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# April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>27 No Church School 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Contemporary Worship led by PFH 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship led by PFH 6:30 PM NO SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>28 Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)</p>	<p>29 Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break NO Wednesday Activities 6:30 PM FoC Singers 7:30 PM Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>31 Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break</p>	<p>1 Chaska Spring Break No Friday Morning Bible Study No Preschool Classes / Spring Break</p>	<p>2 7:00 AM Men's Group 8:00 AM Exec Team 4:30 PM Feed My Starving Children 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling Team</p>
<p>3 Sing &amp; Serve Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:45 AM Town Hall Meeting 9:15 AM Worship led by FoC Singers 10:15 AM K2 Choir (CR) 10:15 AM Thrive (Music Room) 10:15 AM Town Hall Meeting 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship led by ROJ 6:30 PM NO SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>4 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 9:30 AM MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children) 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (location varies)</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (offsite) 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Ventures 6:30 PM Confirmation (Music office) 7:30 PM Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Young Parents Dinner</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 2nd Grade Bible Presentation 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Worship led by FoC Singers 10:15 AM K2 Choir (CR) 10:15 AM Thrive (Music Room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship led by Lux Aeterna 4:30 PM Middle School SNL 6:30 PM SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>11 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 9:30 AM MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children)</p>	<p>12 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ Rehearsal 7:00 PM Church Council Mtg (CR)</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM Chapel Chats 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Ventures 6:30 PM Confirmation (Music office) 7:30 PM Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Chapel Chats</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 PM Preschool Country Fair</p>	<p>16 Make a Difference Day 10:00 AM KICK's Easter Party 2:00 PM Christos Service Event 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling Team</p>
<p>17 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Palm Sunday--Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Palm Sunday--Contemporary Worship led by ROJ 10:15 AM K2 Choir (CR) 10:15 AM Thrive (Music Room) 10:45 AM Palm Sunday--Contemporary Worship led by PFH 4:00 PM Seder Meal 5:00 PM Mystery &amp; Kure Beach Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 PM SNL (Sunday Night Life) 7:00 PM Soccer Club Board Meeting</p>	<p>18 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 9:30 AM MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children) 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (location varies)</p>	<p>19 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ/PFH Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Sandwich Making 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Ventures 6:00 PM Ventures Drama Rehearsal 6:30 PM FoC Singers (Music office) 6:30 PM NO CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>21 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship led by ROJ</p>	<p>22 GOOD FRIDAY No Preschool 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship led by FoC Singers</p>	<p>23 EASTER VIGIL 10:00 AM ROJ/PFH Rehearsal 5:00 PM Ventures Drama Rehearsal 7:00 PM Easter Vigil led by Lux Aeterna</p>
<p>24 EASTER No Church School 7:30 AM Easter - Traditional Worship led by FoC Singers 9:00 AM Easter Worship led by ROJ &amp; PFH 10:45 AM Easter Worship led by ROJ &amp; PFH 6:30 PM SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>25 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 9:30 AM MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #12916 (CR)</p>	<p>26 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Chapel Chats 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal (Vocals) 6:00 PM Christos 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM FoC Singers (Music office) 7:30 PM Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal and Parent Information meeting</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Chapel Chats 10:00 AM Worship @ Summerwood</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>30 8:00 AM Exec Team 11:30 AM Feed My Starving Children 5:00 PM Confirmation led by Lux Aeterna 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling Team Party</p>



## The Next Step

Thanks to all who participated in the congregational survey in February. The *Discovering* team shared the results at a congregational meeting on March 13, and they are available on our website. There were no big surprises. In many ways the opinions, needs, and wants of our congregation are similar to those of our community. And where they differed, well, those are the ways Family of Christ is special. There are some topics that deserve further discussion that will be included in our "Dreaming Day" on Saturday, April 9, 9 AM-1 PM.

