

## United in Mission. Connected in Christ.

Upcoming Sermon Series...as we get ready to recognize the Reformation, beginning on October 18 we will have a special series, "Take a Chance"; "Take A Stand" and finally for All Saints "Taken Home". We look forward to finishing our Mission:Impossible series this weekend with Mission:Impossible You; and concluding with Mission:Impossible World Missions.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our deficit reduction started slow, but we are picking up speed! We have a goal of paying off our deficit by Thanksgiving! Our deficit is \$190,000, and thus far we have received \$15,000. We would need an additional weekly income of \$22,000 until Thanksgiving in addition to regular giving to meet this need. Please consider a gift that will enable us to continue to to serve Christ and His people here in Norfolk and beyond!

**- Mike Moreno, Senior Pastor**



### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars, Servants of the Savior Big EVENT is almost here! Sunday, November 9th at the Divot Convention Center. Get your tickets now! See Bill Begeman or Linda Pohlman for more information. This is a great fund raiser for missions, youth, and so much more!

### HIGHLIGHTS



#### School Construction Debt

Did you know? We have paid off almost all of the bills of the school construction? We only have \$29,818.65 remaining out of more than 10 million!!! Thanks be to God that He has blessed us with such a wonderful facility, but more importantly, such a faithful community of believers here in Norfolk!



#### Pickleball

Have you heard about Pickleball? This sport has taken the nation by storm, and now it is here at Christ Lutheran! We will meet once a month on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. If you would like to learn how to play, or if you are a pickleball master, you are invited! See Pastor Moreno or Pastor Carretto for more details!

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## HEART FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

You don't have to know me very well to know that I am not a gardener. Typically, the plants in my yard that are doing well have a direct correlation with their distance to my neighbor's sprinkler system. It is why when I garden, I prefer to buy the 4 or 6 packs of the flowers and vegetables. It feels like a head start, because growing from seed is hard, and takes patience. (Something else I am not good at.)

Planting seeds in ministry is like that, too. There is a little seed, and we hope it starts something. Children's ministry is the business of planting seeds. You as a parent (or other important adult) are planting seeds in the faith of children.

Going to church? Seed planted.

Receiving a blessing at communion? Seed planted.

Reading a Bible verse together? Seed planted.

Talking about your faith with your kids? Seed planted.

Praying together? Seed planted.

How thankful I am that we have a God who is the master gardener. A God who is in the faith growing business. (See Galatians 5 for the Fruits of the Spirit or Matthew 17 to learn about mustard seeds.)

We try to be the kind of church that walks alongside families. It is why this Sunday, October 5th, we have Family Sunday School, where we want to give parents and families a chance to have conversations and engage in faith activities together. (In other words... seed planting.) It is why October 12, a new Bible study is starting for grown-ups. And if your kids are too young for Sunday School? Bring 'em. We have room and toys and volunteers for them too.

Why do we talk about Sunday School & church & children's messages & devotions & family Sunday School & prayer at the table (or anywhere else), and the importance of grown-ups in the lives of the children?

Because we are in the business of seed planting, because we have a "God who makes things grow." (1 Corinthians 6:7.)



**- Cori Woltmann, Director of Christian Education**

**LET'S CONNECT** Have a question or idea for our youth ministries? I'd love to hear from you!

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# Ministries in Motion

## CARE & CONNECTION

What do a pumpkin and the Bible have in common? That question raced through my mind when I saw the caption, "Frost on the Pumpkin, Dust on the Bible" from an article penned several years ago by Christian writer Gene Markland. Briefly, his analogy was as follows:

The carved pumpkin is a tradition from earlier centuries when it was placed on the hearth with a candle in it to ward off evil spirits coming down the chimney and entering the home. Meanwhile, the pulp or bounty of the pumpkin (which is actually edible food) is discarded on newspaper.

Today, we place a Bible on a coffee table or lamp stand where it can be seen and looks nice. But how often do we pick it up to feast on the rich Word of God contained within it? Are we starving ourselves and still allowing those spirits to enter our home through the television, computer or phones? Is that Bible just sitting on a newspaper?

While the pumpkins await the pies, breads and other desserts that they can be turned into, the Bible awaits our eyes so that we may feast on the life-giving message and have the light of Christ in our life.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105

- **Starla Landkamer, Administrative Assistant**



We're looking for volunteers to host a table or trunk at this year's Trunk or Treat! Not into decorating? No worries—pre-decorated options are available, so you can still join the fun. We're also collecting candy donations to help make sure every child goes home with a sweet treat. Sign up in the gathering space - either on the paper form or by scanning the QR code!



**PROJECT  
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**Friday, October 17th, 2025  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Christ Lutheran School**

**MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE  
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Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless are able to receive a wide variety of immediate, on-site services and support for unmet needs for FREE.



