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SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Summer Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship led by ROJ/PFH 10:45 AM Schimke Baptism 10:45 AM Summer Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship led by ROJ/PFH 2:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Peter Doenges 6:30 PM Sing & Serve rehearsal 7:00 PM Soccer club board meeting</p>	<p>29 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 6:00 PM Call Committee Meeting</p>	<p>30 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM End of Summer Party for incoming 9th graders 7:00 PM ROJ/PFH Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 7:00 PM CIA Meeting 7:00 PM FoC Singers rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM Exec Team 9:00 AM ROJ/PFH Rehearsal</p>
<p>4 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 8:45 AM Town Hall Meeting 9:15 AM Worship led by ROJ/PFH 10:15 AM Town Hall Meeting 10:45 AM Worship led by ROJ/PFH</p>	<p>5  Church Office Closed Labor Day</p>	<p>6 FoC Preschool Teacher set-up School District 112 starts 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Church School Teacher Training 7:00 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 FoC Preschool Teacher set-up 10:00 AM Church School Teacher Training 6:30 PM FoC Preschool Parent Orientation 7:00 PM Lifeguide Training</p>	<p>8 FoC Preschool Student Orientation 6:30 PM Noah's Ark Party 7:00 PM FoC Singers rehearsal</p>	<p>9 FoC Preschool Student Orientation</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Church School Teacher Training 10:30 AM Lux Aeterna Kick-Off 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling League</p>
<p>11 Blessing of Teachers/Backpacks Kindergarten Recognition 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Church School 9:15 AM Worship 10:45 AM Church School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>12 FoC Preschool - Classes start 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)</p>	<p>13 FoC Preschool - Classes start 10:00 AM Offsite Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Mtg (CR) 7:00 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 FoC Preschool - Classes start 6:30 PM Lifeguide Training 8:00 PM Lux Aeterna Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 6:00 PM Call Committee Meeting 7:00 PM FoC Singers rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Christos Teacher Training (4-5 grades)</p>
<p>18 Adult Ministry Fair Installation of Pr Ken DeFor 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Church School 9:15 AM Worship led by FoC Singers 10:45 AM Church School 10:45 AM Worship led by FoC Singers 12:00 PM Christos Teacher Training (3rd Grade) 6:30 PM HS SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>19 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 6:00 PM Christos Teacher Training (4-5 grades) 7:00 PM Christos Teacher Training (3rd Grade)</p>	<p>20 FoC Preschool picture day 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 FoC Preschool picture day 8:00 PM Lux Aeterna Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 6:00 PM Call Committee Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling League</p>
<p>25 Blessing of Lifeguides Presentation of Bibles to 6th graders and Preschool 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Church School 9:15 AM Worship 10:45 AM Church School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship 12:00 PM Family Picnic & Silent Auction 12:15 PM FoC Fun Run/Walk 6:30 PM HS SNL (Sunday Night Life) 7:00 PM Soccer club board meeting</p>	<p>26 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 11:30 AM Caring for Kids Worldwide Charity Golf Classic & Silent Auction</p>	<p>27 G 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 District 112 Late Start 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited Rehearsal 5:30 PM Christos Food Drive! 6:30 PM Confirmation Kick-Off!! 8:00 PM Lux Aeterna Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 6:00 PM Call Committee Meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM Exec Team</p>

Goodbye & Hello

Dear Family of Christ,

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as Interim Senior Pastor during the past 14 months. Family of Christ is an alive and exciting congregation. This is Christ's church, where the Spirit is leading – Making Disciples, Making a Difference.

I extend a heartfelt word of both encouragement and appreciation to all of you who call Family of Christ your church home. Each Sunday we gather to sing, pray, and celebrate the Word of God in our midst, and receive the gift of new life in bread and wine. Every Monday each of you goes out to share Christ's love in your home, school, workplace, and community.



God has blessed this congregation with gifted musicians; a commitment to children, youth and families; and a compassion for those in need in our community, country, and world.

