

Christ Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

WEEKLY FOCUS

January 8, 2012



Listen... God Is Calling

To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Thessalonians 2:14

**** FUNERAL** – Marvin Schlender was called to Eternal Rest on December 29, 2011. A Celebration of Life and Christian burial were held on Monday, January 2, 2012.

**** BAPTISM** – Cody Ryan Beasor, son of Casey and Shannon Beasor, is being baptized in the 5:30 p.m. service this weekend. Cody was born April 6, 2009. His sponsors are Rev. Mike and Lisa Moreno.

Debt Free
free to serve **\$295,000** Goal Reached!

Collected To Date -- \$281,199

Only \$13,801 in commitments yet to come in during the next 1½ years



Romans 6:1-11: By the same power of God that raised Jesus from the grave we are by virtue of our baptisms empowered to live renewed lives that demonstrate we really are the redeemed people of God. Our words and works of love as God's stewards are the proper responses to God's great love for us in Christ and a blessing to those around us.

**** PRAYERS REQUESTS** – Beginning in mid-January, a new book for prayer requests will be available at the north entrance to the church (canopy door). In this book, forms will be available to fill out for specific prayers requests in two categories – immediate needs and long-term or ongoing needs. When using the prayer request book, it will be important to fill out all information requested – especially the date and contact information for the person making the request. Long-term or ongoing prayer requests will receive a follow-up call on a regular basis to check on the status of the individual that is being prayed for in an effort to keep all requests current.

**** CHOIR REHEARSALS** resume this Thursday, January 12. Men of Faith will meet at 6:00 p.m.; Handbells at 6:30 p.m.; Adult Choir in the chapel at 7:30 p.m.

**** HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER** is the order of service to be used during our midweek Lenten services. A worship team will be formed to lead the music on a weekly basis at 6:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays in Lent. Adults, young adults, teens and children are welcome to participate. Further details will be forthcoming in January. Rehearsals will be held in early February. Lent begins February 22.

The Mission Statement of Christ Lutheran Church ...

Share God's Word – Share His Love – Do It Now!



DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD ...



BIBLE STUDIES & SUNDAY SCHOOL JUST FOR YOU

BIBLE STUDIES

Epistles of Peter

Pastors Winter & Rosenthal
student & leader led

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

High School SMOREs

Pastors Winter & Rosenthal

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Youth Loft

Adult Instruction Class

Pastors Winter & Rosenthal

to be announced

Chapel

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents & 2's

Lisa Moreno, coordinator

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CLS Room 206

Sunday School

for 3 yr. olds to 8th grade

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran School

Special Ed. Sun. Sch.

for mentally challenged

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran School – Rm. 205

SMOREs (gr. 9-12)

Jared Stiek

Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Youth Loft

(Please note – the school will remain locked until 9:15 a.m. to allow teachers fellowship time following the 8:00 service)

**** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meets every other Tuesday at the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse. The group meets from 7:00-7:45 a.m. and breakfast is served. The next gathering is on January 10. Plan to attend this uplifting Bible Study just for men. Contact Bob Feddern with any questions.

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore

A study that explores the building of the Old Testament tabernacle. It looks at the significance of its intricate design, it's pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of the purpose by Jesus Christ and it's variety of meanings for your walk with God today.

Beginning: Tuesdays, January 10, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: 3417 Golf View Drive

To register: call Kathy Karmazin (402) 379-1557 or the Church Office (402) 371-1210).

There is a \$15 Member Book to guide you through the study
with daily readings and personal study experience.

**** LIFELIGHT** - LifeLight Bible study classes begin this week. Youth are encouraged to attend. New members are encouraged to attend. Members and non-members are encouraged to study "Creation" with us for 9 weeks. If you like to read the Bible, this class is for you. If you want to know what God is telling you in His Word, then this study is for you. Please call Darlene today (402-371-9659) if you are interested. I'll get a book to you ASAP.

**** PRISCILLAS** LWML group will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study will be followed with a business meeting and installation of officers. Guests are welcome to join the Priscillas.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



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Dear children, let us not love with words or
tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 8, 2012

