Christ Lutheran Church
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Week of November 1, 2026

FOCUS

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VISION STATEMENT: *Growing together in faith*

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

ALL SAINTS DAY! - Today's Scripture: Revelation 7:2-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12
Pastor Carretto's sermon is "Our Upside-Down World!" based on the Gospel reading

Hymns 5:30 & 8:00 services
Liturgy: Divine Service 1, pg. 151
#671 – "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"
#822 – "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"
#812 – "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"
#676 – "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"
#680 – "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"
#677 – "For All the Saints" (stz. 1-3, 7-8)

Songs for 10:30 service
"Echo Holy" by Red Rocks
"Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham
"You Say" by Lauren Daigle
"Abide" by Aaron Williams
"All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher

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.

ROLL CALL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Melvin F. Sanders
Eugene W. Olnes
Becky S. Stevens
Lee H. Krohn
Cheryl L. Husmann
Leonard L. Vogel
DeEtte M. Jenkins
Anitra R. Mann
Connie S. Peterson
Mitchell L. Hausmann
Donna J. Slobodny
Gerald "Jerry" L. Smith
Steven D. Christiansen
Gloria J. Vogel
Norman W. Sellin
Irene J. Neitzke
William H. Siedschlag
Larry L. Lenox
Timothy G. Ernst
Joan W. Weber
Robert E. Feddern
Carl E. Mellor
Duane R. Carlow
pregnancy & infant loss

UNITING TO BUILD

Christ Lutheran is ***uniting to build!*** Our classroom addition gives Preschool a permanent home, our school a second class of 7th & 8th graders, and Childcare a safer, shared entrance – no more crossing the parking lot. Groundbreaking is behind us, and the steel and walls are already rising. Now we need your help to finish the job! $350,000 from our congregation, and every gift is matched dollar-for-dollar, up to $400,000. To donate, use the gold envelopes in your offering box and designate 'building fund', pick up a brochure and pledge card in the Narthex, or stop by the church office for more information.

HAPPENING TODAY

** **GOLDEN YEARS** meets Sunday, November 1 in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. We'll have a devotion – share a Potluck Meal and since this meeting time falls on All Saints Day, our activity for the evening will be – *All Saints Day Trivia.* Bring a meal to share and come join the fun. Everyone 55 and over are welcome. Hope to see you there. Contact Pastor or Becky Carretto for more information.

** **BUTTERBRAIDS NOW ON SALE** – *TODAY IS THE LAST DAY* to purchase your Butterbraids from our youth. They are taking orders for these delicious pastries in the gathering area. Stop by the Connect Counter today! Thank you for supporting our youth ministry. November 1 is the final day orders can be place!

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

** **SUNDAYS** – 9:15 in Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Carretto -– **Paul's letter to the Colossians.** We are now in our study of another of Paul's "prison letters." Come join Pastor Carretto and members of Christ Lutheran every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. as we dig deeper into Scripture. May the Lord bless our study of His Holy Word. Hope you can join us.

** **ALSO SUNDAYS AT 9:30** – in the music room at the school - the Bible study series, *Households of Faith*. We are looking at what it means to have a household of faith, what research shows, and what the Bible says about it. Led by Cori Woltmann. Any adult is welcome to attend.

** **MONDAYS** – 7:00 p.m. led by Pastor Carretto. Our class just finished the book of Genesis – a book of beginnings. At the death of Joseph, Genesis ends, but the story of the Israelites begins. So, we turn to the book of Exodus for our study, which is the beginning of God's plan for Israel. Again, there are many great stories that come from Exodus. Why not come and join us for this study? We meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

** **TUESDAYS** – **Men's Breakfast/Bible Class** meets bi-weekly at 7 a.m. at Orphan Grain Train (east door).

Also on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. *Beverage, Brats, and Bible.* This is a men's Bible Study group led by Bill McAllister and hosted by OGT. Regardless of Bible Study experience, any male is invited to come and explore different Men in the Bible and lessons we can learn from them. This is a five-week, study. Food and beverage are provided. For more information contact Mac at 402-380-1329.

** **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS –** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join Pastor Moreno in the Fellowship Hall. Current study on the **Book of Acts**.

** **THURSDAYS** – 6:30 a.m. **"The Book of Revelation"** is the current focus for Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is included. Led by Monte Glaser.

** **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Seamless by Angie Smith, continues to meet 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Our next session is on November 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Lisa Moreno with any questions: 402-316-8197 or nebraskalisa@gmail.com

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS
… Living with Loss

"Hope for the Holidays … Living with Loss" is a workshop on managing grief. It's about getting through the upcoming holidays and beyond with a hopefulness that can overshadow that grief. This event will be held on **Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.** here at Christ Lutheran Church.

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 can affect 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 is always tied to hope.

