



# Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

**Week of November 9, 2025**

# FOCUS

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

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

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

- #710 – "The Lord's My Shepherd"
- #711 – "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (stz. 1)
- #861 – "Christ Be My Leader"
- #803 – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

## **Songs for 10:30 service**

- "Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong
- "Psalm 139 (That You Won't Go)"  
by Songwriters Initiative
- "Battle Belongs" by Phil Wickham
- "Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)" by Meredith Andrews
- "Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt Redman

Thank you to the Kindergarten class and our Adult Choir for singing 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.

**\*\* FLOWERS** on the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hank Scott, from his wife Rosie and family.

**\*\* BAPTISM** – Braxton Lee Eddy, son of Justin Schmitz and Cheyenne Eddy is being baptized in the 5:30 service. Braxton was born January 27, 2025. Sponsors are Brandi Eddy, McKenzie Eddy and Lesly Johnson.

**\*\* EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY** - Help us fill the pews...with everything but the turkey! We want to bless our community with "everything but the turkey" bags again this year. During the month of November you can help us by bringing nonperishables from this list ... Instant potatoes, stuffing, canned corn, peas, or green beans, cornbread mix, canned cranberries, jars/cans of gravy, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and Minute rice. We will be assembling these bags at our Friendsgiving meal on Sunday, November 23.

**\*\* FRIENDSGIVING** – Sunday, November 23 – We hope you join us for our third annual Friendsgiving potluck. It will take place in the school cafeteria beginning at 11:30 a.m. Turkey and potatoes are furnished. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish if your last name begins with A-M. N-Z please bring a dessert. As part of this event, you will also have an opportunity to help assemble and pack the bags for the "Everything but the Turkey" food drive for local people and food pantries in our community.

**\*\* LIVE NATIVITY** – This event will be held in conjunction with Downtown Norfolk's Hometown Christmas celebration, Tuesday, November 25, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The Live Nativity is a great chance for us to work with other churches to reach our community with the story of Christmas & the love Jesus has for them! There are many ways you can participate. Look for the sign-up sheet available in the narthex to volunteer your time and talents. Volunteer to help with set-up and tear-down, props, costumes, character actors and caroling. Contact Lynn in the Church Office for more info.

We are also collecting hot chocolate packets and mini candy canes (3" size) for our giveaway bags. Donations needed by Monday, November 17.

## **Living with Loss**

### **Hope for the Holidays**

**Wednesday, November 19**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Christ Lutheran Chapel  
Presenters: Rev. Mike Moreno  
and other guest

If you have lost a loved one or suffered a difficult loss in your life, "Living with Loss" offers a **HOPE** for facing the upcoming holiday season and the months to come.

We recognize loss; and grief – a process – is a natural God-given reaction to our losses. There are positives and negatives to grief as it affects us physically, mentally and spiritually. Whether it's weeks, months or even a year or more since a loved one has passed, there can be challenges at every turn. For Christians, grief is never by itself however; it's always tied to **HOPE**.

Registration is encouraged by calling Starla in the Church Office at 402-371-1210.

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

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

Currently studying Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9:30 in the music room at school.

This is geared towards parents of any age, but all adults are welcome. If your child is too small to be in Sunday School, they are welcome to join us too.

**\*\* 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) 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!

**\*\* ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** presented by students of Christ Lutheran School is this coming Tuesday, November at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All veterans are encouraged to attend this patriotic and inspirational program of music and winning essays presented by Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A reception for those attending will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

## **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.

- ♥ **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 6:30 p.m.*
- ♥ **Sunday, November 23** – *Friendsgiving 11:30 a.m.*
- ♥ **Tuesday, November 25** – *Live Nativity 4:30-8:00 p.m.*
- ♥ **Wednesday, November 26** – *Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.*

**Building Healthy Families: November 9** - They number 16.5 million in the United States and make up over 6% of our population and there might be one sitting next to you right now. Look around and see a Veteran! Thank him or her for their service, on behalf of all who have benefited from their dedication and selfless sacrifice. May God grant His peace to our troubled world, and to the hearts, minds and lives of all who have served our country. On Veteran's Day this Tuesday and every day, we love our veterans! **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**LIFE QUOTE: November 9** - "God creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages, appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as gift and privilege!"  
*Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**\*\* 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@clnork.org](mailto:ahenny@clnork.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!

# LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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**\*\* JUNIOR EAGLES BASKETBALL PARENT MEETING** – Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. for parents of any 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boy or girl interested in participating. The meeting will be at LHNE in the library.

**\*\* 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.

**\*\* BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** – Sunday, November 16 at 5:00 pm. in the LHNE library.

**\*\* FALL ACTIVITIES BANQUET** – November 16 at 6:00 p.m. We will recognize participants in volleyball, football, cross country, and mock trial. All participants and their families are invited and encouraged to join and celebrate! The meal will be potluck style. Last names A-J bring a main dish, K-S bring a side dish, and T-Z bring a dessert.

**\*\* 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**

**\*\* WANT TO PLAY DODGEBALL** – Parents, you get to join us for dodgeball this Wednesday at youth group! We hope to see you at 7:00 for the parents vs. youth dodgeball game. (Another adult or family member who wants to play? Come and join us!) Want to watch, but not play? Come on out! We'll be in the CLS gym.

**\*\* TUESDAY COFFEE** – We hope to see you this Tuesday for coffee! Parents can join us starting at 7:30 a.m. in the youth room for coffee and conversations. We would love to connect with you.

**\*\* CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – December 17 is the Children's Christmas Service. We will be practicing the songs in Sunday School. All parents should have received a link for how their child can be involved. If you did not receive this, please contact Cori Woltmann at [cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org](mailto:cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org) so we can update your information.

**\*\* YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 19** – We hope to see you for our annual Youth Group Friendsgiving event at the Petersen home! 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come for turkey, fun, and fellowship. Bring a side or dessert to share.

**\*\* 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](mailto:cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org) or text at 507-456-5380 to make sure you are added!

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

Week of November 2, 2025

Received \$20,261

## **BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS**

DEBT DRIVE: Goal \$190,000

Received to date \$61,058

Balance Remaining \$128,942

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

Week of November 2, 2025

Worship 506

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

\*\* **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](mailto:the1revma@gmail.com).

### **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, November 26 – 6:30 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Communion Service

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17**

**12:15 & 6:30 p.m.**

Advent Worship Services

(December 17 at 6:30 – Children's Service)

**Wednesday, December 24**

**4:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Services (both traditional)

**Thursday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m.**

Christmas Day Communion Service

**Saturday, December 27 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 28 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, December 31 – 5:30 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Communion

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, November 9**

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

### **Monday, November 10**

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

### **Tuesday, November 11**

- 10:00 a.m. Pastors Conference
- 2:00 p.m. Veterans Day Program

### **Wednesday, November 12**

- 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

### **Thursday, November 13**

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

### **Saturday, November 15**

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **Sunday, November 16 – Porch Pot Fundraiser**

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

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS 11.09.25**

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, Shelby Bliss, Jeanine Kollath, Ken Tech, Lee Krohn.
- Thanksgiving for the baptism of Braxton Lee Eddy into God's family.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Irene Neitzke (11/9), Judith Otten (11/9), William Siedschlag (11/11), Doug Speidel (11/13), Mel Sanders (11/15), Doug Hankins (11/16), Yvonne Lichtenberg (11/16).
- For our country and our nation's leaders.
- Thanksgiving for our Veterans, for all who have served and continue to serve our country.
- **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.**

*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.*

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FOCUS ARE DUE BY 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**