

November 11, 2018



POWER OF LOVE Thank you to the many people who have offered up their pledges for our congregation's ministry for 2019. We have received many such commitments, and are still receiving a few more through the mail. If you need a pledge card, please contact the church office. As you are able to determine what your level of support can be, let us know by filling out a pledge card and turning it in. We continue to expand upon the power of God's love in all the ways we serve, worship, give, pray, and share.

HOLY BAPTISM FOR KIERAN SOLIE Jacob and Jessica Solie are bringing their son, Kieran Dax Solie, to our baptismal font this morning during the 10:45 am service. Kieran was born this past June 27, and he is accompanied today by his sponsors, Melissa Bauer and Jeremy Solie. We welcome all of Kieran's friends and family who are here to witness this special gift of God's grace.



SEEDS OF HOPE More than 25 percent of children below the age of 5 experience [extreme poverty](#) in El Salvador. Only 82% complete school to the ninth grade (up to age 14). 6% of Salvadoran children never attend any school. The cost for annual sponsorships are \$190 Kindergarten-9th grade, \$370 High School and \$1,510 for University Sponsorship. These donations are 100% tax deductible! Stop by the Seeds of Hope table in the narthex to find out how you can sponsor a student and change a life.

Current sponsors: please write a Christmas card to your student. Enclose a family photo and/or a favorite Bible verse. Cards are due at FOC by November 21.

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP Adults of all ages and juniors in high school are invited to travel to El Salvador July 11-18 to meet students sponsored by Seeds of Hope, tour historic sites, and learn how the Lutheran church supports people in El Salvador today. For more information, talk to Mark or Janice Laven, or Andie Rydberg.

**** SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFO MEETINGS - Sunday, Nov. 18 at noon.** El Salvador will meet in the Conference Room, all others in the Youth Room. Ask questions, get more details and sign up for these awesome trips!

THANKSGIVING CAROLING – Tuesday, Nov. 20 6:30 to 8:00 PM Join us for a unique and joyful way to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving. We'll go Thanksgiving-Caroling to our friends at Bethesda Lutheran Community in Victoria, as well as one group home on Rolling Acres Road. It's a music service event! Meet at church at 6:30 for some hot cider, then we'll carpool together to our destination. No sign-up is necessary since we'll just be taking our show on the road with whoever can join us.

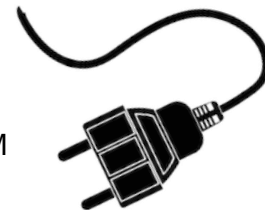
BLOOD MOBILE Sunday, December 2, the Memorial Blood Center Blood Mobile will be here from 8:00 – 11:30 am. Sign up online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives enter code 4049 and it will take you to the sign-up sheet. We would love to have a full drive of 25 people! You get a cookie and juice. Questions talk to Kim kim@familyofchristonline.org.

HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH COMPASS ROSE – Saturday, Dec. 8 at 3:00 PM The brass band, Compass Rose, has been rehearsing in our church on many Sunday evenings. Now they are preparing for a Christmas Concert on Dec. 8 right here at Family of Christ. Watch for the poster, and make room in your December schedule to catch this wonderful performance.



Flowers on the altar were provided by Josh and Beth Nelson in honor of Solveig's birthday and by Emery and Madden Smith in honor of Grandma Jodi's birthday.

This Week in Our Church



SUNDAY, November 11:

Seeds of Hope Emphasis
Worship Services— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Drama Ministry (Team A)— 8:45 AM
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Middle School Bible Study— 10:15 AM
Kieran Solie Baptism— 10:45 AM
Musical Auditions— 12:15 AM

MONDAY, November 12:

Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM
Senior High & Middle School Night— 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, November 13:

Weekly Staff Meeting— 11:30 AM
Women's Bible Study— 1:30 PM
Church Council Meeting— 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, November 14:

Drama Rehearsal (Team B)— 4:45 PM
Praise Unlimited Rehearsal— 5:30 PM
Christos— 6:00 PM
Lux Aeterna Rehearsal— 6:00 PM
Confirmation— 6:30 PM
Express Worship— 7:00 PM
High School Perks— 7:30 PM
Musical Auditions— 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, November 15:

FoC Singers Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, November 16:

Bible Study— 9:30 AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry— 11:15 AM
ExSOULtation Rehearsal— 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, November 17:

Lickety Splits Bowling League— 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, November 18:

Drama Ministry (Team B) Performance
Seeds of Hope Emphasis
New Member Welcome
Worship Services— 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Drama Ministry (Team A)— 8:45 AM
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Senior High Bible Study— 10:15 AM
Mission Trip Information Meeting— 12:00 PM
Musical Auditions— 12:15 PM
Couples' Bible Study— 6:00 PM
Compass Rose Rehearsal— 7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study (offsite)— 7:00 PM

The complete Family of Christ calendar is online. Click on the calendar icon.



