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# NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Church School <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by LA/40:3 <b>10:15 AM</b> Mission Trip Fundraising meeting <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by LA/40:3 <b>12:00 PM</b> Adult Field Trip <b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>31</b> FoC Prechool closed - Fall Conferences <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons	<b>1</b> FoC Prechool closed - Fall Conferences <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> PFH Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> 40:3 Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Christos <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>8:00 PM</b> Auditions for Church Musical <b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Book of Faith Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group <b>8:00 AM</b> Exec Team <b>9:00 AM</b> PFH rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> CIA Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Christos Event <b>6:30 PM</b> Leadership Reception <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling League
<b>6</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends Sing & Serve <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship <b>8:45 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting <b>9:15 AM</b> Church School <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by PFH <b>10:15 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by PFH <b>12:15 PM</b> Auditions for Church Musical <b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>7</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Off-site ministry staff meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Mtg (CR) <b>7:00 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> 40:3 Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Christos <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>8:00 PM</b> Auditions for Church Musical <b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Ladies Night Out <b>7:00 PM</b> Book of Faith Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters	<b>12</b> FoC Preschool - Staff Conference <b>9:00 AM</b> ROJ rehearsal <b>4:30 PM</b> Feed My Starving Children
<b>13</b> Celebration Sunday & Brunch <b>9:15 AM</b> Church School <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ <b>12:15 PM</b> Auditions for Church Musical <b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>14</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> Creation Care Meeting	<b>15</b> FoC Preschool - reindeer visit <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>6:00 PM</b> Early First Communion Class	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sandwich Making for Caring & Sharing Hands <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> 40:3 Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Christos <b>6:15 PM</b> Chamber Players Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Book of Faith Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters	<b>19</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> Middle School Event <b>6:30 PM</b> Fellowship Dinner for Grandparents <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling League
<b>20</b> World Food Day - BFW <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Church School <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by FoC Singers/Church school choir <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by FoC Singers/Church school choir <b>5:00 PM</b> Mission Trips Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>21</b> FoC Preschool - classroom feasts <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b> FoC Preschool - classroom feasts <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>6:30 PM</b> A Family Thanksgiving	<b>23</b> FoC Preschool closed No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed FoC Preschool closed <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed FoC Preschool closed	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> ROJ/PFH rehearsal
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Hymnal Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> <b>NO Church School</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ/PFH <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>NO Church School</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship led by ROJ/PFH <b>6:30 PM</b> No SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>28</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>4:00 PM</b> Circle of Grace Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> School of Music Lessons <b>7:00 PM</b> PFH Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited Rehearsal <b>5:30 PM</b> 40:3 Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Christos <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>8:00 PM</b> Lux Aeterna Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Book of Faith Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers rehearsal	<b>2</b> FoC Preschool Book Fair <b>9:00 AM</b> FoC Preschool - Parent's Day Out <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters	<b>3</b> FoC Preschool Book Fair <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group <b>8:00 AM</b> Exec Team <b>9:00 AM</b> PFH rehearsal <b>9:30 AM</b> Lifeguide Appreciation Brunch <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling League

## Making Adult Disciples

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."  
~ Jesus

When the weather turns chilly and leaves start chasing one another around outside, all creation prepares for the long winter to come. Even humans hunker down and burrow into our nests. We are a little less active outside and a little more introspective as we spend more time indoors.

With our strong emphasis at Family of Christ on faith formation for children, youth, and families, programs for adults may be our "best-kept secret." In fact, there are lots of opportunities designed for adults and many people are involved in a range of activities already -- from small group Bible Studies, J-Term courses, Single Again, and Lickety Splits...to Common Thread, The Spartans, and Christians in Action (CIA). (Pick up your copy of the *Making Disciples Making Connections* booklet to learn about these ongoing programs and many more.)

And there is a raft of brand new offerings that have already been launched or are currently in development. The focus group on adult ministry that met in October around wine and nibbles generated a good discussion of what adults at our church need to deepen them spiritually and make them disciples making a difference. Many creative ideas bubbled up in that gathering. Connections Coordinator Pam Schumacher ([pam@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:pam@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, ext. 29) and I ([kristie@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:kristie@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, ext. 12) are shuffling these now and making contacts to get the ball rolling on...

