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# JANUARY 2012

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                      | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| NO Church School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>6:30 PM</b> No HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)   | <b>2</b> Church Office Closed<br>FoC Preschool closed<br><b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>3</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff meeting<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal  | <b>4</b> No Wednesday Night Activities<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal   | <b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Nominating Committee  | <b>6</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters   | <b>7</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group<br><b>8:00 AM</b> Exec Team                       |
| <b>8</b> Epiphany of our Lord<br>No Sing & Serve<br><b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship<br><b>8:45 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Church School<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ/PFH<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Church School<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ/PFH<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal<br><b>4:00 PM</b> Common Thread Progressive Dinner<br><b>6:30 PM</b> No HS SNL (Sunday Night Life) | <b>9</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)   | <b>10</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Potluck<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Mtg (CR)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal | <b>11</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Christos<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal  | <b>12</b>                                     | <b>13</b> Winter Confirmation Retreat<br><b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry  | <b>14</b> Winter Confirmation Retreat<br><b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling League |
| <b>15</b> Celebration of Baptism<br>Winter Confirmation Retreat<br><b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Church School<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Church School<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal<br><b>6:30 PM</b> No HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)  | <b>16</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study  | <b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Off-site ministry staff meeting<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal                         | <b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sandwich Making for Caring & Sharing Hands<br><b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Christos<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal | <b>19</b>                                     | <b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Single Again Event<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Corks event | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Church School<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Schiller Baptism<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Traditional Worship<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Church School<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal<br><b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)   | <b>23</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)  | <b>24</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff meeting<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal   | <b>25</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Christos<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal  | <b>26</b>                                     | <b>27</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry   | <b>28</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling League                                |
| <b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Church School<br><b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by LA/40:3<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Church School<br><b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by LA/40:3<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Annual Meeting<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal<br><b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)  | <b>30</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)  | <b>31</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff meeting<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal   | <b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Christos<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Musical rehearsal   | <b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal | <b>3</b> FoC Preschool - ELEA Teacher conference<br><b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry   | <b>4</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group<br><b>8:00 AM</b> Exec Team                       |

## Off We Go!



Canada Geese flying overhead is a familiar sight in Minnesota. Do you know why these birds fly in V's?

It's all about leadership.

Flying together in a V formation reduces aerodynamic drag from the wind and helps the birds consolidate their energy so that they can fly farther than if they were flying alone. When the lead goose at the front gets tired taking the brunt of the wind for the group, the goose at the very back will fly forward to take its turn as leader. The original leader takes the position of the second goose in the formation, and takes some needed rest. The process of sharing the lead alternates between left and right, giving each goose a chance to face the front wind and also get sufficient rest before taking the lead again.

Nate Castens, Jerry Wahl, and Ken DeFor might not be wild about being compared to honking geese, but this is what these pastoral leaders have been doing: taking turns at the front while the rest of us have

been following, carried along in their "uplift." And because of their considerable skill, experience, and wisdom (including knowing when it is time for a change at the top), Family of Christ is flying *together* towards God's horizon. As we all line up behind our new leader, Pastor Josh Nelson, I sense in our church Family new energy and excitement. We are ready to really take off together into the God's Wild Blue Yonder!

I feel it in myself, too. I have been mightily blessed to get to work with Nate, Jerry, and Ken. Each has been a colleague, friend, and mentor to me, and helped me grow in my self-understanding and in my role as pastor here. As I have told many of you, I am really looking forward to sharing ministry with Pastor Josh. I know him to be insightful, gracious, fun, funny, and faith-filled, and since he comes to us by the Holy Spirit's guiding, I know we can settle in for a good flight.

Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Kristie Hennig*

**Note: Change in Worship Schedule** When major holidays fall on Sundays (as Christmas Day and New Year's Day do this year), Family of Christ will gather for a single worship service at 10:00 AM.

### JANUARY BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM: Boxed potatoes

#### Town Hall Meeting

January 8 • 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!

