



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM TODAY of Piper Marian Coward during the 10:00 am worship service. She is presented by her parents, Chris and Kristen Coward, along with big sister, Olivia. We welcome her sponsors, Brittany and Gretchen Haga, along with any other friends and family. Piper was born on August 6, 2017.

WORSHIP TIMES RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE STARTING SEPT 9 As the school year begins, we will return to our usual pattern of offering three Sunday morning worship services with Hymnal worship in a classic Lutheran style at 8 am. At 9:15, we'll offer a more blended worship experience, sometimes being led by a worship team, and sometimes being led by our choir. At 10:45, the worship will always be contemporary, and led by one of our adult or teen worship teams. At FOC, no matter what style of music we utilize, we will be sure to always bless, praise, and glorify our God!

KITCHEN RENOVATION Remember that all throughout August, our church kitchen continues to undergo renovations. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to specifically fund this kitchen project which will give us new cabinetry, new flooring, new countertops and more. Please be patient with us through this process, and know that our communion will be served by intinction each week until the kitchen is fully functional again.

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS We had a good meeting with Bishop Ann on Aug. 5. She and her associates at the Synod office are working on compiling some names of pastors who could be good matches for Family of Christ. Do you know a pastor whose name you'd like to promote to our Call Committee for consideration? See the short form in our narthex hallway which gives you an opportunity to present the name of a potential candidate, and we will forward that to the Synod so they could make the actual contact to that pastor.

HELP WANTED Part-time Job Opening: Family of Christ is seeking a person, minimum age 18 years, to perform routine maintenance on our building and grounds, provide weekly event setup/takedown, and conduct boiler inspections. This position has a flexible schedule of 8 hours/week. FoC will provide training and cover fees to pass the Engineer Boiler license test. Please contact Church Administrator Stephanie Proper at 952-934-5659 by Sept. 10.

THANK YOU Thanks to all who helped with our Wednesday night Simply Summer events this past season. We had wonderful experiences ranging from a Pet Blessing to the Luther Crest counselors, outdoor worship services, picnic suppers, service projects, and many outdoor games, and also the always fun Block Party. A thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make Wednesdays nights such joyful experiences this summer. Thanks also to our youth ministry interns, Danielle Wegner and Tali Tripp for all the wonderful youth ministry they led for us this summer.

SHARED MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS HELP!!! We could use a lot more hands volunteering in our Shared Ministry group! We have a wonderful, dedicated bunch of volunteers currently working very hard to make everyone's weekly worship experience enjoyable. Please consider helping in this area whether it be serving coffee (hospitality), communion, picking up and delivering the weekly donuts, ushering or stepping up to be an Assisting Minister! If you're interested or have questions, contact Kim kim@familyofchristonline.com

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, August 19:

Worship Services— 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Summer Choir Rehearsal— 9:30 AM
Summer Sunday School— 10:00 AM
Piper Coward Baptism— 10:00 AM
Hammock Bible Study (Lake Ann)— 4:00 PM
O.W.L. Picnic— 3:30 PM
Couples' Bible Study— 6:00 PM

MONDAY, August 20:

Mission Monday (see inside for details)
Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM

TUESDAY, August 21:

Weekly Staff Meeting— 10:30 AM

THURSDAY, August 23:

Fare for All (Crown of Glory)— 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, August 24:

Church Office Closed

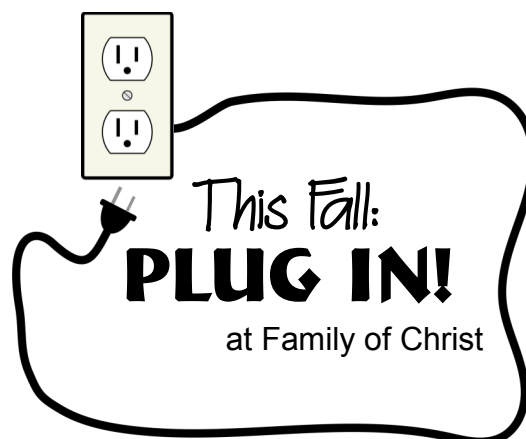
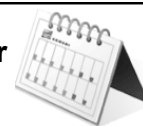
SATURDAY, August 25:

Worship Team Rehearsal— 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, August 26:

Worship Services— 8:30 & 10:00 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal— 9:30 AM

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



In Other News

SILENT AUCTION Teri Burns, Minster to Children and Families, continues to seek and collect donations of items and/or services to be a part of a silent auction this fall to support Children's Ministry here at FoC. Here are some ideas:



Do you play an instrument? Donate a couple of lessons
Donate an evening of babysitting or a coupon to clean up someone's yard in the fall
Enjoy baking? Donate a dozen fresh cookies or your famous cake
Have a golf membership? Take 3 new friends out for a round.

Please contact Teri at teri@familyofchristonline.com if you have something you'd like to donate. Thank You!