- (no pun intended!) A golfing group
- A downtown Minneapolis "lunch bunch"
- New member sponsorship ministry
- A mentoring program for college grads
- Local field trips for grownups
- A wine club
- Sunday morning adult learning
- Expanding service opportunities, including U.S. mission trips and local work projects
- Pilgrimage trips and retreats
- A book club



Now...  
What will *you* do to stretch your mind, deepen your faith, and connect with others this season? What are *you* interested in reading or discussing or doing? Are *you* ready to serve on a team developing a new group or activity?

Happy to be with you on the journey,

*Pastor Kristie*

### NOVEMBER BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM: Beans

#### Early First Communion Class

Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 PM

This is an opportunity for those who, together with their parents, find themselves ready to take communion before they receive instruction in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. If this is your child, please consider taking our Early First Communion class, taught by one or both of our pastors. To register or get more info, contact Leann at [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com).

#### Adult Options for Make a Difference Day

On November 5, connect with others and work on a worthwhile project at the same time. Contact Pam Schumacher ([pam@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:pam@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, ext. 29) and she'll help set up activities like...assembling a layette or personal care kit for LWR...putting together a shoebox gift for Operation Christmas Child...doing an activity with our friends at the group home or Summerwood...or ??? — let Pam know any ideas you have!

#### Calling All Grandparents!

Join with other Grandpas, G-Paws, Mimis, and Nan-as for a candlelight dinner, Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 PM. Our very special speaker (and very enthusiastic grandfather) is Pastor Ken DeFor. Bring your friends and neighbors!

*J-Term* will be offered again in 2012, and we're looking for YOUR ideas! *J-Term* provides educational, spiritual, and personal growth opportunities for FoC members & friends of all ages. Last year, we offered classes in yoga, videography, photography, scrapbooking, knitting, cooking, Lutheran basics, parenting, finances, college planning, and more! This year, we're looking for *your* great ideas. If you have a fun idea and/or would be willing to teach a class this January, contact Leann Thompson, Dir. of Faith Formation: [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com)

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

On the home page of our website ([familyofchristonline.com](http://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).

#### Auditions for Annie!

Auditions for Family of Christ's next all-church musical are on Wednesdays November 2 & 9 -- 8:00-9:00 PM; and Sundays, November 6 & 13 - 12:15-2:45 PM. Plenty of parts for boys and girls, men and women of all ages. Pick up materials and sign up for auditions outside the music room door. Performance dates are March 2-4.



#### Adult Resource Team (ART)

Lindsey is looking for adults who love working with youth to help keep FoC's Youth Ministry going strong while she is on maternity leave in Jan and Feb, with ongoing opportunities after she returns. Please contact her if you're interested in helping out! ([lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com))

### Thank you!

- **To Jesse Kleve** for helping to beautify FoC grounds by building a retaining wall over a sewer drain for his Eagle Scout Project.
- **To everyone** who has recycled pop cans in the bin in the parking lot. We just earned \$300 more toward mission trips. Special thanks to the Ludford family for donating the trailer and taking in the loads!! Keep bringing your cans and spread the word to friends and neighbors.



#### Nursery Caregiver Needed

We're seeking a responsible adult for the position of caregiver in our church nursery. This paid part-time position includes Sunday mornings (9:00 AM-12:15 PM) two to three times per month, plus the opportunity for additional hours for special meetings and events. If you enjoy working with young children and have an interest in this position, contact Teri Burns, Minister to Children & Families: [teri@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:teri@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, x 21.

# Music ... & Other Notes

## Join Us!

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Share your musical talents at FoC! We welcome all experience levels, ages, and time commitment capabilities. Come to any rehearsal!



### MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

#### River of Joy & Praise for Him *Adult contemporary*

Praise for Him (PFH) leads worship the first Sunday of the month. River of Joy (ROJ) leads worship the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. ROJ & PFH combined lead on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Rehearsals are only the weeks that the specific groups lead. Groups rehearse Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm and Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am. Singers and instrumentalists welcome.