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 Loyd Meier, Allen Zeitz, Carolyn Prauner, Lisa Meyer, Don Wolff, Tony Dohmen, Elaine Holmberg, Deb Gebhardt, Lynn (Brockman) Heinold, I.J. Beeks, Marion Meisinger, Norbert Borer, Bruce Hansen, Jane Koehler, Randy Schultz, April Wiley, and all others undergoing treatment for cancer; for strength for their families.
- For those in care centers, nursing homes, and those suffering from long-term illness, as well as those who face tests, uncertainties about their health, or going through difficult times: including Craig Smith, Jim Siedschlag, Don and Elaine Dieter, Harlan Glanzer, Jenny Brockman, Don & Vi Cherington, Robert Daughton, Elizabeth Ambrose, Sandy Schulz, Kevin Borer, Jerry Brumels, Betty Macumber, Vida Sunderman, Carolyn Marten, Maggie Luce, and Steve Long.
- Thanksgiving for over 80 years of birthday blessings given to Lois Hinzman (1/10).
- Thanksgiving for the Baptism of Cody Ryan Beasor.
- That God would raise up a mighty army of believers who would guide our nation back to Christian principles and remove abortion from our land.
- We continue to pray for our country – the government, police and fire officials, and the military.
- For peace in our land and other countries, and an end to terrorism.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are available from the ushers or in track racks throughout the church. Please feel free to fill out the cards and hand them to an usher, or simply place them in the offering plate.

Matthew 7:7 – **“Take no thought for tomorrow for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself.”** Jesus



GROWING IN CHRIST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lisa Moreno – Children's Ministry Coordinator

lmoreno@clnorfolk.org phone: 371-3898

facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-Lutheran-Norfolk-Sunday-School/207797372579875>

**** TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus this week. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sin, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive His goodness, His holiness, and His purity. *Parents could ask, “Why is it important that Jesus was baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?”*

**** WINTER QUARTER MISSION OFFERING** - During the winter quarter of Sunday school, we will be collecting our mission offering for Bethesda Lutheran Communities. This is a mission organization that offers education and care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our offerings will help fund their spiritual life programs, which serve the spiritual needs of the people Bethesda cares for.

**** LISTEN ... IS GOD CALLING YOU?** ... Sunday school is thriving with big numbers this year, so we are in need of more staff! Please contact Lisa Moreno if you can help in one of the following ways:

- ✓ Helper twice a month for 3 year olds
- ✓ Teacher or helper with grades 1-2, twice a month
- ✓ Song leader to help during first 10 minutes

Mission Memos

PRAY for OUR MISSIONARIES

Sharon Owens writes from Macau. "We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in Macau. The outreach program was very successful. There were about 300 people in attendance as we shared the Good News of our Saviors birth. As people were coming into the room I talked with as many of them as I could. It was exciting to find out that many of them had never been to the church before or heard the message of God's love for the world. Joanna, Peter, and I were the Bible readers for the Christmas play. It was a joy to hear their precious voices sharing Scripture to a large group of non-believers. The play taught the visitors about God's love for them and included Christ's life, death, and resurrection. I could see the joy in one girl's eyes as she realized this gift was for her, too. PRAY that those who heard the Good News will know that God is love and that He loves them and wants them to be reconciled to Him. May Christ's love radiate joy in your life."

DAILY DEVOTIONS from LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
are available on line at: www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

**** CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION** – based on the two readings at previous Voters' meetings held late last year and recommendations from the Constitutional Forum and Church Council have been incorporated into the latest proposed Constitution and By-laws.

Copies of the latest proposed Constitution and By-Laws are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. This proposed Constitution and By-Laws will be presented for a vote at the January 29, 2012 Voters' meeting. If you have questions contact Judy in the Church Office or Kent Warneke.

VOTERS' MEETING **Sunday, January 29, 2011**

Pot Luck Dinner at Noon
After the 10:45 a.m. Service
in the Church Fellowship Hall

Voters' Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: includes the Annual Church Report and Constitution changes

BOXTOPS - TYSON A+ - CAMPBELL Barcodes - LAND-O-LAKES caps

We surpassed our goal of 15,000 BOXTOPS to be collected by January 1.
BOXTOPS4EDUCATION, CAMPBELL barcodes, and LAND-O-LAKE jug caps can be turned in at either the School or Church Office throughout the year. Make yours count today! Watch the Omaha World Herald on January 8 for a Boxtops Bonus sheet. Complete the sheet and return to CLS.

NEW Coke Rewards Program – save your Coke caps or the code from inside 12 and 24 packs of Coke products – not the barcode (Powerade is included). Turn them in to the school as you do other collectible items.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST

Educating for Life + Promoting the Faith



Lutheran High Northeast

P.O. Box 2454 Norfolk, NE 68702-2454

School located at 2010 N. 37th Street

Office 402-379-3040 Fax 402-379-8340

Email info@lhne.org Web www.lhne.org

**** LHNE SCRIP** - Have you used SCRIP? Remember, LHNE has SCRIP for groceries, gas, prescriptions, clothing, dining out, home improvements, and school shopping. Use SCRIP for upcoming gift-giving purchases. SCRIP also makes a GREAT GIFT! If you don't see the retail store you would like, simply ask; we will work at getting it for you. Buying SCRIP helps support LHNE year round! Weekdays you can stop by Echo Lighting (700 Omaha Avenue) and purchase your SCRIP from Kristi Harmeier or Sandy Krei.