As the Discovering team wraps up its work, it is time to form the *Calling* team. The church council at Family of Christ is now accepting nominations for candidates to be appointed to a call committee. This committee will, with support from the Minneapolis Area Synod, work to recommend a candidate for congregational approval as senior pastor of our church. The six members of the call committee will be representative of our congregation. Call committee candidates can volunteer or be nominated by another member of the congregation (with the candidate's permission). To be appointed to the call committee, a candidate must be a member of Family of Christ and must have been attending Family of Christ for at least 2 years. Some other characteristics of a successful call committee member include:

- Is focused on the good of the church
- Displays faith maturity
- Uses the gift of discernment
- Is a trusted member of the church
- Shows commitment to the success of Family of Christ
- Is willing and able to commit a **significant amount of time** to this committee until the call process is completed. This includes attendance at in-person meetings (approx. 1 per week) and time between meetings to complete tasks such as considering applications, researching, visiting other congregations, etc. It is difficult to predict how long the call process will last, so members of the call committee should be prepared to participate for as long as is needed to complete the process to call a new senior pastor.

To be considered for appointment to the call committee, please complete the nomination form available on our website, in the church office, or from any church council member. Please submit the completed form to the church council by way of Marcia Strand's church office mailbox.

Having served on call committees here at Family of Christ and at another church, I would share that serving our church this way is a very fulfilling and enjoyable experience. If you're interested in serving, please turn in the nomination form by April 10. I ask that all Family of Christ members pray for our church, our staff, our church council, and call committee as we open the door to what's next for Family of Christ.

**Marcia Strand**  
President, Family of Christ Church Council

### APRIL BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM: Cash for meat purchases

Put money (or checks made out to Bountiful Basket) in the box in the narthex display.



There were close to 2 million visits to Minnesota's food shelves in 2007, and food shelf use is still at a record high. About 56% of food shelf users have children. More than 60% are the working poor, who don't earn enough to cover their basic needs. Low wages, jobs without benefits, child care expenses, skyrocketing housing & fuel costs, and high out-of-pocket medical expenses make working families vulnerable to poverty. Please be generous in your support of our local food shelf.

**Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly** FoC needs 5 lay representatives to attend the synod assembly on Saturday, May 7, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Worship service on Friday, 5/6, at 7:30; day-long assembly on Saturday, 5/7. We'd like to have at least one high school student involved. Interested? Questions? Contact a pastor or Marcia Strand, Family of Christ Council President ([kmstrand@mchsi.com](mailto:kmstrand@mchsi.com)).

**Mothers of Young Children** Looking for a way to connect with other mothers? Come join the MoYCs in the FoC nursery on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM. Coffee and snack are provided. It's a playgroup for non-school-aged children and moms like you! Come to chat and snack while the kids play. Questions? Pam Schumacher: 952-934-5659 ext 29.



**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 a Difference

CAP Agency/Chaska needs volunteers to work at Bountiful Basket, pick up donated food from local grocery stores for the food shelf, help older adults with indoor and outdoor home maintenance, provide assistance to families in crisis, assist with Fare for All Express discount grocery program once a month, help with Headstart field trips, help people fill out applications for food support programs -- and much more! For more info, call Jen at 952- 960-9700.



**Enrich Your Marriage** Give your spouse the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Get away from your daily pressures and discover a closer, more joyful relationship with each other.

In a relaxed atmosphere, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions and exercises you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required group sharing.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Minnesota is April 8-10 in Duluth. Please register several weeks in advance. Contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit [godlovesmarriage.com](http://godlovesmarriage.com).

**Summer Intern** The Faith Formation Team needs a summer intern. The position, approx. 10 hours per week, includes helping with VBS, going on the middle school mission trip (June 19-24), & working on Mission Day Camp. Must be at least 19 years old. You will receive an educational scholarship at the end of the summer. Contact Lindsey Ruhland: [lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com)

**Nursery Caregiver Needed** This paid position is part-time (approx. 5-8 hours per week), involves some Sundays, Wednesdays, and special events at church, & is available immediately. Direct questions or interest to Teri Burns, Minister to Children & Families, [teri@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:teri@familyofchristonline.com).