#### Family of Christ Singers *Traditional music*

Family of Christ Singers are lead by Ron Larson. FoC Singers lead worship the third Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Singers welcome.

#### Lux Aeterna *6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade, contemporary*

Lux Aeterna sings anthems and helps to lead worship throughout the school year. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 8:00-8:30. Singers and instrumentalists welcome.

#### 40:3 *10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, contemporary*

40:3 rehearses Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 pm. They help lead worship and sing anthems throughout the school year. This is a student-led group. Singers and instrumentalists welcome.

#### Church School Choir *Ages 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*

Jackson Baril, Marissa Thorson, & Michaela Weispfennig lead this choir of children. They rehearse during the hour they are in church school, and sing at church services once a month. Please contact Teri Burns, Minister to Children and Families, with any questions: [teri@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:teri@familyofchristonline.com).

#### Praise Unlimited *3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade*

[Mary Renz](#) directs Praise Unlimited, which rehearses every Wednesday from 5:00-5:30 PM

#### Chamber Players *Instrumental ensemble*

Chamber Players is an instrumental ensemble that assists worship. Mary Renz leads this group. Contact her with questions: [mary.renz@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:mary.renz@minnetonka.k12.mn.us).

#### Special Music During Requests for Prayers

Sign up to play or sing during our "collection of prayers" in worship. We welcome a wide range of abilities and ages to share your gifts with our church.

*If you have questions, contact Interim Director of Worship & Music Andrea Jeitz: [andrea@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:andrea@familyofchristonline.com).*

#### FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Balance as of 8/31/2011	+	Sept. income	-	Sept. expenses	=	Ending Balance as of 9/30/2011
- \$32,982		+ \$52,134		- \$67,104		- \$47,952

# News 'n Names



## We're Almost There!

*Special Congregational Meeting to Consider Pastoral Candidate*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 • NOON**

**GOOD NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE!** The call committee has completed second-round interviews and has designated a final candidate for our senior pastor position. The next steps include a background check, approval by the church council, and a congregational meeting where the call committee presents the proposed candidate, addresses questions, and calls for a vote by secret ballot. **This meeting is scheduled for November 6 at noon.** Please continue to pray for us and for our congregation as the process continues. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions! You will find our contact information and updates on the call process at [www.familyofchristonline.com](http://www.familyofchristonline.com).

*You're invited!*

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 13**

**Worship: 9:15 & 10:45 AM**  
(No 8:00 service)

**Brunch: 8:00 AM—Noon**  
(Brunch is free)

Gather with the Family as we celebrate what God is doing through us at FoC! Mini-muffins, fresh fruit, OJ, and great coffee will be served all morning.

## Christmas Boutique & Cookie Walk

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.** Do your Christmas shopping...and baking...in one stop! Shop for jewelry, handmade crafts, unique gifts, gourmet soups & baked goods.

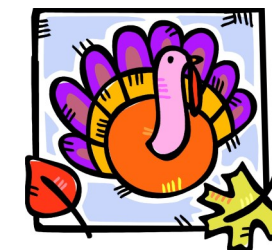
**BAKERS ARE NEEDED** to provide festive, holiday COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES! and other baked goods for this important FoC fundraiser. Use your own cherished recipe (there are lots of recipes available online!). Bring your 6 dozen or more cookies to the church by December 9. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Crafters, contact Joanne Salo (952-906-0102; [jokigin@juno.com](mailto:jokigin@juno.com)) BY DECEMBER 1 if you would like more information on how you can participate in this fabulous event!**

Volunteers are needed for Friday set-up, Saturday take down, and help during the event. If you can give us a hand, please contact Joanne: 952-906-0102; [jokigin@juno.com](mailto:jokigin@juno.com).

## A Family Thanksgiving Service • Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 PM

We had such fun last year celebrating the harvest festival as a Family, we decided to do it again! We'll meet in the "living room" (sanctuary) to sing the old Thanksgiving hymns, listen to recital pieces, play turkey day trivia, and celebrate the Eucharist (lit. "giving thanks"). Then we'll have pie! The whole Family is invited. Bring a pie to share – and your house guests, too. If you have a musical number to perform, contact Andrea: [andrea@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:andrea@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, ext. 23.