SAVE THE DATE Family of Christ Couples' Retreat at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN! February 15-17, 2019. Watch for more details and registration soon. Questions? Contact leann@familyofchristonline.com

UPDATE ON OUR CALL COMMITTEE'S WORK The Call Committee began its work this past April, and has met, studied, written, read profiles, and most recently, interviewed candidates. They have shared their recommendation for our Church Council, which will now act on the recommendation during their November meeting. Watch for more information coming soon. (Call Committee is: Chairperson Laura Oman, Joanne Bethke, Ellie Boros, Donna Even, Erik Hromatka, Nicole Kulbaba, Reid Mathers, Sue Provo, and Pastor Josh.)

Financial Update

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL PICTURE continues to show a lower-than-expected pattern of giving, but our expenses for the year have also run a little lower, especially on the staff support line. In these final two months, let's all do our share to help Family of Christ end its year strong, providing enough resources to fulfill our plans for ministry. And thank you for all the ways you help Family of Christ make a difference! Direct any questions or concerns to our Council President, Lance Wegner (focprez@gmail.com) or to any of our council members.

| General Fund Balance | YTD Income | YTD Expenses | General Fund Balance |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$40,805 (1/1/18) | +557,453 | - \$599,313 | - \$1,055 (9/30/18) |

THRIVENT MEMBERS Please consider donating your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** today to Family of Christ. In the past, these dollars have been used to fund J-Term, Summer Block Party and the Annual Meeting Luncheon. Thanks for all your support – these dollars really add up fast! And remember, you have to designate them EVERY year.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm; Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

PLUG IN

With God's power working in us,
God can do much, much more than
anything we can ask or think of.

Ephesians 3:20

You are invited to PLUG IN to the numerous ministry opportunities here at Family of Christ this fall. Check out the kiosk and sign-up table in the narthex to find out how to ELECTRIFY YOUR FAITH. AMP UP YOUR SERVICE, CHARGE UP YOUR CONNECTIONS and get GROUNDED IN THE WORD.

CHARGE UP *your connections* / **GROUNDED IN** *the Word*

PLUG IN SPOTLIGHT EVENT: Women's Bible Study

The new Sunday Women's Bible Study, facilitated by Lisa DeLaHunt, meets the third Sunday of each month at 7pm. The group will begin with a study of Bob Goff's book "Everybody Always" (you don't have to have read the book to participate!) starting this next Sunday, November 18, at the home of Lisa DeLaHunt, 1839 Clover Meadow Drive in Chaska. Email Lisa at lisajdelahunt@gmail.com with questions.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Beginning Friday, November 16 and continuing on Fridays, November 30 and December 7 & 14, join us from 9:30-11:00am in the Conference Room at church to study "The Gospel of *It's a Wonderful Life*." Using clips from the beloved holiday movie, we'll look at several themes from the movie from a Scriptural perspective. Contact leann@familyofchristonline.com with your interest or questions. We hope you'll join us!

YOUNG ADULTS Family of Christ Volunteers send out care packages throughout the year to young adults who are out of high school, whether in college or working. If you fit in this category or you know someone who does, please send a current address & email to andie@familyofchristonline.com or add it here at <https://goo.gl/forms/4NKNsIKoFNtxu4bn2>.

AMP UP *your service*

WE'D LOVE YOUR J-TERM IDEAS As the weather turns cooler, we begin planning in earnest for our annual J-Term series, a variety of fun, educational, fellowship and service opportunities on three Mondays in January. Do you have a special skill or interest that you'd like to share with others? Do you have a topic you think would be a great addition to our J-Term lineup? Are you interested in helping with the planning or details? We'd love your input and help! Contact leann@familyofchristonline.com with your ideas and interest.

The next FoC packing session at **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** is **Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 9:30 - 11:30**. This is an easy and fun way to give back as we begin the holiday season. No need to sign up, just show up.