# Join us!



## Special short-term-commitment choirs!



### Women & Girls' Easter Choir

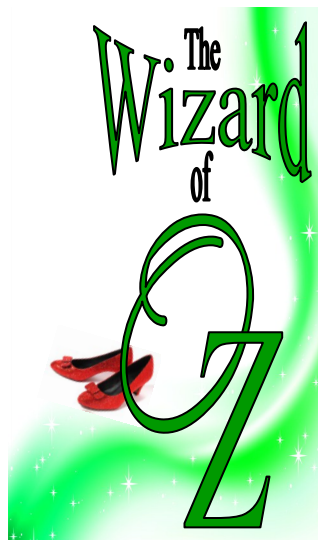
ALL moms, grandmas, aunts, nieces, daughters, granddaughters, female friends (you get the idea!) join together to sing a simple Easter hymn for the congregation. We will rehearse the 2 Sundays prior to Easter (April 10 & 17) right after the 10:45 AM service for just a short while. On Easter morning (April 24), we'll warm up at 10:30 AM & sing during 10:45 worship.

### Men & Boys' Mother's Day Choir

ALL dads, grandpas, uncles, nephews, sons, grandsons, male friends (again, you get the idea!) will sing as a special gift for Mother's Day. We will rehearse the Sunday prior to Mother's Day (May 1) right after the 10:45 AM service to learn our simple song. On Mother's Day (May 8), we'll warm up at 10:30 AM and sing during 10:45 worship.

### Annual Post-Easter Cantata • Mother's Day, May 8

Have you always wanted to sing for worship on a Sunday? We love to see new people who can't commit to a group all year long. Come join members of River of Joy, Praise for Him, and Family of Christ Singers to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. If interested, contact Melanie: [melanie@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:melanie@familyofchristonline.com).



### There's No Place Like Home!!

Family of Christ presented its 4<sup>th</sup> annual all-church musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, the weekend of Feb 25 – 27. It was a fabulous production, involving well over 150 people as cast, musicians, production crew, hospitality, ticket and raffle teams, along with students and adults going on summer mission trips.

We went far beyond accomplishing the three major goals of this ministry: to provide a musical and theater experience for our congregation, to build long-lasting church-centered relationships across generations, and to raise funds for our summer mission trips. Through the sale of show and raffle tickets, along with a very generous donation to underwrite the expenses of the production, Family of Christ was able to raise over \$10,000 to help fund those mission trips! All in all, it was an incredible opportunity to continue our mission of making disciples making a difference!




### Holy Week Worship

*Palm Sunday, April 17 • 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 am*  
*Maundy Thursday, April 21 • 7:00 pm*  
*Good Friday, April 22 • 7:00 pm*  
*Easter Vigil, April 23 • 7:00 pm*  
*EASTER, April 24 • 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am*

- Flowering Opportunities!** Beautify Family of Christ — and your own home — this spring:
- Order an Easter lily, hydrangea, mum, or tulip plant to grace FoC's altar on Easter, and take it home after 10:45 worship. (Contact: [marilyn@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:marilyn@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659 ext. 10)
  - Buy a Holasek Greenhouse certificate (at the display in the narthex at church). You receive a certificate for the full value of your donation AND FoC receives 20% of total sales for 2011 mission trips!
  - Order altar flowers for a Sunday morning, in honor/memory of a loved one (contact Marilyn)

**How You Can Help: Japan Earthquake & Pacific Tsunami** The president of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Sumiyuki Watanabe, has expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of support from the members of the ELCA. The Japan ELC plans to develop a relief and recovery plan for the communities affected, and our national ELCA has pledged to contribute to and assist with this effort. If you'd like to help, go to [elca.org](http://elca.org) and click on "Give Now" when the slideshow header shows the picture of the tsunami devastation with the title "Responding to Earthquake in Japan."

 **Keys to Family of Christ** If you have keys to the main entrance of the church, they will no longer work. We've had our locks re-keyed and new keys made. Contact Marilyn Syverson in the office if you have questions (952-934-5659, ext. 10).

- It Can be Easy to be Green!** If you'd like to help FoC go greener, here are a couple of ideas:
- Read Tabletalk online & don't receive a paper copy of it. Sign up for this on the Welcome Slip during worship, or contact Marilyn in the church office.
  - Give online through Simply Giving & don't receive envelopes. Contact Marilyn in the office: [marilyn@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:marilyn@familyofchristonline.com); 952-934-5659, ext. 10.



FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE			
General Fund Balance as of 1/31/2011	+ February income	- February expenses	= Ending Balance as of 2/28/2011
(\$2,042)	\$63,668	(\$72,930)	(\$11,304)

## Preschool News

- **April 4** — Preschool classes resume after spring break
- **April 12** — Wonder Weavers Storytellers come for a visit
- **April 15** — Country Fair & Silent Auction; 5:00-8:00 PM
- **April 26** — Field trip to the Lowry Nature Center



**Come to the Annual Country Fair!** Friday, April 15 • 5:00-8:00 PM. All are invited! The Country Fair is a great evening filled with music, food, games, and affordable fun for the whole family. We also host a Silent Auction – bidding closes that night at 8:00 PM.

**If You Build it...**we'd be so grateful! We're looking for a carpenter who may be interested in helping build a shed for the preschool this summer. Please contact Susan Schmidt for more info.



**Registration** for the 2011/2012 school year is now underway. **We have limited availability in some classes!** For more information or a tour, contact Susan Schmidt: [pre-school@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com) or 952-380-9838. Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4, & 5-year-olds.

## Ministry to Children & Families

### Church School:

**April 3:** **Sing & Serve Sunday** Children come directly to the Family Room downstairs

**April 16:** KICKS Easter party with FoC Preschool • 10:00-11:30 AM. Kids ages 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: bring your parents to a fun party with a story, crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt!

**April 24:** NO church school classes: Easter Sunday

### Christos:

**April 16:** Christos Service Event • 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Come to church to help make little "Lovies" to be placed in the baptism baskets given to all of our newest members on the day of their baptisms. Bring \$10 to help with the cost of fleece, pizza, and beverages.

**April 17:** The Seder Meal Experience • 4:00 PM. For all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and others (5<sup>th</sup> grade & older) who have completed First Communion classes in January.

**April 20:** Girls' and Boys' Bible study from 6:00 to 7:15 PM, and Ventures drama dress rehearsal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

**April 23:** Ventures drama rehearsal at 5:00 PM followed by our performance during worship at 7:00 PM.

**April 27:** Regular Christos classes resume, with a service project night at church.

## Looking Ahead



### Church School:

**May 8** — last day of church school classes; teacher appreciation

### Christos:

**May 4** — End-of-year party • 6:00-7:00 PM

**May 7** — Our last Christos Cooking event for *The Gathering Place* • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We need up to 20 kids and some parents to provide an entire meal for the following Monday evening. Sign up with Teri.

## Confirmation

**4/06:** 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 6:30-8:00 PM. 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Faith in Action project displays are due!

**4/13:** 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 6:30-8:00 PM

**4/16:** Make a Difference Day

**4/20:** NO CONFIRMATION

**4/27:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 6:30-8:00 PM: 9<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsal 7:30-9:00 PM

9<sup>th</sup> grade Affirmation of Baptism services: Saturday, April 30 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 PM



## Mission Trip Participants

Mission trip meeting for Mystery Trip and Kure Beach participants — Sunday, April 17; 5:00-6:00 PM. \$50 payment due for Mystery and \$100 for Kure Beach.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you."*  
~ Jeremiah 29

## SNL Sunday Night Life!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**Sunday, April 10 • 4:30-6:00 PM**

We'll talk about friends! Please bring your Bible — it's a ducky night!



### HIGH SCHOOL:

**Sundays, 6:30-8:00 PM**

**4/03: No SNL** — Happy spring break!

**4/10: Learn:** We'll talk about friends! Please bring your Bible — it's a ducky night!

**4/17: Serve:** We'll make desserts for The Gathering Place. Contact Lindsey to find out what ingredients are needed.

**4/24: No SNL** — Happy Easter!

**5/1: End-of-year BBQ!**

## Counselors Needed!

9<sup>th</sup> grade & older:

You're invited to spend a week volunteering as a counselor for Mission Day Camp, June 27-30. Mission Day Camp is for those who have completed grades 3 through 8, and consists of three days of local mission work & one day of fun! Training for counselors will take place Sunday, June 26, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There are only 5 spots available, so let Lindsey know ASAP if you're interested: [lindsey@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:lindsey@familyofchristonline.com)

