

# Family News

February 18, 2018

(worship at 8, 9:15 & 10:45)

## Next Sunday

**LENT 2: Unity of Purpose**  
Mark 8:31-38

### **SIGNS ALONG THE WAY**

This is our theme for Lent which runs Feb. 18-March 18. Each Wednesday (Feb. 21-Mar. 21) we are hosting a brief Bible Study (led by Pastors & Staff) at Perkins restaurant in Chanhassen at 11:45 am. In this way we'll take the blessings of church right out into our community. We'll also offer Holden Evening Prayer services on Lenten Wednesdays (except for Mar. 7) from 7-7:30, where you join in song and prayer during this holy time of preparation.

We invite people to join our **FACEBOOK BIBLE STUDY!** Join the Facebook Bible Study Group on the Church's Facebook page. A weekly short video presentation will be provided by a pastor or staff member Wednesday nights (Feb. 21-March 21) at 8:30 pm. For that first hour of 8:30-9:30 pm, the presenter will respond in real time to anyone who types in—but other responses are welcome in the days following. You are invited to join us for this unique and social media Bible study.

#### **LENTEN SUNDAY THEMES**

**2/18** Road Work Ahead - by Pr. Sue  
*Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness*

**2/25** Unity of Purpose - by Pr. Josh  
*Jesus Rebukes Peter*

**3/4** Sign for the Church - by Pr. Josh  
*Jesus Turns the Tables in the Temple*

**3/11** Love the World God Made - by Pr. Jeanne  
*God So Loved the World*

**3/18** Dead End - by Pr. Sue  
*Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls into the Earth*

#### **LENTEN WEDNESDAY THEMES**

**2/21** Redirecting - by Pr. Jeanne

**2/28** Reevaluating - by Leann T.

**3/7** Recovering - by Andie R.

**3/14** Rerouting - by Pr. Josh

**3/21** Reorienting - by Pr. Sue

**TICKETS** for our 11th annual all-church musical, "**THE WIZARD OF OZ**", are now on sale online (<https://bpt.me/3235446>) and are \$12 each. Performances are March 9-11 with 2 evening and 2 matinee options. We ask that you either print the tickets at home or have them mailed to your house instead of selecting the "will call" option. Someone will be available in the narthex each Sunday to assist with making ticket purchases. Proceeds from the show go to support FoC summer mission trips.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Now is the time to order flowers for FoC Easter services! The beautiful blooming lily, tulip, mum or hydrangea plant you choose will grace our sanctuary on Easter morning, and you may take it home after the 11:00 AM worship service. Please turn in an order form (found in the narthex) and check to Stephanie in the church office by Sunday, March 4.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Save a life this Lenten Season! Memorial Blood Centers will be here Sun., March 18 from 8-11:30. Sign up for a time through our website or call or email Kim to schedule (952-934-5659 ext. 11; [kim@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:kim@familyofchristonline.com)). Let's continue our streak of a full drive – at least 20 people donating! We can do it!



**Signs  
Along the  
Way**  
Lent 2018



Bountiful Basket food shelf need for February is **RICE & PASTA**. Put donations in the marked storage bin.



Buy Tickets  
Online Now!



Sunday, March  
18 at FoC  
Sign up online

## **This Week in Our Church**

### **SUNDAY, February 18:**

Worship Service— 8, 9:15 & 10:45  
Drama Ministry (Team B)— 8:45 AM  
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM  
Senior High Bible Study— 10:15 AM  
Musical Rehearsal— 1:00 PM  
Couples' Bible Study— 6:00 PM  
Compass Rose Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

### **MONDAY, February 19:**

District 112 No School—Preschool Closed  
Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM  
Seeds of Hope Meeting (offsite)— 7:00 PM

### **TUESDAY, February 20:**

Weekly Staff Meeting— 11:30 AM  
Women's Bible Study— 1:30 PM  
Pit Orchestra Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
Guys Movie Night "Samson"— 7:00PM-ish

### **WEDNESDAY, February 21:**

Feed My Starving Children— 9:30 AM  
Lenten Lunch (Perkins, Chan)— 11:45 AM  
Drama Ministry (Team B)— 4:45 PM  
Praise Unlimited Rehearsal— 5:30 PM  
Christos— 6:00 PM  
Lux Aeterna Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
Musical Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
Confirmation— 6:30 PM  
9th Graders at Davanni's— 6:30 PM  
Lenten Worship— 7:00 PM  
EPIC Rehearsal— 8:00 PM



### **THURSDAY, February 22:**

Fare for All (Crown of Glory)— 4:00 PM  
Yoga with Kim— 6:00 PM  
FoC Singers Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

### **FRIDAY, February 23:**

Lenten Bible Study— 9:30 AM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry— 11:00 AM  
Quilting Ministry— 1:00 PM

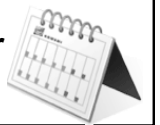
### **SATURDAY, February 24:**

Lickety Splits Bowling League— 7:00 PM

### **SUNDAY, February 25:**

2nd Grade Bible Presentation  
Worship Service— 8, 9:15 & 10:45  
Drama Ministry (Team B)— 8:45 AM  
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM  
Parker Nicol Baptism— 9:15 AM  
Musical Rehearsal— 1:00 PM  
Compass Rose Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

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



**HONEY FOR SALE** Sundays in February! See the welcome counter in the narthex to buy something sweet. Produced by the Family of Christ beehives at the nearby Degler Farm.  
Large jars are \$6, small jars are \$2.

## **2018 T-Shirt \$15**

The congregation is welcome to also order a shirt! This is our Mission Trip shirt this year. A poly Cotton Blend that is true to size. Sign up and pay by check to FoC by Wednesday, February 14.  
Sizes Youth XS to Adult 3X.