During this in-between time, God has blessed us on our journey of faith. Together we...

- welcomed new members
- began new programs (including J-Term)
- increased our giving
- developed new partnerships in ministry with Puerta Abierta
- baptized, confirmed, and blessed our young people and sent them to serve
- expanded our adult ministry

We said good bye to long-time church administrator Lois Groen and music director Melanie Hanson. We welcomed Andrea Jeitz and re-configured staff ministry assignments.

The congregation is ready to write a new chapter in ministry. The "Discovering" phase of the call process provided needed insight into our congregation's strengths and the community we serve. The call committee submitted its Ministry Site Profile to the synod and is eager to begin interviewing candidates. The Spirit is leading the way.

Karen joins me in saying thank you for a great year of ministry together. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to our excellent church council, in particular, President Marcia Strand. Thank you to the gifted, creative, and dedicated FoC staff. You are the best. Finally, thank you, Pastor Kristie Hennig, for your excellent ministry, partnership, and friendship.



Pastor Ken DeFor will be a great addition to your ministry team, filling out the remaining months of the interim here. I know he is looking forward to returning to Family of Christ to do a lot of good ministry with you.

Thank you and God's blessings,

Congratulations! Family of Christ's softball team placed second in its league this summer! On Monday night, August 22, they lost by 2 to Crown of Glory in the final inning of the third game, when CoG hit a home run. We're so proud of your achievement, FoC-ers. Thanks for representing us so well!



SEPTEMBER BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM: Cans of corn or peas

Make a Difference: Lifeguides Needed If you're an adult or incoming 10th-grader interested in serving as a Lifeguard for one of our 6th-grade small groups, please contact Leann Thompson: leann@familyofchristonline.com. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with our students, and to learn and grow in your own faith as well!

Join the Lickety Splits Couples' Bowling League We bowl every other Saturday evening Sept. 10 through April 21, 6:45 PM, at Country Club Lanes in Excelsior, MN. It's fun, recreational & low-stress. No bowling experience necessary! After bowling, we go to Applebee's for more fun & fellowship. Contact Melanie Wegner: Melanie.wegner@embarqmail.com; 952-361-9494.

New this fall! Wednesdays @ the Library Programming designed for adults on occasional Wednesdays at the Chanhassen Public Library from 6:30-7:45 pm. Watch Family News and familyofchristonline.com for details.

Charity Golf Classic Caring for Kids Worldwide (a charity founded by members of FoC) is holding its annual fund-raising golf classic Monday, Sept. 26, at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria. Prize money for first- & second-place teams. There's also food, a social hour & a silent auction. To register, go to www.caringforkidsworldwide.org. To become an event sponsor or donate to the auction, contact: Rhoda Beard (612-805-8734) or Larry Frank (952-486-1380).

You don't need to join Facebook to follow our Family of Christ page. Go to our website, click on the Facebook icon, and you're there! Make sure you 'like' us!



Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women needs of volunteers to answer its 24-hour crisis line and provide childcare during support group meetings. Free training for crisis line volunteers begins October 1. No training required for childcare volunteers. For more information, please call Kim by September 14 at 952-873-4214.

YAM Needs Addresses The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) team is sending fall "care packages" & doesn't want anyone to be left out! We need addresses for those who graduated between 2008 and 2011. Send addresses (both mail & email) to familyofchristyam@yahoo.com or leave them in the "YAM BOX" in the church office.

Celebrate, Commemorate, Decorate!

Commemorate an event, remember a loved one, and beautify the church by buying flowers for the altar on Sundays. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex or call Marilyn at 952-934-5659, ext. 10.



Disciples Making Connections

Maybe you're new to Family of Christ, or maybe you've been around a while. You enjoy the Sunday morning experience and you've been thinking about getting more involved. It's fall -- a perfect time to connect in some new ways. Consider joining a fellowship group or participating in a fun service project that is new to you. There is a lot more for adult disciples at FoC than you might think! On Sunday, September 18, ministry leaders wearing "Ask Me" nametags will be available to give you information about their groups. And Pam Schumacher, your Connections Coordinator, will help you discover -- or start! -- the group or activity that is right for you.

