries and mission work around the world, as well as in the United States. The S.O.S. is an affiliate of Lutheran Hour Ministries and hosts The BIG Mission Event each November to raise awareness and funds for missionaries, mission work, seminary students, as well as for Orphan Grain Train.

The Lutheran Hour – People of Christ with The Message of Hope - "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church" can be heard on Radio Station WJAG each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**** 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

**** AN INSPIRING WEEKEND OF MUSIC** – You're invited to experience the beautiful voices of Concordia University Nebraska's top choir right here in Norfolk! Join us for a special concert on Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. This outstanding group of 14 select singers, directed by Dr. Kurt von Kampen and accompanied by Dr. Elizabeth Grimpow, will also share their gifts of music during Christ Lutheran's 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday, November 23. Come be uplifted by an evening – and a weekend – of faith-filled song!

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**** 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.

**** FFA FRUIT SALES** have started. Orders are now being taken by FFA members. Orders and payments are due by November 4, with fruit arriving the 2nd week of December.

**** CULVER'S FUNDRAISER** – Eat at Culver's on Tuesday, November 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and help support the Junior class for prom.

**** 4TH ANNUAL FALL CRAFT & VENDOR EVENT** – Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. Event held at LHNE.

**** BLOOD DRIVE** – LHNE will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the LHNE library on Monday, November 17 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Call the LHNE office or sign up on the app to participate.

YOUTH CONNECTION

**** WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP** – We hope to see you this week at youth group!

- 7th & 8th grade – We are continuing our series on TOGETHER: Pretending
- 9th -12th grade – We are starting a new series: COMMUNITY: Why does the church exist?
- Everyone – Hope to see you from 7-8:30 p.m. for Bible study, pizza, and games.

**** 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).

SAVE THE DATE

- **Wednesday, November 12** – our first annual parent (and other cool adult) vs. youth dodgeball game. Come ready to play, eat, and study together.
- **Wednesday, November 19** – Youth Friendsgiving ... our annual Friendsgiving event! Get ready to bring a dish to share and hang out at the Petersen home!

**** SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE PORCH POT FUNDRAISER** – Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, we will be cutting down branches at various locations, assembling porch pots and getting ready for our fundraiser on Sunday, November 16. You can sign up to help or bring supplies too. We are still looking for pots to use (if filled with dirt, even better!) So if you have pots lying around, we will make use of them! You can sign up using this link or the QR code.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA82DA5F94-60051763-porch>



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!

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE (through General Fund Offerings)

Week of October 26, 2025

Received \$49,324

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

DEBT DRIVE: Goal \$190,000 Received to date \$44,612 Balance Remaining \$145,388

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Week of October 26, 2025

Worship 560

SCHOOL CONNECTION



**** SCHOOL CARNIVAL** – is coming this Thursday, November 6. It's sure to be a night of fun and games for the whole family. Unlimited wristbands are available to purchase for \$10 each, allowing kids to enjoy all the games throughout the evening without having to purchase individual tickets.

How Can I Help?

Volunteers are needed for Game Stations Your time and support can make a huge difference. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAEA62EA6F9CF8-59362816-clscarnival#/>

Cake Walk Donations are also needed. Sign up to bring a whole cakes or a dozen cupcakes here:

<https://forms.gle/QXsUM3qpMGZqCnn1/A>

Other donations of root beer bottles, cans of pop, candy, and small carnival prizes can be dropped off in the school office anytime this week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**** FESTMAHL** - TODAY, November 2 at St. John Lutheran, 308 South 2nd Street, Battle Creek Serving from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets sold at the door are Adults \$12, children (4-10) \$6, children 3 and under eat free.

Freewill donations will also be collected at the door to help provide Thanksgiving dinners to 10 families in the community.

**** PITCH CLUB** will be meeting Tuesday, November 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Those attending are welcome to bring snacks to share.

**** 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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Day observed

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Class / Sun. School
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Golden Years

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

- 7:00 p.m. Priscillas

Wednesday, November 5

- 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, November 6

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Bel Air Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Meadows Worship
- 1:30 p.m. St. Joe Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday, November 7 – No School

Saturday, November 8

- 5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 9

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 Bible Class /Sun. School
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Big Mission Event at Divots

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

*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 11.02.25

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 Bruce Viergutz, April King, Cheryl Husmann, Earl Henseleit, Denise Volquardson, Nancy Brudigan, Shelby Bliss, Jeanine Kollath, Jim Kirsch. Ken Tech, Lee Krohn,; also for John Orlowski and Norman Sellin.
- Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage blessings given to Arlen and Marla Gall (11/1).
- Thanksgiving for a baby boy, Boone Lee, born to Cody & Paige Berkhof; a grandson for Curt & Lisa Blackman.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Mary Gray (11/3), Lyle Husmann (11/3), Carolyn Cheney (11/4), Larry Brudigan (11/6), Dale Schwede (11/8), Irene Neitzke (11/9) and Judith Otten (11/9).
- 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.**

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FOCUS ARE DUE BY 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5