#### Friday Women's Bible Study

will resume on Friday, January 13 with a 4-week video-based study titled "Keep Climbing: Why God doesn't give you everything you want." The group meets each week from 9:30-11:00 AM and child-care is provided. For more information, please visit the Friday Women's Bible Study blog at <http://focfridaymorningbiblestudy.wordpress.com/> or contact Leann Thompson, Director of Faith Formation. Leann also has info about our other women's Bible study groups that meet on Tuesday afternoons, Monday late afternoons, and Monday evenings.

#### New at the Coffee Cart

You may now purchase bags of Peace Coffee! We have 4 different varieties of this delicious fair trade and organic brew. Each bag is \$11.

#### 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](mailto:kristie@familyofchristonline.com)), Mark Laven ([MarLaven@edina.k12.mn.us](mailto:MarLaven@edina.k12.mn.us)) or Julie Laven ([Julie.l.2010@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.l.2010@gmail.com))

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#### Instrumentalists Needed

for the pit orchestra. If interested, please contact Mary Renz: 952-393-5981; [mrfluteloops@gmail.com](mailto:mrfluteloops@gmail.com).

#### Wine and Movies

A new FoC small group, Wine Corks, will have its inaugural meeting at the home of Gary & Joyce Lomauro on Friday, January 20, at 7:00 PM. If you're a wine enthusiast (21 or older), join us for a delightful evening of fellowship and wine tasting. Get to know other church members, who perhaps attend a different worship service, in a relaxed setting. Each couple or individual brings a bottle of wine (usually in the \$10-12 range) and an appetizer or dessert to share. The theme is "Wine and the Movies." Your challenge is to find a bottle of wine that is associated with a movie or someone from the movie industry. Was there a wine reference in one of your favorite movies? Has an actor or producer talked about a favorite wine or does s/he own a winery? Bring what they inspire you to buy. Space is limited to 30 people; sign up by January 15. Any questions? Please contact Joyce Lomauro: 952-470-0719; [Lomauro4@aol.com](mailto:Lomauro4@aol.com)



#### How Can You Show Your Love?

Want to do something special to show your spouse how much you care? Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend and focus on just the two of you. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders, and exercises and conversations for you to share with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room. The spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 10-12 (think Valentine's Day!) in Brooklyn Center, March 23-25 in Duluth and May 4-6 in Walker. Please register several weeks in advance. More info: Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).

# Music ... & Other Notes

**Thank you** to all musicians who shared their talents in this year's Christmas Cantata! Your commitment is truly appreciated.

**Looking Ahead:**

- January 1 – Traditional worship led by Andrea
- January 8 – River of Joy and Praise For Him will combine to welcome Pastor Josh on his first Sunday at FOC!
- January 15 – River of Joy leads worship
- January 22 – Traditional worship with FoC Singers and Sunday School Singers
- January 29 – Worship led by Lux Aeterna and 40:3

**Music to Our Ears!**

Ron Larson has agreed to direct Family of Christ Singers through May! We're delighted that he'll continue to share his musical talent with his church Family. Thank you, Ron!

**Family of Christ Singers: Schedule Reminder**

FoC Singers will resume rehearsals in January. Because of J-Term classes, rehearsals will move to **Wednesdays** in January. The first rehearsal will be **January 4 at 7:00 PM**. New members are always welcome, so come and bring a friend!

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

## Family of Christ's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Church Musical!

March 2-4, 2012



**FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

|  |   |                    |   |                      |   |  |
|--|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>General Fund Balance</b><br><i>as of 10/31/2011</i> | + | <b>Nov. income</b> | - | <b>Nov. expenses</b> | = | <b>Ending Balance</b><br><i>as of 11/30/2011</i> |
| - \$34,113   |   | + \$71,761         |   | - \$68,391           |   | - \$30,743                                       |

# News 'n Names



**Celebrating Indeed!**

Pastor Josh Nelson's first Sunday with us will be January 8. Come, introduce yourself, and welcome him into our Family!