Calling All Musicians!

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



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 2nd Sunday of the month. ROJ & PFH combined lead on the 4th 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 *6th-9th 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 *10th-12th 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 2nd 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.

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.

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.

*We'd love to have you share your gifts with our church Family!
If you have questions, contact Interim Director of Worship & Music Andrea Jeitz:
andrea@familyofchristonline.com.*

FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE

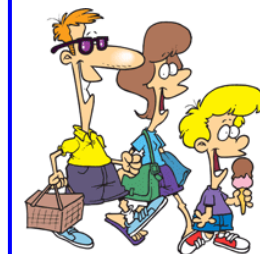
General Fund Balance <i>as of 6/30/2011</i>	+	July income	-	July expenses	=	Ending Balance <i>as of 7/31/2011</i>
(\$41,669)		\$69,631		(\$72,730)		(\$44,768)



Update from the Call Committee

The synod has reviewed our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and has provided a list of potential senior pastors. These potential candidates have reviewed our profile and are interested in applying for the senior pastor position at Family of Christ. Thank you to everyone who recommended a candidate to the call committee! Those names have been submitted to the synod and

are under review. We regret that we are unable to follow up with you regarding your nominations, as this is a confidential process. The call committee is reviewing leader profiles and résumés for applicants and setting up interviews. The interview process will be our chance to really get to know which candidate would be the best fit for Family of Christ. When we decide to extend a call to our new senior pastor, we will present our final selection and ask the congregation to give its blessing. You may expect to hear from us again when we reach our next milestone! Please continue to pray for us, and don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions. You can find our contact information and previous updates on the call process at www.familyofchristonline.com.



FoC's Annual *Welcome Home* **Picnic & Silent Auction** Sunday, September 25 • Noon

- ◆ Food, games, FUN!
- ◆ Silent Auction to benefit Children's Ministry
- ◆ Fun Walk/Run Stroll 3K
- ◆ BIG ANNOUNCEMENT about our next all-church musical!

Our Welcome Home Picnic is for the entire Family of Christ Family --not just for those with young children. Kids will have a great time, but so will the adults! Please plan to come & have fun on Sept. 25!

More details...

First Annual Fun Run/Walk/Stroll 3K *Sponsored by "Fitness Together" of Chanhassen*

Entrance donations: \$10 for individuals, with a \$25 family cap. The fees benefit Children's Ministry programs. Kids' ¼ mile will follow the 3K. Registration begins soon!

Announcing Our Next All-Church Musical!!

You've been waiting for it...and now it's time — we'll announce which play has been chosen! The production team has been working and planning since the conclusion of last spring's musical and is excited to kick off our next production!

We are looking for people interested and excited to serve on one of our production teams. Please contact Leann Thompson at leann@familyofchristonline.com if you are interested in being a part of one of the following teams: costumes, props, set, publicity (this is a new team this year, so we are looking both for energetic people with an interest in letting people know about our fabulous production and also someone with specific leadership skills in this area to help with vision and direction!)

Donations are Needed for the Silent Auction

Be creative! We can use game tickets, store & restaurant gift cards, re-gifted gifts... gently-used, no-longer-needed items from home... handmade jewelry, soap, mittens, crafts... services such as babysitting, gardening, hair-styling, computer help, financial consultation, music lessons...just about anything! Questions? Joanne Salo: jokigin@juno.com, 952-906-0102.

Preschool News

Important Dates:

- Sept 8 & 9 – Student orientations
- Sept 12, 13 & 14 – First day of preschool classes
- Sept 20 & 21 – School pictures



We're Still Taking Registrations for the 2011/2012 school year; we do have a few spots open in select classes. For more information or a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at 952-380-9838 or preschool@familyofchristonline.com. We offer morning classes for 2-, 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds, an afternoon enrichment class for 4- & 5-year-olds and Lunch Bunch & Stay 'n Play for afternoon care.