## THE PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

It is the goal of CLS to double track (two class sections) from kindergarten through 8th grade. Currently, we are double-tracked at the K-6 level. We have added two sections in 5th and 6th over the last two years. Our goal is to do the same with 7th grade for the 2026-2027 school year and 8th grade for the 2027-2028 school year. We would then be completely double tracked! We are full or nearly full at the K-3 grade levels and have over 30 students in 4th and 6th grade so spittle these groups will be essential in the future. We are two classrooms short to do this however. CLS is working with Davis Design to design options in how we can add two classrooms at CLS. A cost effective plan would be to enclose space between the 84' and 04' additions. A more expensive idea would be to extend two classrooms into the southwest portion of the playground space. The school has planned for these classrooms by fundraising through REVEL and Plant Sale last year. Stay tuned for more information on this addition!

**- Drew Urban, School Principal**



### BY THE NUMBERS

We always get a student or two after school starts. However, with enrollment quieting down, our current K-8 enrollment is 322 which is a 13 student increase from 2024-2025. Preschool stands at 68 which has been consistently at this number over the last few years.

### National Principal's Month

Did you know that the month of October is national Principal's Month? Which means it is a great time to get to know Mr. Urban more!

#### 5 Fun Facts about Mr. Urban

1. He's a Seward native.
  2. He played baseball while earning his undergraduate degree at Concordia University, Nebraska. Then earned his master's degree at Concordia University, Texas.
  3. He is married to Tina and together they have two kids, Alexis and Ryan.
  4. In his free time he loves golfing and fishing.
  5. His favorite place (besides CLS, of course!) is Deadwood, South Dakota. We're so grateful for all the time and hard work he dedicates to our students and staff.
- If you see him this October, be sure to let him know how much you appreciate him!

### Christ Classic Golf Scramble

The Christ Classic 4-person scramble on September 14th generated over \$9,000 to help with coaching stipends among other items.

### ATHLETIC RESULTS

Junior Eagle Football: This team consists of many students at CLS. They are 2-2 with one game remaining.

A Team Volleyball: Finished 2nd at the St. John Battle Creek Tournament

B Team Volleyball: Finished 4th at the Zion Pierce Tournament and 4th at the St. John Battle Creek JV Tournament

C Team Volleyball: Finished 3rd at the Immanuel Columbus Tournament



### THE EAGLE'S NEST

Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>:

Volleyball Pack the Gym

Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>:

Pancake Feed, 8th Grade Open House & Bakesale 9:30AM-1:00PM

Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>:

Music Concert 12:15PM

October 16<sup>th</sup>: PINK OUT & Hope Heroes

November 27<sup>th</sup>: Turkey Trot





# Childcare Corner

*Providing loving care and early education rooted in Christ, nurturing young hearts and planting seeds of faith from the very start.*

## GROWING HEARTS & MINDS

One Halloween, my youngest, Aubrey, was too afraid to leave our house and go trick-or-treating. But that didn't stop her from joining in on the fun—every time someone walked past our home, she would boldly yell, "Trick or treat!" with a big smile on her face. We have wonderful memories and plenty of laughs whenever we look back at that night.

Sometimes, like Aubrey, we feel nervous or afraid about stepping out into the unknown. But with Jesus by our side, we don't have to live in fear. Scripture reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." Even when life feels uncertain, we can rest in the truth that God is with us, guiding us, and giving us courage.

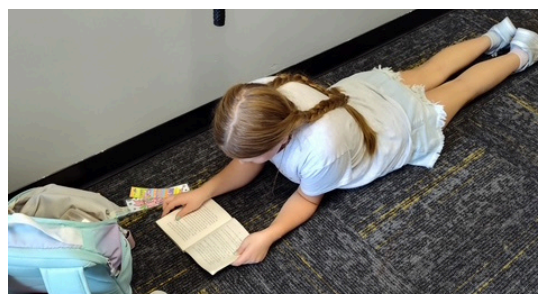
May we find joy in trusting that God is always near and giving us the boldness we need.

**- Chad Bryant, Childcare Director**



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Did you know? Christ Lutheran Childcare fills the halls and playground after school and all summer long! We offer daily programs for K-5th grade kids—where faith, fun, and friendships continue to grow beyond the school day.



## FAMILY RESOURCES

Try a simple evening tradition: each family member shares one thing they're thankful for and one person to pray for. Quick, meaningful, and a great way to teach gratitude and compassion.

## SPOTLIGHT

Kendal Siedschlag &  
Terry Lichtenberg

A huge thank you to Kendal and Terry for keeping our childcare in shape. From big repairs to little fixes, we couldn't do it without you!

## Childcare Update

There are still funds available through LB531! 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 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.