



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 September 7, 2025

FOCUS

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

Today's Scripture Readings:

Genesis 2:4-24, Ephesians 6:1-4, Luke 2:41-52

Hymns for 5:30 & 8:00 services

Liturgy: Divine Service 1 – LSB pg. 151ff
#861 – “Christ Be My Leader”
#862 – “Oh, Blest the House”
#410 – “Within the Father’s House”
#641 – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
#622 – “Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” (1-4)
#817 – “Earth and All Stars” (1, 5-7)

Songs for 10:30 service

“10,000 Reasons” by Matt Redman
“Jesus Loves Me” by Chris Tomlin
“My Story” by Big Daddy Weave
“Every Move I Make” by Hillsong

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 THIS WEEKEND

**** GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP** – Sunday, September 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, our Golden Years Group will try a new activity called **“Bible Bingo.”** It has some expected features of regular Bingo, but a lot more godly fun! We'll begin with an opening devotion, share a potluck meal where you bring a dish to share and then it's off to **“Bible Bingo.”** This group is for 55 years and older. Hope you can join us for this time of fellowship and fun. Even if you haven't joined us before, please plan to be with us.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE REV. DR. GEORG WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE will be 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 Fuesse 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, IN 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 Sunday, 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.

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! Come join us for an in-depth study of God's Holy Word.

**** 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 – please put it on your calendar!

**** 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 (September 9 – 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 1: Life's Game Plan. 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 7 - Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn't have to cost a lot to make it fun and helpful to your relationship. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins."* 1 Peter 4:8 **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LIFE QUOTE: September 7 - "Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote* LutheransForLife.org

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENTS – Pastor Moreno and DCE Cori Woltmann are excited to be teaching Confirmation this year! The 7th & 8th grade Confirmation meeting (for youth and parents) will be **Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.** Registration forms will be available next week. Please note that the first day of Confirmation class will be Sunday, September 28. Classes will be 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sundays. September 19-21 is the annual Fall Youth Retreat and we hope all Confirmation students consider attending!

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**** EAGLE CARD SALES** – 2025-2026 LHNE Eagle cards are now available from the LHNE office or a LHNE student. Cost is only \$10 for a lot of great local business deals.

**** 2025 BEEF BLAST THANK YOU** – Many, many thanks to all who played a part in making this year's Beef Blast a tremendous success! It all starts with the auctions, and we are grateful for all of the unique and valuable items and services that were bid on by many generous attendees, even far above the value in most cases! For everyone involved, volunteers, students, and parents, thank you for making the day great. We are already looking forward to next year, when we will celebrate the 30th Beef Blast – August 30, 2026.

**** PACK THE BLEACHERS** – at the LHNE football game on Friday, September 12. Students PreK-8 will be given free admission! The game starts at 7:00 .m. at Norfolk Veterans Memorial Field. Let's go, Eagles!

**** HUDL** –LHNE sporting events are streamed on HUDL! Go to <https://fan.hudl.com/> and search "Lutheran High Northeast". You can search for other schools as well! The links are also "pinned" to the top of our LHNE Facebook page.

YOUTH CONNECTION

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** – An email was sent out this week with a registration link for Sunday School and Confirmation. Please start registering (if your contact information needs to be updated, this will be a simple way to do that also). If you did not get the email, please contact Lynn at the Church office lwalsmsley@clnorfolk.org

**** WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY KICKS OFF – September 10.** We can't wait to see you at Christ Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. This is for 7th & 8th and 9-12th grades.

**** SAVE THE DATE – September 19-21** is our annual Fall Retreat for youth at Camp Luther! Registration materials are now available. Check Cori's office door for more information.

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!

**** 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 lwalsmsley@clnorfolk.org, and she can help you!

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

- **Every other Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.**, beginning September 16, join us for a cup of coffee in the gathering area outside of the sanctuary. We will get to know each other, have discussions, and an adult will walk kids across the parking lot to school.
- **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 Kawalski and Cori Woltmann. You are welcome regardless of the ages of your kids, or regardless of what school they attend.

**** 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** will start again on Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Ann Henny with questions. ahenny@clnorfolk.org

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 ANNUAL MEETING** is set for Sunday, September 14 at Gerwick Lodge. Attend in person or online. Register by September 10 at www.campluther.org/annualmeeting

**** 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

**** 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.

**** 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.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 7

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

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Conference

Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Madison House Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Saturday, September 13

- 5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, September 14

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

PRAYER REQUESTS 09.07.25

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 Bill Begeman, Bruce Viergutz, April King, Sharlyn Grashorn, Carolyn Beeks, Aleigha Lawless.
- For Cheryl Husmann, undergoing heart surgery at Nebraska Med. Center on Tuesday.
- For those celebrating 80 years or more of birthday blessings including: Carol Bland (9/5), and Darlene Sunderman (9/6).
- **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 10

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”.



5th Annual Christ Classic 4-Person Scramble

Date: September 14, 2025

Time: Noon Shot Gun Start

Venue: Fairplay Golf Course

Cost: \$100 per player. \$10 Option to purchase "Tiger Ticket": 2 mulligans, 4 extra raffle tickets, participate in "Greenie" raffle (a raffle ticket for every Par 3 green a player hits on first shot)

Event Information: Registration starts at 10:30. Lunch will be provided at 11:00 from Kane's. There will be a dinner and raffle after golf is completed. Every participant will receive a "goody bag" at registration.

Winners of the Christ Classic will receive commemorative crystal and names engraved on coveted "Schipporeit Cup" traveling trophy. A 2nd flight winner will be determined after the round.

**There will be a putting contest prior to the round with a grand prize for the winner. \$5 per putt or 3 putts for \$10.

Purpose of Event: To build community among Christ Lutheran School families and raise money for small coaching stipends (1/3 of proceeds) and school improvements (2/3 of proceeds).

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Hole Sponsor: \$150

"Hole sponsors can be a business or family. A hole sponsor will have their name or business on a yard sign on a tee box or green."

Business Sponsor: \$750

"Business sponsors will have their business on a yard sign at a tee box, green, or main visible areas by clubhouse and posted on our Tiger Tales newsletter throughout the year. Business sponsors will receive one team to participate in the 5th annual Christ Classic. Sponsorship includes \$10 mulligan/raffle/greenie package. Please send a high-resolution logo of your businesses to the emails below so we can promote your business!"

Please call the school office at 371-5536 or email Principal Urban at urban@clnorfolk.org or activities director Jonathan Himmler at jhimmler@clnorfolk.org if you would like to be a hole or business sponsor. Deadline for sponsors is September 1! ****If anyone would like to donate items for the raffle, please drop off the items at the school office! Thank You for your support! The Christ Classic had 36 teams and filled up quickly last year. Please reserve your team today!**