Thank You! The preschool has a new shed (back by the playground) for storing all our trikes, ride-ons, and outdoor toys. We would like to give a big thank you to Derek Pauling and George Canfield for all their hard work designing and building this structure. Thanks to Jason Schmidt for painting it. We're blessed to have such great volunteers! Stop by and check out their work!

Ministry to Children & Families

A Huge Thank You to all of the youth who taught Summer Sunday School! Every week, our summer classes were filled with enthusiastic young children, ready to learn about a different Old Testament character. These classes were taught by the wonderful middle and high school youth listed below. A great big thank you to each of them for their time and energy!

Anna Herbert	Shannon Perlich	Maddie Gottschalk	Jackson Baril	Jessie Berry
Gavin Schaeferle	Max Daubenberger	Rene Beaird	Paige Nelson	
Sarah Schweitzer	Amber Connelly	McKenna Bird	Megan Bird	
Danielle Wegner	Ellie Thompson	Erik Nystul	Maria Lund	
Grace Dossdall	Anna Nornes	Lilly Even	Claire Vollum	

Teacher Training

- September 7 • 10:00 AM **or** September 10 • 9:00 AM for Sunday school teachers only (not Christos). We'll look over the new curriculum for the year. *Pick one session to attend.*
- September 17 • 9:00 AM for new 4th and 5th grade Christos teachers.
- Teri will be in contact with the 3rd grade teachers for training.

Church School

Noah's Ark Party! September 8 • 6:30 to 7:30 • for 2- and 3-year-olds attending church school for the first time. If you haven't received an invitation to this event in the mail, that means you're not in the church system. Please contact Teri Burns for information. We still want you to come!

Church School Classes Begin September 11 during 9:15 & 10:45 worship.

Christos

Kick-off Event September 28 • 5:30 - 7:00 PM (note the early start time for this first week). All students and teachers will go out into the community on a food drive. Classes begin the next week, 6:00 - 7:00 PM.



Lifeguide Training Session
Wednesday, September 7 • 7:00-8:30 PM • Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove. All adult & senior high Lifeguides should plan to attend this important event featuring nationally-recognized speaker Mark DeVries, founder of Youth Ministry Architects.

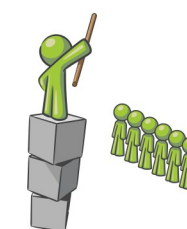
Lifeguide Orientation Plan to attend on Wednesday, September 14 • 6:30-8:00 PM • at Family of Christ.

High School

2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering • July 16-23, 2012

Next year, our high school summer trip will be to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Students will join with 39,000 Lutheran youth in New Orleans for a week of service and learning! We'll stay in a hotel, spend time in hands-on workshops and service projects, and spend our evenings in the Superdome with great speakers and bands! Check out www.elca.org/youthgathering for more info!

Registrations will be available Sunday, Sept 4. (They can be found on the bulletin board outside the Youth Room.) Register by Oct 1 to be guaranteed a spot. Registrations will be accepted through Oct 30, based on availability. Open to students who are currently in grades 9-12. Contact Lindsey Ruhland with any questions: lindsey@familyofchristonline.com.



Youth Gathering Leadership Team

Are you a junior or senior and planning to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering? Join the leadership team! Lindsey is looking for a handful of reliable and dedicated youth to help with the planning of the Youth Gathering trip, and to have leadership roles during the trip. Contact Lindsey if you're interested: lindsey@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!!



SNL Kick-off

Sunday, Sept 18 • 6:30-8:00 PM
Come for an evening of fun and games that promises to be a GREAT time!!

SNL During the Church Picnic

Sunday, Sept 25 • Noon-2:00 PM
There'll be food, games, and *new this year* a 3k walk/run event!!!

