



# FoC Family News

October 22, 2017

## WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

October 29 @ 8:30 & 10:30

REFORMATION SUNDAY

*Love Let Go  
Stewardship 2018*

**STEWARDSHIP IN OCT** "Love Let Go." We are in the midst of an annual Stewardship emphasis in our church as we together are hearing about God's call to faithful generosity. Taking our cue from 1 Thessalonians 3:12, we will hear of our hopes to 'let our love go' in all the ways we share and express ministry together. We thank Jay Syverson for bringing us a Stewardship Talk today, as well as Sam Bardwell from Our Saviour's Community Services, which is one of the ministries we support through the providing of a Friday night meal to their homeless guests. To all FoC members and friends, please prayerfully consider the pledge you can make for 2018. Then, next week, on Commitment Sunday, we'll bring our pledges forward and place them before the altar.

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S SPECIAL REFORMATION WORSHIP AT FAMILY OF CHRIST**

Sunday, Oct. 29: Please plan on attending either of our special Reformation Worship services at Family of Christ in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Note our time change for next Sunday:

- 8:30am Traditional Worship – with Sunday School**
- 10:00am All-Congregation Picture by a Fly-Over Drone**
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship – with Sunday School**

Both worship services will have awesome music, visitors from Germany, and special Sunday School sessions. Plus, wear anything red, and be with us in between from 9:30-10:30 for a joyful fellowship time with strudel bites, apple slices and coffee. As an added bonus, precisely at 10am, a drone is going to fly-over us for an all-congregation picture.

***You won't want to miss this unique Sunday celebration,  
as it only happens once every 500 years!***



**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:** Interested in becoming a member here at Family of Christ? We'll have a new member luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from noon-2:30. Come meet other newcomers, church council leaders, pastors, staff and learn more about FoC. Sign up on the kiosk if you're interested and talk to Kim if you have any questions. Childcare is available for kids under 4 if needed.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We have partnered with Lifetouch to create a new directory this Fall. Online sign up is now available through a link on our website. The dates are November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (newly added) and 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Each family who participates will receive a free 8x10 photo and of course, a directory. All are welcome to participate! If you'd like to help or have questions, talk to Kim or Lynn Winkleman.



*Flowers on the altar today were donated by Dean & Darlene Brown  
in honor of Tyler and Katie's 5th Birthdays.*

# THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## **SUNDAY, October 22:**

Stewardship Emphasis  
 Guest Speaker Sam Bardwell (Our Saviour's Housing)  
 No Sunday School: MEA break  
 Worship Services—8, 9:15 & 10:45 AM

## **MONDAY, October 23:**

Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM  
 Common Thread Dinner Our (Jake's Grille)— 6:00 PM

## **TUESDAY, October 24:**

Women's Bible Study— 1:30 PM  
 Worship Team Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

## **WEDNESDAY, October 25:**

Make a Difference Day  
 Preschool Halloween Party  
 Drama Ministry (team A)— 4:45 PM  
 Praise Unlimited Rehearsal— 5:30 PM  
 Christos (FMSC)— 6:00 PM  
 Lux Aeterna Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
 Confirmation— 6:30 PM  
 Sr. High Night— 7:30 PM  
 EPIC Rehearsal— 8:00 PM

## **THURSDAY, October 26:**

Preschool Halloween Party  
 Yoga w/Kim— 6:00 PM  
 FoC Singers Rehearsal— 7:00 PM  
 JuBELLation Rehearsal— 8:00 PM

## **FRIDAY, October 27:**

Women's Bible Study— 9:30 AM  
 Prayer Shall Ministry— 11:00 AM  
 Quilting Ministry— 1:00 PM  
 Trunk of Treat— 5:00 PM

## **SATURDAY, October 28:**

Confirmation Retreat— 8:30 AM  
 Worship Team Rehearsal— 9:00 AM  
 CIA Meeting— 10:30 AM  
 Reformation Instrumental Rehearsal— 10:30 AM

## **SUNDAY, October 29:**

Reformation & Commitment Sunday  
 Worship Services—8:30 & 10:30 AM **\*Note Time Change**  
 Sunday School— 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
 Bagging Fundraiser (Cub Foods)— 10:00 AM  
 The Big Picture (Drone)— 10:00 AM

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



*Bountiful Basket Food Shelf Need for OCT. is **SOUP** (all kinds)*



**VISITOR STATION:** If you are visiting us today for the first time or maybe the 5<sup>th</sup> time and are interested in receiving more information about our different programs here, please check out our new Visitor Station. Simply enter the information requested and hit submit. You will receive an email the following Tuesday. **Welcome** and thanks for visiting!

