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February 2011


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Table Talking Points



Wizardly Trivia Test

Who wants to travel the world? *

What's a blunderbuss? *

Which FoC staff member has the best cackle? *



What is the Winkies' favorite tune? *

What's the name of the leader of the flying monkeys? *

Where did Almira Gulch buy her basket? *



* Come to a production for the answers!

We have been busy rehearsing for Family of Christ's 4th annual all-church musical. Children from age 4 through adults are singing and acting out the 1939 movie version of the Wizard of Oz. Costume, prop, and set people are working non-stop to enhance our production. This year, a very generous donation was given to FoC to underwrite the expenses of our production. Now all ticket and raffle proceeds will go directly to our mission trips! There are around 60 actors, 6 musicians, and 15 "behind-the-scenes" people involved in the production alone. All mission trip participants are involved in some way as well — either acting, selling tickets, or helping with the event.

We have had quite a journey over the last 3 years! Our previous musicals were:

- 2008: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**
- 2009: Music Man**
- 2010: The Sound of Music**

All of these productions have been great! Many people come together to make the musicals possible, and this year is no exception! These projects are huge, and individual commitment to a great production for the glory of God is always present. We are all excited to share *The Wizard of Oz* with you.

Tickets are now on sale in the narthex on Sundays or by contacting the church office: 952-934-5659; marilyn@familyofchristonline.com. 100% of sales goes to support our four summer mission trips. I look forward to seeing you there!

~ **Melanie Hanson**
Director of Worship and Music



Family of Christ's 4th Annual All-Church Musical!

- Friday, February 25 • 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, February 26 • 2:00 & 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, February 27 • 2:00 PM**

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All-Church Opportunities

NEW!

A Special Evening for Parents of Young (24 mo. & Younger) Children Feb 18 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Come to FoC for a wonderful dinner, wine, conversation, & a presentation by Pr Jerry on parenting our little ones. Watch for an invitation in the mail. If you don't receive one by the end of January & you have a child this age, please let the church know. Contact Teri Burns with questions: 952-934-5659 ext 21.

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 beginning Feb 14. Coffee and snack will be 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.

The Perfect Valentine Gift!

Give your spouse the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Get away from your daily pressures and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other. No matter how good a marriage is, it can be enriched.

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 Weekends in Minnesota are February 11-13 in Brooklyn Center; March 11-13 also in Brooklyn Center; and April 8-10 in Duluth. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit godlovesmarriage.com.

Reuse

Julie and Kent Kelly could use your packing "peanuts", bubble wrap, or other packing materials to ship Julie's stained glass creations to her customers. If you have material they could use call the Kellys at 952-934-5534.

Southwest Grief Coalition

Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. Five Eden Prairies churches partner to offer a winter series, "Living and Growing Through Loss." The series is held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, EP on Thursday Jan. 6-Feb. 10 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Nursery care is available with advance notice (952-937-2776) and there is no charge to participate. A light supper is offered at 5:30 and a children's grief group is also available (Karen Atkins, 952-466-2685). The speakers are excellent! Look for the brochure on the kiosk in the narthex for more info or call Pax Christi at 952-941-3150.

"Examining Bullying in the Community"

is a town hall meeting being held by the Chaska Police Dept. Public Safety Focus Group on Saturday, Feb 5, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM at the Chaska Community Center. Free, and includes snacks & lunch. Register with Sona Schneck: 952-227-7430; sschneck@chaskamn.com

Connections Ministry



Thursdays in MARCH!

Events for Newcomers and Others With Pastor Jerry and Pastor Kristie

6:30-8:30 PM • Nursery care available
(Please reserve ahead)

- March 3:** Newcomer Event with wine, cheese, and a light supper
- March 10:** "Luther for Lutherans" – come for a refresher on things Lutheran
- March 17:** "Making the Transition" -- for those coming to the Lutheran church from other faith traditions
- March 24:** Adult Baptism Class – for those coming to Christian faith from other faiths or no faith background

Questions: Pam Schumacher, Connections Coordinator; pam@familyofchristonline.com; 952-934-5659 x 29.