**Fare (Food and Resource Exchange) For All**

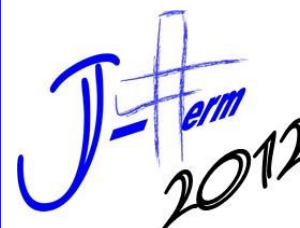
Is your monthly food budget tight? Fare For All is a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. Fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats are bought in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. The best food is selected from shipments, then pre-packaged to give you the greatest deals. Fare for All uses a cooperative food-purchasing model which utilizes bulk purchasing power. This means that as more people participate, the program gains more purchasing power, and participants receive more savings. Fare For All is community-supported and open to everyone, with no qualifications and no income or boundary restrictions. For more information, call 763-450-3880 or 1-800-582-4291, or visit [www.emergencyfoodshelf.org/ffa/](http://www.emergencyfoodshelf.org/ffa/).



**Towels and Sheets for Refugees**

If you had to move across the world with only 2 bags for your most treasured possessions, would towels and sheets make the list? Probably not. Minnesota Council of Churches' Refugee Services is an ecumenical ministry welcoming persecuted people from around the world into new lives of freedom, hope and opportunity in Minnesota. Most refugees arrive without the necessities of towels and sheets, and MCC Refugee Services has very few on-hand at present.

Can you help us make an apartment feel like a home for new refugee families arriving in December and January? We are in need of new or gently-used bath towels, and neutral-colored twin bed sheets. Please contact Leann Thompson (952-934-5659, ext. 24, or [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com)) if you are able to assist with this need.



**Check out the exciting opportunities** to enrich your life during the month of January at the J-Term display in the church narthex. Registration for classes is underway. Act fast — courses are filling up!

Class options include: Knitting, Making Felt Mittens, The Frugal Gardener, Garden Party, Auto Care Basics, Square Dance ABC, Book of Faith Study, More Than Money Matters, We to Three, Yoga, Special Needs Law, "Let's Serve," Nutrition for the New Year, and more!!

Contact Leann Thompson, Director of Faith Formation, at [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com) with questions.

## Preschool News

**Registration** for the 2012/2013 school year will open to current families and FoC members on January 16, and to the general public on February 1. 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](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com) or 952-380-9838.



### Important Dates:

- Jan 3 – Classes resume after Christmas break
- Jan 16 – Registration opens for the 2012/2013 school year

## Ministry to Children & Families

### Church School

- January 8 • Church school classes resume
- January 22 • Church school children sing during worship at 9:15 & 10:45 AM



### Christos

- January 11 • Christos classes resume

## Looking Ahead



### Church School

- Sing and Serve on February 5
- February 19: Church school children sing during worship at 9:15 and 10:45 AM

### Christos

- February 20: Christos Cooking Event for The Gathering Place from 9:30 to noon at FoC
- February 22: Ash Wednesday — No classes
- February 29: Ventures begins from 6:00 - 7:15 PM. Please note the extended class time.



## Confirmation

- Jan 4:** No Wednesday activities. Happy New Year!
- Jan 11:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC
- Jan 18:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lifeguide homes
- Jan 25:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lifeguide homes



**Confirmation Winter Retreat** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and Lifeguides: January 14-15 at Luther Crest Bible Camp. Depart FoC at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 14, and return around 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 15.

## Youth Gathering Participants

- Payments are due January 11.
- North Dakota - \$65
  - Youth Gathering - \$150

*"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven."*

~ Matthew 5:16

## Sunday Night Life!

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



**SNL kicks off the New Year** on January 22! FoC member and seminary student Laura Woods will be leading SNL while Lindsey is on maternity leave. Feel free to contact her via email: [lwoods001@luthersem.edu](mailto:lwoods001@luthersem.edu)

**Jan 22: SERVE** — Service project at FoC

**Jan 29: LEARN** — We'll talk about how to 'let our lights shine.' Bring your Bible. Ducky night!



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



**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](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com)