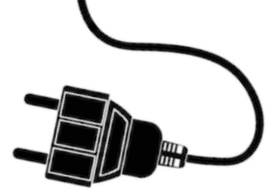
TREEHOUSE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY On Tues., Nov. 27 at 5:30, FoC will provide a meal for at-risk youth who utilize TreeHouse, a Christian outreach program in Chaska. Volunteers are needed to help serve and provide the food. The sign up sheet is on the CIA bulletin board near the kitchen. Questions? Contact Dawn Peterson (tdnikpeter@aol.com).

*Bountiful Basket
food shelf need
for NOVEMBER is:*
BEANS

A SIMPSON HOUSE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY OF CHRIST Family Fun Kits are back! Last year FoC provided over 140 kits to support Simpson House's Celebrate With Sharing Program. The kits are designed to provide a fun experience for families when they achieve a school attendance goal. Pick up an envelope from our table located in the Narthex beginning November 18th, then purchase the items to create a kit! There will be 3 different kinds of kits from which to choose. We will collect assembled kits from November 18th - December 9th. Thank you for your help!

COOKIE WALK BAKERS It's that time again! We need a minimum of 35 bakers for our annual Cookie Walk. Please bake at least 6 dozen of your most festive Christmas Cookies and have them to the church by 4 pm. on Friday, December 7. Please sign up on the "What's Happening" board (by the kitchen) so we know that we'll have enough cookies! If you'd like to help with this event, please sign up on the board as well or talk to Kim.

ELECTRIFY *your faith*



Family of Christ Preschool

Bumblebee, Frog, Owl & Monkey classes will host Thanksgiving feasts the week of Nov 19.
We will celebrate all the things we are thankful for in preschool!

FoC Preschool offers classes for 2, 3, 4 & 5-year olds, JumpStart Kindergarten, afternoon enrichment classes, and optional Lunch Bunch and Stay & Play for afternoon care. To register for classes, visit our website. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at preschool@familyofchristonline.com or 952-380-9838.

Upcoming dates:

Nov 19 & 20 – Thanksgiving feasts in Bumblebee, Frog, Owl & Monkey classes
Nov 21-26 – Thanksgiving break, no school

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL (2 yrs-2nd grade): "Perhaps you were created for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14);
we also have a skit from our Drama Ministry.

Mark your calendars for the **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**: Dec. 9 during worship at 9:15 and 10:45.

CHRISTOS (3rd-5th grades): This past Wednesday, the 3rd graders continued to work through the Old Testament, while the 4th/5th grade finished the first unit on Popularity and Success.

O.W.L. (Only with Littles) Event: On Sunday, December 2 from 4-6pm, the Wonder Weaver Storytellers will be here for a Christmas themed story followed by a service project even our littlest ones can do, dinner and crafts. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Because our online auction was such a success- this event is free! BUT we are asking that everyone bring a new book or two for the Ronald McDonald House libraries. They can be for adults, tweens or children.



Youth Ministry

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER TO ELECTRIFY YOUR FAITH

THIS WEEK:

Today, Sunday, 10:15-10:45am: Middle School Bible Study

Monday, 6-8pm: Senior High Night! Drop in when you can for Bible study & hanging out! Bring your friends!

Wednesday

Lux Aeterna, 10/24, 6pm: 6-8th Choir/music group

6-8th gr. Confirmation, 6:30pm: Noah

9th gr. Confirmation, 6:30pm: What does 'Affirmation of Baptism' mean?

Perks: 8-9pm: 9-12th graders meet for pie and devotions.

Saturday, Childcare fundraiser, 5:15-10pm: Childcare for the 5 Great Dates Event. 6-12th Graders needed to play with younger kids while their parents are out. Funds raised go towards summer trips.

Next Sunday,

Senior High Bible Study, 10:15-10:45am: Student led Bible Study

Summer Trip Meetings, 12pm: El Salvador in the Conference Room, all others in the Youth Room.

OPEN TO ALL MINI MISSION DAY CAMP/MISSION MONDAY On November 26, join us for a full day of service! We will go to Feed My Starving Children (9:30-11:30am), prepare a meal at St. John's in Chaska (1-3pm), serve dinner at St. John's (5-7pm), and work on projects at the church (1-3pm). Suggested freewill offering of \$5 per activity. 3rd- 5th grade can attend without an adult and will stay with Teri all day, 6-12th grade will be with Andie; and younger students will need to bring an adult. Drop by for as many activities as you want. If you plan on staying all day, please bring a lunch and/or dinner. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to andie@familyofchristonline.org by Monday, Nov. 19.