**CHURCH NURSERY ATTENDENT NEEDED:** Family of Christ is looking for a new Nursery Attendant to join our team. Applicants need be 18 or older and available an average of 2 Sunday mornings (9am to noon) a month. CPR/Infant First Aid training provided if needed. Please see Teri Burns for questions or interest.

**LOVE INC COAT DRIVE:** Area churches are invited to take part in a coat drive by Love INC of Eastern Carver County. Look for the reception box by our donation bins all through October. They welcome new or gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snowpants and boots.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH** is showing a few signs of strain as we head into our final quarter of the year. Do see that our expenses have begun outpacing our offering income. Let's all pitch in here at Family of Christ to help us catch up and erase our deficit. Thank you for your participation and investment in our mutual ministry. Please direct any questions or concerns to our Council President, Lance Wegner ([focprez@gmail.com](mailto:focprez@gmail.com)) or to any of our council members.

<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>General Fund Balance</b>
\$3,930 (1/1/17)	+ \$581,517	- \$589,128	- \$3,681(9/30/17)

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

*forming relationships with others in our church community*

**COMMON THREAD** (55+) dinner out will be TOMORROW, Monday, Oct. 23 at 6pm at Jake's City Grille. The address is 12365 Single Tree Lane, Eden Prairie. No need to sign up, just show up and enjoy some good food with fun company. Questions? Contact Jan Heibel at 952-923-1415.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** (think trick-or-treating meets tailgating) : **Friday, Oct. 27 from 5-7pm in the FoC parking lot.** Come in costumes, enjoy a light dinner, watch an outdoor movie, jump in a bounce house, get a face or hand painted, balloon animals, and of course, "Trunk-or-Treat". This is a free event but suggested donation is 1 item for the food shelf/person (they really need toilet paper). **No sign up to attend this event; just come and enjoy time with friends!** We are looking for volunteers to be "trunks" (decorate your trunk and hand out candy), or to bring candy/nonfood treats/prizes to the Church office before Friday, Oct. 27, or to be face painters/balloon artists. Sign up on the website or by emailing [andie@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:andie@familyofchristonline.com).



**AN INVITATION FROM SHEILA WALTER:** Many of you know Family of Christ member Leah Nelson, daughter of Chris and Maren, has started chemotherapy. I am making a photo book to show her our support and love through pictures. That's where you come in. Take a photo, old or new, of you, your family or friends, or something you find inspiring. Add some words of encouragement, a bible verse or something funny to the photo. Be creative!! Leah can take this with her to treatments and see all your smiling faces cheering her on!! Text or email your photo (or questions) to 952-484-4493, [shwalter@comcast.net](mailto:shwalter@comcast.net) by October 24.

**A MEETING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE** FoC Church member, Richard Donnay, invites any interested people to a conversational meeting to promote social justice in government, held Oct. 30, from 5-7pm at Powers Ridge Senior Living (the meeting room is by the entrance) in Chanhassen. This meeting is sponsored by the Isaiah group, which works for racial and economic equality in MN. Founded in 2000, Isaiah ([www.isaiahmn.org](http://www.isaiahmn.org)) is a faith based coalition of more than 100 congregations. Email Richard at [donnay@usfamily.net](mailto:donnay@usfamily.net) for information.

**NEXTGEN:** Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we feed our hungry selves at Tavern 4 & 5 before going to will pack food at Feed My Starving Children at 7pm. Join us for dinner or packing or both. Sign up on the kiosk or talk to Kim.

