



# Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

**Week of September 14, 2025**

# FOCUS

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

## Today's Scripture Readings:

**Exodus 2:1-10, Ephesians 6:1-4, Luke 18:15-17**

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

Liturgy: 5:30 – Vespers, pg. 229; 8:00 – Matins, pg. 219

#605 – “Father Welcomes”

#725 – “Children of the Heavenly Father”

#918 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

## Songs for 10:30 service

“In Christ Alone” by Getty

“Always” by Chris Tomlin

“Your Grace Finds Me” by Matt Redman

“The Blessing” by Kari Jobe

“Blessed Be Your Name” by Matt Redman

**\*\* FLOWERS** on the Altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bobbie Bell by her parents, Robert and Beverly Starkel.

**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.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This is for all interested in joining Christ Lutheran and growing in their faith and new members transferring in. Led by Pastor Moreno. This class will be offered on a quarterly basis. Contact the Church Office to sign-up. 402-371-1210.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**THE REV. DR. GEORG WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE** is being held at Christ Lutheran Sunday, September 14 through Tuesday, September 16. This is a continuing education conference for area Pastors.

During the conference, there are four worship service that the congregation is invited to participate in. We'll meet for Vespers worship on Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m. with preacher Pastor Dan Feusse from Saginaw, Michigan; Divine Service with Holy Communion on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. with our own preacher Pastor Mike Moreno; The Service of Prayer and Preaching on Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. with our own Pastor Jim Carretto; and then our final service of Matins on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor Terry Makelin of Foster, Nebraska. We invite you to join us for these uplifting and joyous services during this special Pastor's Conference.

**Special Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, former president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana will be the keynote speaker for the Rev. Dr. George Williams Conference this year. Dr. Rast has consented to also be with us for our Sunday morning Bible Class on September 14. This will be a good opportunity to see and hear what wisdom he's going to bring to the area Pastors. Please join us for this special session at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 14. All are welcome.

**\*\* SERVANTS OF THE SAVIOR** – will meet Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On the agenda is the cleaning of the Fellowship Hall tables and the finalizing of plans for the Big Mission Event which will be held Sunday, November 9, 2025. Guests are welcome.

**\*\* NEXT STEPS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN** – We have so much to celebrate at Christ Lutheran. We are becoming a connected campus as we grow in connecting to our community. Our volunteer base is growing as we connect more people to ministries they are passionate about. What a great time to continue moving forward. In fact, a team is being formed to plan what intentional next steps look like in God’s vision for our congregation. We know that God has been with you and with us for decades ... and He is with us tomorrow too. If you have questions, you can contact Jesse White at [jesselw02@gmail.com](mailto:jesselw02@gmail.com) or Pastor Moreno at [mmoreno@clnorfolk.org](mailto:mmoreno@clnorfolk.org).

## **\*\* 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’re nearing the end of that study and will continue with his Second Letter 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 third book of the New Testament that we have studied (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!

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

We’ve been studying the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament and are right at the end of Malachi. Our next Bible book to study is going to be the book of Genesis. 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)

**NEW – 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. Week 2: The Scouting Report. RSVP text to Mac at 402-380-1329 to help with food planning.

**\*\* 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: September 14** - So often we slip into the habit of living for the approval of others, which leads to frustration, disillusionment, and disappointment in life and relationships. Jesus was aware of this risk and reminds us In Matthew 6 not to do things for the approval of men. He assures us that our Father who sees and knows us inside out is the One who can and will meet all our needs, including our need to be seen, recognized, valued and loved. Whew! What a relief! Life begins to look different (and oh so much better) when we look through eyes of faith to our loving, gracious, living and forgiving God. Fix your eyes on Jesus - not your boss, co-worker, spouse, child or neighbor - and live in the light of His great love this week! **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**LIFE QUOTE: September 14** - “If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote*  
*Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE** – **Life Chain Sunday** is October 5 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. beginning at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Norfolk Avenue.

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

**\*\* 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@clnorfok.org](mailto:ahenny@clnorfok.org)

# LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



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**\*\* STUDENT TEACHER HOST FAMILY NEEDED** – LHNE is looking for a host family for a male student teacher from Concordia University, Nebraska, from October 20 to December 12. There is a stipend to help with food costs. Please call Mr. Sievert if you would be interested in helping out in this way.

**\*\* BLOOD DRIVE** – at LHNE library, Monday, September 15 from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Call LHNE or sign up on the app!

**\*\* BOOSTER CLUB MEETING** – Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the LHNE library.

**\*\* HOMECOMING 2025** will be September 29 – October 4. The theme is Hollywood Magic!

**\*\* FUNDRAISERS & FOOD** – **Monday, September 15** from 4:00-8:00 p.m. visit Raising Cane's to support LHNE. **Tuesday, September 16**, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. visit Culver's to support LHNE. Funds raised will help support the LHNE activities budget.

## **SPEND THE DAY AT MISSION CENTRAL**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**9:30 A.M. – Rev. James and Christel Neuendorf**, missionaries in Latin America, will be presenting on their important work in Puerto Rico. They have had such a huge impact on the people of this community where many people need to see the love and kindness that can be shared to all people. They are working in the establishment of new church in this country of Latin America.