**** OPEN GYM YOUTH SOCCER** in LHNE's Main Gym for grades 4th – 8th - BOYS will go from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. and the GIRLS will go from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Dates: Jan. 15, 22, 29. Each evening will begin with some fundamental drills and instruction followed by supervised scrimmaging. **No registration or fees required.**

**** ENROLLMENT AT LHNE** - Lutheran High offers a quality academic program with an emphasis on spiritual life for grades 9-12. A financial aid fund makes it possible for us to provide tuition assistance for many of our families. Enrollment applications will be available after January 1. For more information call the school at 402-379-3040.

**** STEWARDSHIP** is not only what you do with God's gifts to you now, but how you plan to use His gifts after your entrance to Heaven! Call Fred Aufdembrink at the LHNE Foundation at (402) 379-3040 for a time to discuss your thoughts with him.

**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Cheer and Dance Clinic on Saturday, Feb 11th, is for any Kindergarten through 8th grade girls who wants to learn some cheers and dance moves from the LHNE cheerleaders and Silver Talons!

**** LHNE FULL ACCESS** will return please stay posted for more information later this month! Full Access is a night where 3rd – 8th graders can come be apart of the LHNE Eagle Team for the night. Fun activities are planned for this group of students!

**** E-MAIL UPDATES** - Do you want to receive updates via email from Lutheran High? If so, check out LHNEeHappens. To receive these updates please email Fred Aufdembrink at fauudembrink@lhne.org.

For more information on any Lutheran High Northeast activity or to see a complete calendar, please visit the website: www.lhne.org

Life Quotes

“How many young people are hurt, angry, and resentful that their parents robbed them of their siblings—brothers and sisters they would have grown to love and who would have supported them throughout their lives? May God give them the grace to forgive one more painful fruit of the abortion culture and give us the courage to stand against this practice in whatever way possible.” *Rev. Don Richman, LFL International Representative – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.*

CHRIST LUTHERAN SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Moved by God's Love to Impact

Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30am

Website: www.clnorfolk.org
Click on Ministries, then Sr. High

DCE Jared Stiek
jstiek@clnorfolk.org

DCE Intern Angel Gillespie
agillespie@clnorfolk.org

**** DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

Sun, January 8 th	3:00-4:00	Youth Worship Band Practice
Sun, January 15 th	2:00-3:00	Youth Worship Band Practice (<i>note the time change</i>)
Sun, January 15 th	TBA	Norfolk Area Youth Group Sledding (Hosted by Our Savior Lutheran)
Sun, January 22 nd	10:45	Youth Worship Band plays for worship
Sun, January 29 th	7:00-9:00	Life Servant and Fellowship Event in the Youth Rooms

**** NORFOLK AREA YOUTH GROUP WINTER OLYMPICS** - Several times each year the youth groups of the Norfolk area LCMS churches join together for joint youth events. The January event is being hosted by Our Savior Lutheran. Join us for winter Olympic games and fellowship activities on January 15th from 3:00 to 6:00. If there happens to be snow on January 15th we will return to the original plan to go sledding at Skyview Park. Check the Weekly Focus for updated information about this event.

**** LIFE SERVANT and FELLOWSHIP EVENT** - January is the month when we see a special focus put on the issues of life, abortion, and adoption. We will explore more about these issues, Planned Parenthood's plans for a clinic in Norfolk, and the agencies in Norfolk currently providing life options to families in crisis pregnancies. We will make tie blankets for these agencies. We will also spend time in fellowship and discussion as we explore what God's Word says about these issues. Invite a friend and join us for this important servant event

**** YOUTH WORSHIP BAND** - This month we will meet twice for practice as we welcome a number of new musicians to our group. If you know of a youth (7th-12th grade) who sings or plays an instrument and would be interested in participating, please pass their name along to DCE Jared Stiek. Our practices this month will be Sunday, January 8th 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 15th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (*note the change in time due to Norfolk Area youth event*). We will serve as musicians at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, January 22nd.

MILITARY SUPPORT

**** SUPPORT OUR TROOPS** – 4 boxes have recently been sent to our military overseas. Items included jel insoles, nuts, wet wipes, licorice, books, magazines, assorted toiletries (no pump soaps please), candy, pop-tarts, coffee, and other items, as well as gum (we've heard they like lots of gum). Bars soaps and fragranced items must be packaged separately from edible items. A copy of a recent sermon was included too. Contributions of items or monetary donations to this project are appreciated. Thank you for all the past donations for this project. Please see the display in the Narthex for more information.

Many thanks to all who have generously donated items for this project or made monetary contributions. It is greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Please keep our military brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers as well as their loved ones at home.

**** CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS** – Northstar Services, 314 North 7th St., is collecting used cellphones for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program. Individuals are asked to drop off working or nonworking cell phones (with or without batteries, no chargers needed) at the Northstar office. For each cell phone submitted, one 60 minute calling card will be issued for a soldier overseas. This is an ongoing program throughout the year. For more information call Brenda at Northstar (371-0332).

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Listed below are updated addresses of church family members who are currently serving the United States in the Armed Forces. You are encouraged to take this opportunity during the season of Advent to send these individuals holiday greetings and thank them for their service to our country.

SSG. Sean Anderson
1092 192 E. Rd.
Palmyra, NE 68418

SPC Dahlkoetter, Britney
129th TC HET
1st PLT
CAMP ARIFJAN 09366

Sergeant Christopher Smith
200 Britton lane
Hubert, NC 28539

CPL Heinold, Shane, S.
1452 W. Oceanview Ave. #2
Norfolk, VA 23503

Aaron Menke
Taskforce Cornhusker 402nd MP
Bagham Airfield, (BAF)
APO AE 09354

LCPL Nathaniel Gnewuch
3D Battalion 3D Marine
H & S CO. Engineers
Unit 44075
FPO AP 96607-4075

LCPL Joshua Colsden
4561 Adobe Rd. Spc 52
29 Palms, CA 92277

Capt. Matthew B. Miller

Bret Lee
45th MP
DET/Customs
BAGRAM
APO-AE 09354

Mark Siedschlag
45th MP DET - Customs
BAGRAM Airfield
APO AE 09354

Reserves:

Brian W. Anderson (*recovering from injury*)
503 Blaine
Norfolk, NE 68701

Brady Anderson
801 South Victory
Norfolk, NE 68701

Dustin Anderson
405 Emerald Drive
Norfolk, NE 68701

Aaron Menke
1907 Maurer Dr.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Worship With Us

- Saturday – 5:30 p.m.; Sunday – 8:00 a.m.
- Contemporary Service – 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday School & Bible Classes – 9:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church Services are broadcast on Cable Channel 14, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday ... 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays ... 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pastors are often out of the office for home, hospital and other visits. Please contact the Church Office for available appointments with Pastors Winter and Rosenthal.

Church Phones

CHURCH OFFICE 371-1210
CHURCH FAX371-1228
SCHOOL OFFICE371-5536
SCHOOL FAX371-1288
HELPING HANDS CHILD CARE379-3275

Christ Lutheran Church/School website
www.clnorfolk.org

To e-mail church staff – use first initial and last name of individual @clnorfolk.org

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Chip Winter Director of Ministry
Rev. Leon Rosenthal Associate Pastor

Ministry Staff

Chad Bryant Child Care Director
Angel Gillespie Director of Christian Ed., Intern
Starla Landkamer Stephen Ministry Leader
Lisa Moreno Children's Ministry Coordinator
Jared Stiek Director of Christian Education
Steve Stortz Principal
Susan Warneke Director of Music

Administrative Staff

Judy Bohn Business Manager
Starla Landkamer Administrative Assistant
Lynn WalmsleyAdministrative Assistant

Hospitalized This Week

Known to be hospitalized this past week at FRHS: lone Horst, Tony Dohmen, Mildred Gaskill, Ed Wiedeman; in Omaha – Lee Krohn, David Mauch.

If you are admitted to the hospital, you or a family member should contact the Church office with admission information.

Media Ministry

LUTHERAN HOUR – Sun., 12:30 p.m. WJAG 780 AM or 105.9 FM.

ON MAIN STREET – Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Cable Ch. 59
DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

Our Stewardship of Time

In Worship 12/31/11 & 1/1/12 405
In Worship 12/31/11 & 1/1/12 328

Our Stewardship of Gifts

Needed Weekly \$20,192
Received 01/01/12.....\$23,367
Loan Balance 01/03/12 \$ 100
"Debt Free" Comm. Rec'd as of 01/01/12 \$281,199

This Week's Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 a.m. DIVINE WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class
10:45 a.m. CONTEMPORARY COMMUN.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 p.m. Priscillas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:20 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Grades 5-8 Midweek
7:00 p.m. COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 p.m. Men of Faith
6:30 p.m. Handbells
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00 a.m. Bulletin assembly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Class
10:45 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Please call the Church Office to schedule an activity.
It is best to call ahead to avoid a conflict in scheduling.

Announcements & Prayer Requests are due in writing to the Church Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Submitting announcements earlier during the holidays is greatly appreciated. Please include a contact name on all announcements in case there are questions, or further information is needed.

Use www.goodsearch.com and designate Christ Lutheran Church and School as a beneficiary, a donation is made to the church.