**EMPTY BOWLS** People Reaching out to People (PROP) is hosting an empty bowls event on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Come enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and take home a beautiful handmade bowl as a reminder of the many empty bowls we have in our community. Enjoy live entertainment and a silent auction of artisan crafts from local artists. They will be serving from 11:30-1:00 & 4:00-7:00. No ticket required, a freewill donation to PROP will be taken. For more information go to:

<http://propfood.org/empty-bowls-2018/>



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## MAKING CONNECTIONS

*forming relationships with others in our church community*

**GUYS' NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:** On Tuesday, Feb. 20 the men of FoC are invited to join Pastor Josh in viewing and discussing the new movie, "Samson," starring Taylor James, Rutger Hauer, and Lindsay Wagner. Let's see how Hollywood is portraying this Old Testament story from the book of Judges. Plan on the early evening showing (7ish). Email Josh at [josh@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:josh@familyofchristonline.com) if you'd like to come and he'll respond with the exact time of our meet up. We'll also plan a night-cap afterwards to discuss the film & enjoy a libation.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CALL COMMITTEE?** We are putting together a committee to work on creating a ministry-site-profile, building a job description for an Associate Pastor, then interviewing prospective candidates, and finally recommending a candidate to the Congregation. If you are interested in serving on this Call Committee, please contact Pastor Josh in person or via email to express your interest and availability ([josh@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:josh@familyofchristonline.com)).

The next **COMMON THREAD (55+) DINNER NIGHT OUT** will be on Monday, Feb. 26 at 6pm at Jake O'Conner's Public House, 200 Water Street, Excelsior. If you are a regular or have never attended a Dinner Night Out or are new to FOC, this is a good way to meet people. Come and enjoy some good food and conversation. No need to sign up, just show up.

## Daily Discipleship

Join us for an **ADULT LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY** at 9:30am each Friday through March 23. Come for this pastor-led study and discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday worship services. We will use a resource from the ELCA called Daily Discipleship as the starting point for our conversations. All adults are welcome! Coffee and treats provided. Complimentary childcare is available. Email [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com) with questions.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*working together to impact the lives of those around us*

FoC packing sessions have been scheduled at **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** for every Wednesday throughout Lent, from 9:30 - 11:30. Hunger never goes away, but you can make a difference. No need to sign up, just show up.

**MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH:** Our Christians in Action (CIA) Committee encourages you to continue our usual church practice of donating food items by placing them in the bins kitty corner from the kitchen window. But further, since money donations are especially helpful (and are boosted in March through corporate matching funds), we encourage you to see the Christians in Action bulletin board display. Gifts of cash or checks made out to Family of Christ and placed in the big envelope on the display will directly benefit either Bountiful Basket or PROP.

**FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD** Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie is hosting "Families Moving Forward" (FMF) from Feb. 25 - March 4. Immanuel transforms its classrooms for a week into a safe, homey place for families to stay. The families are in transition working with FMF staff to get back on their feet. There are a few ways to help: being part of evening hospitality, playing with kids, serving a meal or serving as an overnight host. These jobs require a small commitment, usually around 2 hours, but mean so very much to the families in the program. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com](mailto:Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com) or [Jeanne@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:Jeanne@familyofchristonline.com) or sign-up for a volunteer position at ([goo.gl/VYBNQB](https://goo.gl/VYBNQB)). Please write FOC after your name when you sign so Immanuel Lutheran can identify us.

# MAKING DISCIPLES

*growing together in faith to embrace God's love*

## **Family of Christ Preschool**

Registration for next school year & FoC Preschool Summer Camps are now OPEN! To register for classes, visit our website. For information or to schedule a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at [preschool@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com) or 952-380-9838.

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.

**Upcoming Dates:** Feb. 19 - President's Day - No School  
March 1 & 2 - Spring Conferences - No School

## **Children's Ministry**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** We are all able to share something with others; the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Drama Ministry performs a skit.

**CHRISTOS (2/14):** Ventures (walking through Lent) continued. Students worked on our annual Lenten drama, participated in a Bible study or were at home completing the Family Service Project option. \*All are invited to come see our drama on Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm.



**BE A GIVER:** This Lenten season, join Preschool, Sunday school and Christos children and families in collecting items for "Happy Wheels" - a new program at Children's Hospital of Minnesota in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House, St. Paul.

Here are the needed items: (*ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW*)

- Adult coloring books
- Colored pencils and sharpeners
- Pens with 5x7 inch notepads
- Decks of cards
- Decks of game cards such as Uno or Go Fish
- Balls- small nerf balls or stress balls
- Heat packs (can be one-time use or reusable)
- Hot Wheels Cars

Between Feb. 14 and March 30, bring as many items as you would like and place them in the designated bins in the narthex. We will be putting the items into bags during our O.W.L. (Only With Littles) Easter Egg Hunt Event on March 31.

### **UPCOMING O.W.L. (Only with Littles) EVENTS:**

- ♦ Easter Egg Hunt/Service Project/ Lunch— March 31  
Come to church at 10am for a fun egg hunt, crafts and service project. Stay for a light lunch.
- ♦ O.W.L. Yoga: Join our own Jennifer Hansen for a fun parent/child yoga class (ages 3-8). Classes will be April 21, 28, May 5 and 12 from 9:30 to 10:30 and will cost \$20/session/family. Free nursery care for those under 3. More details coming soon.



## **Youth Ministry** – Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 2/18:** Senior High Bible Study @ 10:15am— Youth Led & Delicious Food
- 2/21:** Confirmation @ 6:30pm (9th Graders @ Davanni's) — EPIC Rehearsal @ 8pm
- 2/28:** Confirmation @ 6:30pm with Lenten Worship @ 7pm  
High School PERKS @ 7:30pm