**O.W.L. GROUP (ONLY WITH LITTLES):** Are you a family with kids under the age of 6? If so, we'd love to have you join the fun with a new group called O.W.L. or Only With Littles! Our first O.W.L. event will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.** Magician Brian Richards will amaze us and teach us about having a thankful heart. The show is geared towards kids ages 6 and under but older siblings are welcome to attend. Kid friendly dinner will be served after the show. Sign up on the kiosk or on the link on our website under "Children's Ministry". Questions or like to help? Talk with Leann or Teri.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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



**SEEDS OF HOPE:** Thank you to the generous sponsors at Family of Christ who currently support about 150 students in school in El Salvador. We welcome donations in any amount. Make a difference by donating online at the Seeds of Hope website, find a link on FoC's website or drop off a check payable to Seeds of Hope. Questions: Call Mark and Janice Laven 952-451-4561.

**FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD** – We are seeking 10-12 volunteers to help provide a meal or hang out with families at Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian on Sunday, November 12 beginning at 5:30pm. See the sign-up genius on the church website, or contact Richard Donnay at [donnay@usfamily.net](mailto:donnay@usfamily.net) or talk with Pastor Jeanne. We have a second opportunity to help at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie on Monday, November 13. They are in need of 4 people to hang out with families from 6-8pm. For more information contact Wendie Ulku at [Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com](mailto:Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com) or Pastor Jeanne.

# MAKING DISCIPLES

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

## FAMILY OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL

Mark your calendars for a very special Daddy & Me night on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 5:30-7:00pm. We will have games, food, crafts and a ton of fun! Tickets are available in the preschool office.

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. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at [preschool@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com) or 952-380-9838.

**Upcoming dates:** Oct 25 & 26 — Halloween Classroom Parties

Oct 30 & 31 — Fall Conferences



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

\*Please note: There is a staffed and fully trained nursery downstairs for children 3 and under.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTOS**

*No Sunday school or Christos classes this week due to the MEA school break*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**BIBLE STUDY** Senior High Youth, join us in the Youth Room for faith talks, devotions and Bible studies on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:10-10:45am. There will be food!

**SENIOR HIGH NIGHT** meets every Wednesday, following the Confirmation calendar, 7:30-9:30pm in the Youth Room. All 9th (after Confirmation) - 12th graders are invited to hang out for devotions, fellowship, prayer, service projects, games, planning, etc. Each week we'll have fellowship/games/homework from 7:30-8:30pm and devotions from 8:30-9pm. Open nights that EPIC practices for people not in the band. Perks will still meet the 3rd week (at Perkins instead of church).

The **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING** will be in Houston, TX this summer and FoC youth will be there! The trip is June 24-July 2 and open to all current 8th-12th graders. Online registration & deposit are due **OCT. 30!** More information can be found in the narthex or online. Email [andie@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:andie@familyofchristonline.com) with questions.

**FUNDRAISER:** *If you are going on the NYG trip and are 15+, you are needed to help bag groceries for tips at Cub in Chanhassen. Sunday, Oct. 29, 10am-5pm. Sign up for as many or as few hours as you want online or by emailing Andie. Please wear a Family of Christ T-shirt or something blue.*

*We also need 2 adults to help with various shifts!*

## ADULT MINISTRY

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES** Small group Bible studies are a great way to make a deeper connection with other Family of Christ members in a fun and casual way! Here are a few groups that you may be interested in:

Tuesday Women's Bible Study meets in the church Conference Room each Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Friday Women's Bible Study meets in the church Conference Room each Friday at 9:30am.

A Men's Bible Study meets at the Chanhassen American Legion each Monday at 6:18am.

Spartan's (Men's Group) meets every first Saturday of the month at 7:30am.

Other adult groups are formed upon request and meet at various times and locations. If you are interested in forming/joining a group, contact Connections Coordinator Kim Schaeferle ([kim@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:kim@familyofchristonline.com)) or Director of Faith Formation Leann Thompson ([leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com))

**EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP interest meeting!** Thinking about traveling to El Salvador next summer? Join Mark Laven and Pastor Jeanne on Sunday, November 12 at noon to learn more about the trip, costs and preparations. A light lunch will be served. This trip is for those who will have completed their junior year of high school and older. Contact Mark Laven ([mark.laven@mchsi.com](mailto:mark.laven@mchsi.com)) or Pastor Jeanne for more information.