**1:00 P.M. – Missionary Sandra Rheim** – What a blessing to have the privilege of hearing the report from this special missionary serving the Lord Jesus in all areas in Asia. Sandra helps to translate so many teaching materials into the language of the people. She helps to educate the leaders of the churches there and helps with all kinds of hymns, Bibles, Sunday School materials, and she has the gift of translation so that the people in darkness will have the message of our dear Jesus in their "heart languages".

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**1:00 P.M. – Missionary Rev. Steve Mahlberg** - Your life will change at Mission Central when you have the privilege of hearing the report from one of our finest veteran missionaries on the field. Rev. Steve Mahlberg has worked in Sri Lanka, an island southwest of India where very few people know about Jesus, our Savior. To see and hear this family is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Invite some friends and come visit Mission Central, 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa.

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

Week of September 7, 2025

Actual

\$ 42,308

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

Week of September 7, 2025

Worship 487

## **YOUTH CONNECTION**

**\*\* YOUTH GROUP HAS STARTED** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> youth group has started from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday. We can't wait to see you there. All ages will start off by going through the school doors, but we split up for youth group. Bring a friend, or show up and make a new friend. We hope to see you for Bible Study, games, snacks, and a chance to talk about Jesus.

**\*\* SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY** – starts this Sunday 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.

**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!

**\*\* PARENT CONNECTION & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES** – new opportunities for faith and fellowship.

- **Coffee on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.**, beginning this week, September 16, (and every other Tuesday from now on!) join us for a cup of coffee in the gathering area outside of the sanctuary. This is for all parents, and whether you stop by to say hi for a minute, or want to join us as we discuss different topics, we would love to see you. This is led by Laura Kowalski and Cori Woltmann.
- **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.

**\*\* CONCORDIA STUDENTS TO ATTEND Y4LIFE CONFERENCE** – Bulldogs4Life is the pro-life organization of Concordia, Seward campus affiliated with Y4Life, the youth division of Lutherans for Life. Every year, Y4Life hosts a conference in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the National March for Life in January. Over 100 Concordia students, nearly 10 percent of the entire undergraduate student body, typically attend the conference to be better equipped to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.

To help defray travel, lodging, and food costs, the Nebraska Federation of Lutherans for Life has pledged a \$200 scholarship per attendee. We need your help to reach our \$22,000 fundraising goal, to provide 110 \$200 scholarships. To sponsor one or more students at \$200 per student or to donate another amount, please make your gift to Nebraska Lutherans for Life, earmarking it for Bulldogs4Life. Please mail your gift to President Bob Saeger at P.O. Box 183, Waco, NE 68460.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**\*\* NORFOLK POLICE DIVISION** is inviting the congregation to attend a special swearing in ceremony welcoming our newest police officers for the City of Norfolk. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnny Carson Theater (801 Riverside Blvd.) The program will last about an hour and will include the administration of the oath, brief remarks, and an opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. This is a meaningful moment for these men and women and for their families. It is a public commitment to serve with integrity, courage, and compassion. Your presence would be a visible reminder that our community stands with them as they begin this calling.

**\*\* 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.

**\*\* ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM TRIP** will take place October 13-17. This is being organized through Our Savior Lutheran Church. This is a 5-day/4-night trip that includes meals, hotels, etc. \$1,349 double; \$1,649 single. Contact Trish Benton at Our Savior 402-371-9005 or [TrishaB@oursav.org](mailto:TrishaB@oursav.org)

**\*\* 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.

**\*\* VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – **Bright Horizons** has a number of different volunteer opportunities available: Office work, clerical duties, donation assistant, office/shelter housekeeping, event help, and maintenance. For more information call 402-379-2026 or [brighthorizonsne.org](http://brighthorizonsne.org).

**\*\* DONATIONS REQUESTED** – Bright Horizons is in need of some of the following items for their facility: HE laundry detergent and dryer sheets, trash bags (13-30 gallon) shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper/paper towels, bathroom/kitchen cleaning supplies, silverware/dishes – including plastic, cookware, baby wipes, diapers (size 4, 5 & 6), bedding sheets and blankets. Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their office located at 601 E. Norfolk Avenue. For more information call 402-379-2026.

**\*\* OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER** - Sunday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, 39452 205<sup>th</sup> 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, September 14**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Class / Sun. School
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg.
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Rev. Georg Williams Conf.

### **Monday, September 15 – Rev. Georg Williams Educational Conference**

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Finance
- 4:00 p.m. Conference Worship

### **Tuesday, September 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Servants of the Savior

### **Wednesday, September 17**

- 9:00 & 1:20 PreSchool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
- 2:45 p.m. School Chapel

### **Thursday, September 18**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Fountain Point Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **Saturday, September 20**

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **Sunday, September 21**

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS 09.14.25**

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, Sharlyn Grashorn, Carolyn Beeks, Aleigha Lawless, Cheryl Husmann, Earl Henseleit, Denise Volquardson.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Bob Feddern (9/16) and Lois Vogel (9/21).
- 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, SEPTEMBER 17**

## **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.

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