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Music & More

News 'n Names

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TICKETS: \$10.00



Tickets now on sale in the narthex or by contacting the church office: 952-934-5659; marilyn@familyofchristonline.com

The Wizard of Oz is Here!

Our actors and musicians have been working hard on music and memorization. Rehearsals have been underway since early January. Each year we have a growing number of participants. This will be such an exciting performance! Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, 100% of ticket sales and raffle tickets will go to support our mission trips. Purchase your tickets now, and we'll see you there!

Props Needed!

We still need some props for our show. We're looking for: ruby slippers, striped tights or stockings, toy cookies & hot dogs, stools, a vintage bicycle, metal hog pail, large disco ball or plastic ball, large picnic basket with cover, small rectangular basket (one handle in the middle), blue checked cloth, rocking chair, oil can, scrolls, toy pipes (bubble pipes), large stuffed cow, fake flowers—individual & in a bouquet, plastic apples, hand mirrors, butterfly net, large hourglass, large wooden pail, fishing hats, high-backed chair (throne), black sack. Email or text a picture to Megan Woods or just call to ask for more information: Dmw111701@msn.com; megan.woods@optumhealth.com; 952-221-7708.

Handy with a Needle & Thread?

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz in need of some wonderful sewers to help the wonderful costume team complete the wonderful costumes for this year's wonderful production of the Wizard of Oz in February! If you are able to help with sewing costumes, please contact Nancy Simpson at 952-897-5574. Thank you!

Women & Girls' Easter Choir

Moms, grandmas, and their girls 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

Dads, grandpas, and their boys 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.



The Family of Christ DISCOVERING, Calling, Celebrating Team has prepared an on-line congregation survey. Members and friends of FoC will soon be able to access the survey and note responses to: What makes FoC unique? What do we do best?

What should we improve? Where do you see your church family in 3-5 years? Where is God calling us in ministry? What is our ministry to our community? Team members will gather and report your comments. Listening sessions are in the works and a congregation-wide event is scheduled for March 13.

Thanks to our DISCOVERING, Calling, Celebrating Team: Dean Brown (Chair), Keri Buisman, Craig Stacy, Gina Trebilcock, and Church Council members: Marcia Strand, Mark Even, and Rhoda Beard.



Book of Faith Series: The Book of James

Pastor Kristie leads this popular class on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. Sessions are held February 3, 10, 17, & 24. We meet in the conference room at church. Cost of the book: \$8.00 (you may pay on Feb 3). Please let Pam Schumacher know ASAP if you plan to attend, so she can order your book. If you have questions, contact Pr Kristie (952-934-5659, ext. 12; kristie@familyofchristonline.com) or Pam (952-934-5659, ext. 29; pam@familyofchristonline.com). Feel free to invite a friend to share this experience!

Interested in Working for Justice for All Minnesotans?

Join Pr Kristie and many others at the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) "Day on the Hill" event, Thursday, February 17 at the State Capitol, 8:30 AM -3:30 PM. "A Stronghold in These Times..." is the 2011 theme for this annual gathering of people of faith from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions. For more information or to register: www.jrlc.org

Thank You, FoC — from Families Advocating for Children in Crisis

All the FACIC snowflakes on the whiteboard turned into presents for children taken from their homes during the holiday season. What a fantastic show of generosity from FoC again this year!



FACIC Coordinator, Robin Anderson, writes:

*Dear Nancy Rogneby, Scott and all,
 Without your contribution, FACIC would not have been able to meet our shelter children's holiday program needs. Thank you a million times and a million ways for being a friend for FACIC children.
 You made a difference!*

Music Ministry Committee

Thank you to the representatives from our music groups who have joined the music ministry team. We will meet monthly and cover many topics of our music program, as we explore what our music ministry will look like in the future. Our goal is to enhance and support the growing ministry that we already have.

FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Balance as of 1/01/2011	+	Giving through 1/18/2011	-	Expenses through 1/18/2011	=	General Fund Balance as of 1/18/2011
\$3,977		\$58,442		(\$29,179)		\$33,240

Preschool News

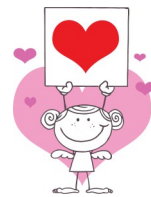


Welcome, Jen!