Erika Kirk is quoted as saying: "*Love doesn't ask to be healed. Love asks to be remembered."* And that is what we take the opportunity to do at this special event as we share our memories, commonalities, differences and experiences of the grief journey.

If you have lost a loved one, or suffered a difficult loss in your life, "Hope for the Holidays … Living with Loss" offers a hope for facing the upcoming holiday season and the months to come. Join us for an evening of helpful information and honest conversation - a chance to share what is on your heart, and hear from others who understand and are walking the same path. The event is open to the public. Registration is encouraged by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 402-371-1210.

Building Healthy Families: More Than Just Saying "Thank You!" - Veterans Day provides an opportunity to thank the men and women who have served our country. But for some veterans, the challenges of military service don't end when they return home. Depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and adjusting to civilian life can affect veterans and their families long after military service ends. This Veterans Day, let's do more than simply say "thank you." Let's show our appreciation! Do you know a veteran in your congregation, neighborhood, or community? Invite your family to think of a special way to show thanks. Write a note, share a homemade treat, invite them for coffee, or simply take time to listen to their stories—if they'd like to share. Show a veteran this week that their service is not forgotten, their sacrifices are appreciated, and they are valued and loved. *www.LutheranFamilyService.org* **Lutheran Family Service.**

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE (through General Fund Offerings)

Weekend of October 25, 2026 **Received** $18,807

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Weekend October 25, 2026 **Worship** 528

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

** **PRISCILLAS LWML** will meet Tuesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of our congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship as we continue our "Gifted and Sent" Bible study led by Sarah Moje. The Servant Event for the evening will be preparing Christmas Blessings Bags, sharing God's love one little gift at a time.

** **ANNUAL BIG MISSION EVENT** - There's still time to buy your tickets for The Big *Mission* Event to be held next Sunday, November 8, at Divots Conference Center in Norfolk. Sponsored by Servants of the Savior, from Christ Lutheran Church, the Event will have a live auction, with all proceeds raised going towards Orphan Grain Train, support of various missionaries and a number of mission projects throughout the world. Gary Thies, LCMS Mission Development Counselor and his associate, Rev. Steve Schulz, will be serving as presenters for the evening. The Big *Mission* Event begins with a 5:00 p.m. social hour, followed by a 6:00 p.m. buffet dinner. Tickets are available for a cost of $70 per person from Christ Lutheran Church office, or any S.O.S. member. *Final date to purchase tickets is by noon on Monday, November 2.* No tickets will be sold at the door.

COMMUNITY

** **FESTMAHL FEAST** – Join us for the 70th annual Festmahl Feast at St. John Ministries in Battle Creek on Sunday, November 1 from 5-7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious traditional meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sauerkraut, corn, salads and homemade pies. Dine in or carry out. Adults and children 12 and up are $14; children 5-11 are $7; age 4 and under are free. Carryouts from the school are available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for $16.

YOUTH CONNECTION

** **WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP –** The fun continues! 6:15-7:15 for 7/8 Grade and 7:15-8:30 for 9-12 Grade. We hope to see you for games, Bible study, and a new series as we talk about how God knows us by name. We start off in the gym and the youth room over at Christ Lutheran School.

** **BUTTERBRAIDS –** November 1st is the deadline to turn in your Butterbraid forms. Contact Cori at cwoltmann@clnorfolk.org with any questions.

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 and receive all the latest news on what's happening.

SCHOOL CONNECTION

Save the date for these upcoming CLS events!

** **CARNIVAL:** The CLS Carnival is November 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for CLS students! We are accepting donations of canned soda, small game prizes, cookies and brownies for the concession stand, and cakes for the cakewalk. Donations can be dropped off at the school office Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with baked goods brought on Thursday, November 5. Please sign up through SignUpGenius or contact Kenzie at the school, and let us know ahead of time if you plan to donate so we can plan accordingly.

** **VETERANS DAY:** The CLS Veterans Day Program will be held on November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. Join us as we honor and recognize the brave men and women who have served our country. Our students are excited to share their musical talents as we come together to celebrate and thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice!

** **2027 HOLY LAND TOUR – NEW DATE! –** Because of the war and the ill-ease created from it, the date of this tour has been changed. Join Pastor Myq Awe in this once in a lifetime journey to the Holy Land. Here we will see the Bible come alive with the names and events that we have heard all of our lives. Dare I say that we will enjoy awe-inspiring places of interest like the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and Mt. Zion, to name a few. We will also enjoy the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, and Jerusalem. The dates for this wonderful tour are November 30 – December 9, 2027. We will be departing from and arriving back at the Omaha airport. The price for this tour, which includes transportation, tours, hotels, and most meals is $4,999 per person based on double occupancy. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Pastor Awe at the1revma@gmail.com or call him at 531.218.5793.

