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FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Church School 9:15 AM Worship led by LA/40:3 10:45 AM Church School 10:45 AM Worship led by LA/40:3 12:00 PM Annual Meeting 1:00 PM Musical rehearsal 6:30 PM HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>30 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)</p>	<p>31 11:30 AM Staff meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM PFH Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited Rehearsal 6:00 PM Christos 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM FoC Singers rehearsal 8:00 PM Lux Aeterna Rehearsal 8:00 PM Musical rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 FoC Preschool - ELEA Teacher conference 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl ministry 1:00 PM Quilters</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM Exec Team 9:00 AM 1st Annual Father/Child Bowling Event 9:00 AM PFH Rehearsal 10:30 AM Annie Pit Orchestra rehearsal 2:00 PM Feed My Starving Children/TMI with Pastor Josh</p>
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TMI with Pastor Josh

I have been wondering how in the world I will have the chance to meet the many people in this church short of showing up at each of your addresses to say hello and enjoy some conversation over coffee! It would take me a couple of years to arrange for all that, and even I sense that this could be too much caffeine for me.

So, instead, I've decided to use the month of February to meet as many of you as I can – but I'll do this in a whole variety of ways. We'll call it "TMI with Pastor Josh," which means, as all texters would know, 'too much information.' But that's just my play on words. These events will simply be a chance for me to get to know some of you better and meet you outside of the worship experience. Whenever we have the chance to be in service, fellowship, or learning outside of worship, we increase the chance of coming to know each other better and better.

You can see that some TMI events will be set up for interest groups to attend, such as the Sunday date which will best fit some of our church's musicians. Those conversations may have more to do with the shared interest for attendees. But there is at least one event that is open to anyone. I hope you can find one that works for you, then come on out and meet me. I may have a few questions for you or your group, and possibly you might have a question or two for me. This will give us all a great start in coming to know one another better as pastor and parishioner.

And at each of these TMI events, there will be a treat handed out at the end for those who were willing to take the time to attend. Oh, and I should add that I plan to keep these short and sweet. It really is a chance to just get us on a first-name basis. So, I'm eager to give you more information than you really need about me!

Here is the list of events that I plan to attend in order to have us meet:

Date & Time	Event	Who Might Wish to Attend	Need to Sign Up?
Feb. 4 2:00-4:00 PM	Feed My Starving Children <i>(Come join with Josh in serving on this Saturday afternoon)</i>	People who love to serve	Yes
Feb. 8 • 6-6:30 PM	During Christos	Christos Parents	No
Feb. 8 • 6:30-7:15	During Confirmation	Confirmation Parents	No
Feb. 19 • 12-12:30	After-worship chat	Musicians	No
Feb. 24 • 11-11:20 AM	Fri Morn	Women's Study Groups	No
Feb. 28 • 10:30- 11 AM	Coffee at church	Anyone free during the day	No

- Pastor Josh Nelson

PS – If I get feedback that I haven't offered enough of these "TMI" events, I can certainly create more in the month of March!



FEBRUARY BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM: Canned fruit

Town Hall Meeting

February 5 • 8:45 & 10:15 AM

Meet with church council members, ask them questions about FoC, and offer them feedback. Bring your coffee & donut into the conference room for this informal meeting!

Father/Child Bowling Event

The Men's Group (those fun-loving, hard-working Spartans) is holding its first annual father/child bowling event Saturday, February 4, at 9:00 AM.



(There will be no regular Saturday morning breakfast). It's open to all fathers, uncles, grandfathers, godfathers, etc., (you get the idea) and their youngsters. Meet at Eden Prairie Brunswick Zone at 9:00 — we'll bowl for a couple of hours and then head to Old Chicago for pizza. Cost is \$0.99/game until 11:00 AM. Shoe rental is \$4.00. Cost for two games will be about \$6.00/person (+ tax). Not a bowler? Come anyway — Brunswick Zone also has billiard tables and arcade games. Questions? Contact Larry Frank (952-448-3598) or Mark Schumacher (952-454-4457).

Space Still Available on the El Salvador Mission Trip

July 11-20

Estimated cost \$1,600 (\$200 covered by FoC). An intense, life-changing experience *open to a few more*. Meet your sponsored student, work on a building project, experience hospitality you'll never forget, grow your faith. Please respond ASAP. More info: Pr Kristie (kristie@familyofchristonline.com), Mark Laven (MarLaven@edina.k12.mn.us) or Julie Laven (Julie.L.2010@gmail.com)

You May be Missing Out

Have you 'liked' the FoC facebook page yet? If not, you've missed...