We are pleased to announce the addition of Jen Pauling to the FoC Preschool staff. Jen has previous experience as a teacher at St. David's Child Development Center in Minnetonka. She has worked as a substitute for us here at FoC and has been a long-time parent in our program. Jen is teaching a second Taste of Preschool class on Wednesdays that started January 12.

- **February 3** – Field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for the 4- & 5-year-old classes
- **February 14 & 15** – Valentine's Day classroom parties

Registration for the 2011/2012 school year is now underway. For more information or a tour, contact Susan Schmidt: 952-380-9838 or preschool@familyofchristonline.com. Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4, & 5-year-olds.



Ministry to Children & Families

Dinner for Parents of Young Children



Friday, February 18 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM

This is a new ministry for parents of children 2 years old & younger. Come to Family of Christ to enjoy a wonderful dinner with wine, conversation, and a presentation by Pastor Jerry on parenting our children. If you haven't received an invitation in the mail and have a child in this age range, please contact the church office.

Church School:

February 20: Sing & Serve Sunday *(Note date change!)*

Christos:

Cooking event for The Gathering Place • February 19, 9:00 AM to Noon

The first 20 students who let Teri know they would like to attend may participate. Cost is \$10 and goes to help buy the food. Parent help would be greatly appreciated!



Looking Ahead



- Christos Event: Snow tubing on March 6. Watch for details!
- No Christos classes on March 9 due to Ash Wednesday services.
- March 16 Ventures classes begin for Christos. **Note time change:** Classes will meet from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.
- No church school classes on March 27 or Christos classes on March 30 due to the District 112 mid-winter break.



Confirmation

2/02: 6th-8th grades at FoC; 9th grade group-building event at Vertical Endeavors in St. Paul—bus leaves at 5:00 PM.

2/09: 6th-8th grades at FoC; 9th grade at Lifeguides' homes

2/16: 6th-8th grades at FoC; 9th grade at Lifeguides' homes

2/23: ALL 6th-9th grade small groups are offsite at a location/activity of their choosing!



Sunday Night Life!

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

2/20 • 4:30-6:00 PM: Come for some wild and wacky games and a great Bible study, and go home with a new rubber duck! Please bring your Bibles!



HIGH SCHOOL:

2/06 • NOON-1:30 PM • Please note time change!
LEARN: Topic TBD but there will be a ducky involved! We will make lunch together, so please RSVP to Lindsey and find out what we'll need you to bring for our lunch!

2/13: Play — Valentine's Day Party, elementary-school style! Please bring Valentines for everyone. See the RSVPs on Facebook or email Lindsey for a list of names. We'll also make fun crafts and snacks!

2/20: Connect — Come for an evening of activities designed to help us grow closer as a group.

2/27: NO SNL due to the musical.

Mission Trip Partici-

Just a reminder of our **Wizard of Oz ticket-selling contest!** Prizes for the top 15 sellers. The top 5 sellers each receive \$200 toward your trip! Also, don't forget that we are asking each participant to sell a minimum of 6 tickets. Your next payment is due the weekend of the musical (Feb 25-27). Please bring your payment in a payment envelope when you come to work your shift for the musical. \$50 due for the Mystery Trip and \$100 for Kure beach. \$350 is due for the El Salvador trip by Feb. 1.

30 Hour Famine

Middle- & High-Schoolers:

30 Hour Famine registrations now available!

The 30 Hour Famine is March 12-13. Join in a great time for a great cause! We will fast for approx 24 hours to raise awareness of (and money to fight) world hunger! This year, to raise money for hungry people around the world, participants will be able to sell 1-inch silicone wristbands for \$2 to family and friends at church and school! We will also be going to Feed My Starving Children and Water Park of America. FISH outreach team from Luther College will be joining us and leading us in games and worship. We'll spend the night at church and break our fast after 9:15 AM worship. Forms are due March 1. Cost is \$50, which includes a t-shirt, an evening at Water Park of America, and the bus to Water Park and FMSC! The 30 Hour Famine is open to 6th-12th grade students and friends.



**if fasting is a concern for any reason- please talk to Lindsey so we can make a way for it to work for your student.*