** **THE LUTHERAN HOUR** – People of Christ with the Message of Hope as we continue "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church" on WJAG each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Servants of the Savior (S.O.S.) of Christ Lutheran is sponsoring the November 1 broadcast in thankfulness of missionaries and mission work around the world, as well as in the United States. The S.O.S. group hosts a dinner, mission speaker and auction to raise funds to support Orphan Grain Train, Mission Central, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and various mission projects and servant events.

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** **TURKEY TROT 2026 –** The annual Turkey Trot 5K is a great way to start Thanksgiving Day! Work up an appetite by participating in an 8:00 a.m. run/walk in the brisk fall air and support the students at the same time! The race starts around 8:00 a.m. and a prize is given to the overall male and female winners. It's a quick event, so you can get going cooking that meal shortly after. Want to have a bigger impact? You can sponsor the event and get your business some attention as well. Sponsor or purchase tickets at onecau.se/turkeytrot26. Registrations and sponsorships are due by November 11. We hope to see you on Thursday, November 26.

** **ONE ACT DESSERT THEATRE** – Please join the LHNE One Act cast as they perform their competitive piece "Flight of the Coffin Dodgers" on Sunday, November 8. Prior to the show, enjoy coffee and an assortment of the famous and ever-so-delectable gourmet cupcakes (made by directors Steven and Heather Whitney)! Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with the performance beginning at 4:30 p.m. Admission is free, but freewill donations are graciously accepted at the door.

** **BLOOD DRIVE** – We would love to see all of the donation time slots fill up ahead of the drive on Monday, November 16. Please call Brittany at 402-379-8340 to schedule an appointment to give. The Thanksgiving drive is a special one! There will be smoked turkey and fixings for those who attempt and those who give!

** **LHNE NEEDS YOU** – We're looking for dependable, caring individuals to join our substitute teacher list. Your help makes a real difference in keeping our classrooms covered and our students learning when teachers are away. Have your Nebraska Substitute Teaching Certificate? We'd love to have you on our team! Please bring your substitute certificate to the LHNE Office to get signed up. Our need is ongoing, so don't wait to join!

** **CRAFT SHOW** – There will be a craft show at LHNE on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. There will be 35 vendors, 50+ tables and a concession stand. Please reach out to Linda Jones at 2cows1@gmail.com with any craft show questions.

** **BOYS GOLF** – LHNE is looking for a Boys' Golf Coach for the 2027 season! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Activities Director Grant Stadler at gstadler@lhne.org.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk-or-Treat event last Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to those who hosted a table, generously donated candy for the event, and those who helped organize the activity. We greeted over 450 children during this fun afternoon!

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS

- Sunday, November 15 – Everything but the Turkey Food Collection
- Sunday, November 29 –I Praise & Worship Night 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2, 9 & 16 – Advent Worship services 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 16 – Men of the congregation – come sing with the kids!
- Monday, December 21 – Blue Christmas / Longest Night worship service

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes
Sunday School
Confirmation
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. Golden Years

Monday, November 2
9:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Tuesday, November 3
6:30 p.m. Priscillas

Wednesday, November 4
9:00/1:20 Preschool Chapel
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
2:45 p.m. Chapel
6:15 p.m. Grade 7/8 Youth
6:30 p.m. Handbells
6:30 p.m. Hope for the Holidays
7:15 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth

Thursday, November 5
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Bel Air Worship
11:00 a.m. Meadows Worship
1:30 p.m. St. Joe Worship
6:45 p.m. Worship Team

Friday, November 6
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 7
1:30 p.m. Henny/Van Leeuwen wed.
5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 8
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes/Sun. School
Confirmation
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Big Mission Event @ Divots

Deadline for November 8 FOCUS is 12 noon on Tuesday, November 3

PRAYER REQUESTS 11.01.26

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: Ryan Schulz, Ruby Schulz, Christina Johnson, Phil Scheurich, Carol Jensen.
- Thanksgiving for birthday blessings of 80 years or more given to: Mary Gray (3), Lyle Husmann (3), Carolyn Cheney (4), Larry Brudigan (6), Dale Schwede (8)
- For favorable weather for the harvest.
- For Rev. Richard Browning as he deliberates the call extended to him by Christ Lutheran as well as his present call.
- Pray for our nation, its leaders, for our Armed Forces personnel and peace in our land.
- **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

PRAYER FOR ELECTION DAY

Another election looms, O God. We know because posters have appeared on people's lawns and political commercials fill the airwaves. During this time of elections, when candidates contradict each other, and confusion over issues and the future looms heavily upon our nation, open our eyes to see your commanding control. You have given us the responsibility of living in a democracy. And you have given us the responsibilities that come with being your children. Motivate us to vote … and to vote wisely – with much prayer and with great hope. Guide your people in this blessed country. Guide our nation. In your most Holy Name we pray. Amen.