- How & why a piano was lifted to the top of a desert mountain
- The first public pictures of baby Sylvia Ruhland
- The Oracle of Bacon
- Finger in Pr Josh's ear

Don't miss anything else! It's easy to be in the loop. Just click on the facebook icon on our website home page, or go to facebook.com/FamilyofChristLutheran. Remember: you don't need to join facebook to 'like' us!



Props & Costumes Needed

You'll find a complete list of items needed on our website (familyofchristonline.com/music/all-church-musical.html), in the small tabletop kiosk next to the music office, or by contacting Megan Woods (952-221-7708; megan.woods@optum.com).

Interest Meetings for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Sunday, Feb. 19 at 10:15 AM and noon in the conference room. Pr Kristie and Gene Hennig are leading a trip to Israel/Palestine (and possibly Jordan) in late fall 2012. Have you ever wanted to see for yourself the places Jesus walked with his disciples? Are you curious about how Jews and Muslims are living there together today, or wonder what role Christians in the region play in the current struggle? Come to one or the other of two brief no-obligation meetings to ask your questions and to learn what an FoC-style pilgrimage to the Holy Land might look like.



E-COMMUNICATIONS: Keep up with Family of Christ online.

On the home page of our website (familyofchristonline.com), you'll find links to our blog ("Family of Christ Conversations"), Twitter, and facebook (you don't need to join facebook to view our page).

Music ... & Other Notes

Family of Christ's 5th Annual All-Church Musical!

March 2-4

Friday • 7pm
Saturday • 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Sunday • 2:00 pm



On sale now!

Tickets:
\$10.00

Available Sunday mornings at church,
or through the office: 952-934-5659, ext. 10

Please bring a canned good for our local food shelf, Bountiful Basket in Chaska.

Thanks to a generous donation to underwrite production costs, all proceeds from ticket sales support Family of Christ's mission of "Making Disciples, Making a Difference" through our summer mission trip programs!

Musical Groups' Winter Schedule

February 5 - PFH	March 4 - Acoustic
February 12 - ROJ	March 11 - ROJ
February 19 - Traditional	March 18 - Traditional
February 26 - ROJ/PFH	March 25 - ROJ/PFH



Looking Ahead:

April 8 - Easter - ROJ/PFH
May 6 - Easter Cantata - All are welcome to participate!!

Just a reminder that all ages and talents are welcome in the FoC music program. Please contact Andrea at andrea@familyofchristonline.com for more information. Thanks!

FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Balance as of 11/30/2011	+	Dec. income	-	Dec. expenses	=	Ending Balance as of 12/31/2011
- \$30,743		+ \$110,476		- \$74,979		+\$4,754

News 'n Names



Ash Wednesday

February 22
5:30 & 7:00 PM

Lenten Worship

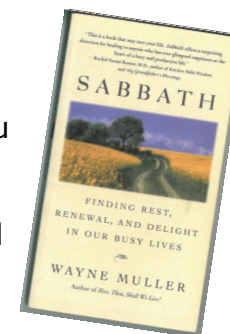
Wednesdays, Feb. 29-March 28
12:30-1:00 & 7:30 -8:00 PM

Please join us for worship on Ash Wednesday. Then, on the following Lenten Wednesday evenings, we worship with our Confirmation class (which normally has a service during this midweek time), utilizing Holden Evening Prayer. Our quiet, contemplative 12:30 midweek service is new this year. If you're able, come at noon and enjoy a simple lunch of soup and bread before worship.

Take a needed break from the busy-ness of your life by spending time in an oasis of spiritual refreshment on Lenten Wednesdays.

Keeping Sabbath

This will be our theme throughout Lent as we learn together how to find rest, renewal and delight in the midst of our busy lives. If you are looking for a good read, we invite you to pick up a book at church for \$10 called Sabbath, by Wayne Muller. Our church staff will be reading this book together, plus our pastors will be peppering their preaching with themes such as a) balancing work, rest, and worship; b) 'letting it be' through prayer; and c) hearing the call from God to make room for the holy in your life. Near the end of our Lenten journey, our pastors will provide for a one-time book study session to enjoy your responses to your reading and draw out more nourishment from this interesting and healing book. Note: you don't have to read the book to come to our Lenten worship experiences, but it will simply enhance your worship experience if you can read along with the church staff.