Financial Update

FAMILY OF CHRIST'S FINANCIAL HEALTH The numbers below represent our church's financial health so far in 2018. We thank all who gave extra gifts above and beyond their pledges and planned giving, as those truly helped us with the extra HVAC bills we had this year. From the chart, you can see our giving has lagged behind our expenses, so we do ask for your faithful gifts, especially here at summer's end. Direct questions or concerns with any member of the Church Council. Thank you all for the ways you share your generosity!

General Fund Balance	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	General Fund Balance
\$40,805 (1/1/18)	+425,742	- \$487,814	- \$21,267 (7/31/18)

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

forming relationships with others in our church community



LICKETY SPLITS BOWLING LEAGUE Are you looking for a new way to meet and make new friends, get a little exercise and get out of the house twice a month? Put a new spin on your fall/winter activities and join us for a fun night of bowling! The Lickety Splits Bowling league will be starting up again on Saturday, Sept. 8, at Country Club Lanes in Excelsior. Dust off those bowling balls and roll with us! Invite your friends or family and create your own team. All are welcome! If you have questions or are ready to sign up, contact Greg Provo gprovo6@gmail.com.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

working together to impact the lives of those around us

Mission Mondays

Join us for Mondays throughout the summer to volunteer.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 20

Launch Ministries is an organization in Chaska that addresses teens and young adults experiencing homelessness. They have asked us to help clean and organize their space for their upcoming open house and Party in the Park. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex or online so we can let them know how many to expect and arrange rides.

9-11am OR 6-8pm at Launch Ministries (115 East 4th St. Chaska -Back side of Moravian Church)

Then, from **1-3pm** join us here at Family of Christ for various projects (tie blankets, bandages, and gardening etc.).

All ages and abilities are welcome! 5th Grade and under will need a parent/guardian with for all projects. No sign up for the activities at church, but please sign up for the off-site activities.

Bountiful Basket
food shelf need
for August is:
PEANUT BUTTER



DONATION DRIVE FOR SOJOURNER SHELTER Our Christians in Action (CIA) Committee invites your donation to Sojourner Shelter for battered women and children. Above our donation bin marked for Sojourner, you can find copies of their needs-list. Please take one! Any donations can be left in the bin and CIA members will deliver them to Sojourner. Our donation drive will conclude on August 26th. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Contact Chris Allen with any questions. (586) 596-4564.

10-12th GRADERS & ADULTS We are in need of Senior High and Adult Life Guides. Life Guides meet with a small group of students weekly during Confirmation (Wednesdays, 6:30-8). Help lead discussion during small group time (guides are provided!). If you are interested in helping middle school students grow in their faith, let andie@familyofchristonline.com know!!

MAKING DISCIPLES

rowing together in faith to embrace God's love

Family of Christ 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 952-380-9838 or at preschool@familyofchristonline.com.

Upcoming dates: Sept. 6 – Preschool orientation
Sept. 10 & 11 – First days of preschool

Children's Ministry

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (during 10 am service): Today is our final day of summer Sunday school. A HUGE "Thank You" to all the wonderful youth who volunteered their time and talents to our summer Sunday school program this summer. We couldn't do it without you!

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES resume on September 9 and **we need a few more teachers.** 9:15 service- One more Preschool teacher, one more Kindergarten teacher and one more 1st grade teacher. Please connect with Teri if you are interested in more information.

CHRISTOS begins September 26 with our annual food collection event. **We need some teachers:** 3 in the third grade, 3 in the fourth grade and 1 in fifth grade. See Teri for information.

O.W.L. EVENT (Only with Littles—families with young children)

O.W.L. PICNIC POTLUCK: TODAY, August 19 at 3:30 We will be having "The Barron of Bubbles" come to entertain us, followed by a barbeque meal, lawn games and more. **Price of admission:** A side dish to pass, along with a minimum of 1 new children's book and/or a new adult book. All the books will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House libraries. All are welcome (bring grandmas & grandpas along too).



Youth Ministry

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! All incoming 6-9th graders should have received an email about registration. Please register and pay by September 2nd. The cost is the same as last year, \$150. This helps cover the costs of special events and retreat/lock-ins. Please pay at the same time as registering. Similar to last year, confirmation will meet weekly for large group time, worship, and small group time. This year we will walk through the Old Testament beginning on September 26. A more detailed calendar will be emailed out in the next few weeks. Please email andie@familyofchristonline.com with any questions.

HEY HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE AGED STUDENTS: WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!

Come join us for "Hangin' with Jesus," a fun hammock Bible study and hangout at Lake Ann TODAY, August 19th from 4-6pm. (Follow the signs once you enter the park). There will be light snacks and some hammocks provided (or bring your own!). No experience with bible study (or hammocking) necessary. We will be exploring the heart of Jesus and what it really means to be a Christian in today's world. If you have questions, please contact our FoC summer interns Tali Tripp and Danielle Wegner.