## Preschool News



*Ladies' Night Out*  
Thursday, November 10  
6:00-9:00 pm  
\$10.00

*Treat yourself, and bring a friend along, to a night of shopping, sipping wine, and sampling appetizers.*

*Buy a ticket in the church office or at the door November 10 for \$10. Buy a second ticket for a friend at half price! There will be several door prize drawings the night of the event.*

### Important Dates:

- Nov 1 – Fall conferences: No preschool classes
- Nov 10 – Ladies' Night Out! 6:00-9:00 PM
- Nov 15 – Reindeer visit from the Mustard Seed
- Nov 23-25 – Thanksgiving break: No preschool classes



**Class Offerings** 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); 952-380-9838.

## Ministry to Children & Families

### Church School

- November 6 • **Sing & Serve** Sunday: All children come directly downstairs to the Family Room (do not go into worship at all) for our singing time
- November 20 • All church school children sing during the service they normally attend

### Christos

**Make a Difference Day:** Feed My Starving Children service event. Meet at FMSC in Chanhassen at 1:45 PM to package food from 2:00-4:00. Then, we'll walk to McDonald's to get a treat (be sure to bring a few dollars for the treat and, if you wish, as a donation). Pick up children at McDonald's around 5:00 PM.

- November 23 • Thanksgiving break: No Christos classes
- November 30 • 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders shop for Families Advocating for Children in Crisis, 5:30-7:00 PM (*note the earlier start time*).



- December 4: **Sing & Serve** Sunday
- December 7: 4<sup>th</sup>- & 5<sup>th</sup>-graders shop for Families Advocating for Children in Crisis
- December 10: Christmas party for 2-year-olds through second-graders & their parents. Crafts, cookies, stories & more at church from 10:00-11:30 AM.
- December 11: Church school children's Christmas program
- No church school or Christos for Christmas break: Dec. 21-Jan 1



**Looking Ahead**



## Confirmation

**Nov 2:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC: Faith in Action Project work night. Bring whatever you need to work on your project, or a laptop to search for ideas.

**Nov 5:** Make a Difference Day

**Nov 9:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lifeguide homes

**Nov 16:** 6:30-8:00 PM • 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lifeguide homes

**Nov 23:** No Wednesday activities — Happy Thanksgiving!

**Nov 30:** 6:30-8:00 PM • Hot Topics • 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

*\* Mark your calendars: Confirmation Winter Retreat for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades is Jan 14-15 at Luther Crest Bible Camp \**

## Middle School

### Sky Zone! (An indoor trampoline park)

Come for some high-flying fun! Sky Zone is an indoor trampoline park in Plymouth. We'll start our adventure at church with some games and pizza, and then head to Sky Zone.

Cost is \$12 (includes pizza and admission). Open to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-graders and friends. Registrations are due

Nov 13, but only 20 spots available, so sign up soon! Parents - let Lindsey know if you want to join in on the fun.



**North Dakota Mission Trip Registration** is going on now! The trip is June 17-22, 2012, and is being run by Luther Crest Bible Camp. Open to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration forms are available outside the Youth Room and on FoC's website. Registration deadline is November 20. Questions? Contact [lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com)

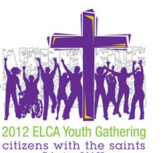
## High School

### Luther Seminary Previews

Luther Seminary (St. Paul) is hosting a visit day for high school students who may be interested in a career in ministry. FoC will be sending juniors and seniors. Contact Lindsey if you're interested in going!

### 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering • July 16-23, 2012 • New Orleans

Open to youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. There may still be some spots available for this amazing experience. Contact Lindsey for more info: [lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com)



### Retreat Leadership Team

The team is hard at work planning the Confirmation Winter Retreat! November meetings will be on Nov 2, 16, and 30 in Lindsey's office at 4:30. Want to be involved but can't make the meetings? Contact [lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com)