Opportunities for Newcomers at Family of Christ

Newcomers' Event — Sunday, March 11 • 12:15 – 2:30 PM
New Member Welcome Sunday — March 25 • During 9:15 & 10:45 AM worship

If you're looking for a church home, we invite you to the Newcomers' Event. Join our pastors, council leaders, and some staff for a light lunch in a casual social setting. Take a tour of the building and explore ways to get connected at FoC. Learn something about the Lutheran flavor of Christian faith, and ask your questions, theological and practical. This event is for those who have been worshipping here for a year or less. Another event is being planned for those who have been involved at FoC for more than a year and know they would like to join.

Professional childcare for children 4 and under will be provided in the church nursery. If you have older children who would need supervision, let us know; we will make every effort to accommodate them, too. Please contact Pam Schumacher, Connections Coordinator, at pam@familyofchristonline.com, or 952-934-5659, ext: 29.

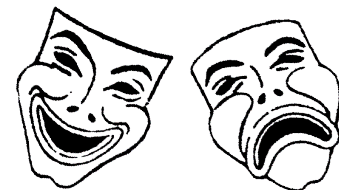
Preschool News

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year is now open. We offer classes for 2-, 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds, an afternoon enrichment program for 4- & 5-year-olds, and an optional Lunch Bunch and Stay 'n Play program for afternoon care. For more information or a tour contact Susan Schmidt: preschool@familyofchristonline.com or 952-380-9838.



Important Dates:

- Feb 1 — Field trip for the 4- and 5-year-olds to Stages Theatre
- Feb 13-15 — Classroom Valentine's Day parties
- Feb 20 — Presidents' Day; NO preschool classes



Ministry to Children & Families

Church School

- February 5 • **Sing & Serve** Sunday. All children go directly to the lower-level Family Room before worship.
- February 19 • Church school children sing during worship at 9:15 & 10:45 AM

Christos

- February 22: Ash Wednesday — No Wednesday evening activities. Worship services are at 5:30 & 7:00 PM
- February 29: Ventures begins with a change in class time. We will meet for the next four weeks from 6:00 - 7:15 PM.



Looking Ahead



Church School kids:

- March 4: **Sing & Serve** Sunday
- March 18: All church school kids sing in church

Christos Kids:

- March 7, 14, 21: Ventures • 6:00-7:15 PM
- March 25: Seder Meal Experience for all 4th-graders and their parents • 4:00-6:00 PM
- March 26: Ventures Drama dress rehearsal • 6:00-8:00 PM
- March 28: Ventures drama dress rehearsal at 5:00 PM, followed by a light lunch and performance during worship at 7:30 PM

Confirmation

Feb 1: 6:30-8:00 PM • 6th-8th grades at FoC; 9th grade event at Vertical Endeavors Rock Climbing Gym!

Feb 8: 6:30-8:00 PM • 6th-8th grades at FoC; 9th grade at Lifeguide homes

Feb 15: 6:30-8:00 PM • 6th-9th grades at FoC; *Hot Topics* night — parents encouraged to attend

Feb 22: No Confirmation — Ash Wednesday services at 5:30 & 7:00 PM

Feb 29: 6:30-8:00 PM • 6th-8th grades — off-site service project; 9th grade small group fun night

Middle & High School

Save the date! The Famine is April 14-15!

Youth Gathering Participants

Student/chaperone meeting:

- Sunday, February 26, 6:00-7:00 PM
- \$150 payment due

North Dakota Mission Trip Participants

Student/chaperone meeting:

- Sunday, February 26, 4:30-5:30 PM
- \$65 payment due



Lindsey is on maternity leave for the month of January and the first half of February. Please contact Leann Thompson with any questions during this time: leann@familyofchristonline.com

Sunday Night Life!

SNL (Sunday Night Life) is open to all 9th—12th grade students. SNL meets Sundays from 6:30-8:00 PM for Bible study, service projects, and fun!!



Feb 5: TBD — We'll meet from 12:00-1:30 PM due to the Super Bowl

Feb 12: Valentine's Day Party! 6:30-8:00 PM • Please bring valentines for everyone. There will be time to fill them out at the party.

Feb 19: TBD; 6:30-8:00 PM

Feb 26: No SNL; Youth Gathering meeting from 6:00-7:00 PM

Be sure to "like" Family of Christ Youth Ministry on facebook to keep up with the latest happenings!



Lindsey, Jake, and baby Sylvia Marais (3 weeks old)