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January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>26 NO Church School 8:00 AM Hymnal Worship 9:15 AM Sweaters & Carols led by FoC Singers 10:45 AM Sweaters & Carols led by FoC Singers 6:30 PM NO SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>27 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)</p>	<p>28 Repairing sound system 11:30 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 NO Wednesday Activities 12:00 PM Open Christos Zone and Youth Room</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM Graham Shurson Eagle Scout Ceremony</p>	<p>31 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Our Saviour's Shelter</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day</p>
<p>2 No Church School 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:45 AM Town Hall Meeting 9:15 AM Worship 10:15 AM Town Hall Meeting 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship 6:30 PM NO SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>3 Preschool Resumes 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (location varies)</p>	<p>4 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 NO Wednesday Activities</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM J-Term</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>8 Salvation Army 7:00 AM Men's Group 8:00 AM Exec Team 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling Team</p>
<p>9 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:15 AM Worship & Celebration of Baptisms led by FoC Singers 10:15 AM K2 Choir (CR) 10:15 AM Thrive (Music Room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship & Celebration of Baptisms led by ROJ 1:00 PM Musical Rehearsal 5:00 PM Mission Trips Meeting 6:30 PM SNL (Sunday Night Life)</p>	<p>10 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)</p>	<p>11 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>12 9:30 AM Chapel Chats 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Christos 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM J-Term 7:00 PM FoC Singers (Music office)</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM Chapel Chats 7:00 PM J-Term</p>	<p>14 Sr High Leadership 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>15 Confirmation Retreat Sr High Leadership</p>
<p>16 Christos Swimming Event 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 1:00 PM Musical Rehearsal 6:30 PM NO SNL</p>	<p>17 MLK Day -- No School 6:18 AM Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #12916 (CR) 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (location varies)</p>	<p>18 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM ROJ Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Sandwich Making 5:00 PM Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Christos 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM J-Term 7:00 PM FoC Singers (Music office)</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM J-Term</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 11:15 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>22 6:45 PM Lickety Splits Bowling Team</p>
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Table Talking Points

**moving
forward**

The Family of Christ Transition Team has begun its work as we plan for the future. Team members include: Dean Brown (Chair), Craig Stacy, Gina Trebilcock, and Church Council members Marcia Strand, Mark Evan, and Rhoda Beaird.

The team is currently preparing the congregation in-reach study and gathering data for the community study. The in-reach phase will include congregation listening posts, a member survey, and interviews. The goal is to identify our strengths and unique gifts in ministry. The in-reach study will include a look at our past and how it impacts our life today.

The community or context study will help us understand our neighbors. Using research materials, the team will discover how our community is changing, what the projections are for the future, and what role religion and church play in our day-to-day lives.

The FoC Transition Team welcomes your input and ideas. Please watch for upcoming meetings and do not hesitate to connect with a team member or pastor if you have questions, comments or suggestions.

- Pastor Jerry

Family Business

Annual Meeting • Sunday, January 30 • 12:00 PM

Please plan to attend this important gathering in our Family life. We'll be electing new church council members (see below), reviewing our financial status, and planning for the future as the transition team begins assessing FoC's needs & goals as we seek a senior pastor. Lunch will be served and childcare is available.

Council Nominations are Open

There are two openings on the church council for 2011. Christians In Action (CIA) representation will change as Jim Siefert finishes his term. This position will be filled by another member of CIA. The council secretary position will also open as Jessica Groff completes 2 terms of service. The secretary is a member of the executive committee that leads the council, and is responsible for taking and publishing minutes from each council meeting. Marcia Strand is completing her first term as council president and has agreed to serve a second term if re-elected. If you're interested in serving as the council secretary or president, please contact a pastor or Marcia Strand (952-448-6131; kmstrand@mchsi.com).

All-Church Opportunities



Sign up for a J-Term Session!

In the midst of the snow, we continue to grow...

Educational Opportunities at FoC in January. Numerous opportunities for personal growth are offered during the month of January on Wednesday evenings (6:30-8:00 PM at the Chan Rec Center) and Thursday evenings (7-8 PM and 8-9 PM here at Family of Christ). Sessions cover such topics as college planning, estate planning, and job transition; sharing faith in the home; communicating about tough topics with your teenager; photography and videography tips; healthy cooking; knitting; scrapbooking and card-making; yoga; entering the "man-cave"; and the basics of the Lutheran faith. There is no cost for these educational opportunities and childcare is provided at Family of Christ. Plan now to participate and grow! Sign up in the narthex. For further info, contact Leann Thompson, Director of Faith Formation.

Salvation Army Truck Accepting Donations at FoC

January 8, 2011 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Bring hope and healing for a lifetime by supporting the Twin Cities' Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) with donations of reusable household items, furniture and clothing. Greatest needs at this time include household items, dishes, pots and pans, wall shelving, small appliances, books, media equipment (such as cameras and radios.), TVs under 5 years old, gently-used furniture with no stains or tears, and clothing. Receipts for your donation will be available.



Couples' Retreat

February 11-13 • Alexandria, MN

Pr Jerry will be our speaker for this special weekend. We'll stay in the adult retreat center at Luther Crest Bible Camp. For \$200/couple, enjoy a two-night stay in a private room with 3/4 bath, four meals (3 on Saturday & brunch on Sunday), and all retreat materials. There is plenty of free time built into the weekend — nap, cross-country ski, go snow-tubing, shop, see a movie, or just hang out with your spouse. Sign up in the narthex at church.

Connections Ministry



The new year is a time to look back at the joyful events of 2010 in our church Family – celebrations honoring the retirements of Pastor Nate and Lois Groen, the start-up of the new school year, and the everyday blessings of life. We look back and we say "thank you" to those who have celebrated with us, keeping this Family close and growing.

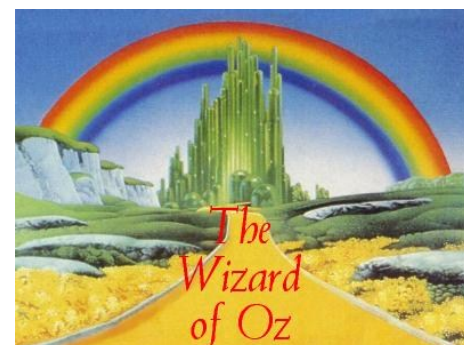
In the gifts of one another, God has given us the materials to weave a unique and colorful Family of Christ. Working side-by-side, we connect across age groups and interests. Our world is expanded even as the fabric of FoC is woven more tightly. Maybe you've resolved to get more involved at church this year, re-discovering the simple joys in sharing community and making new friendships. As your Connections Coordinator at Family of Christ, I am here to help you connect in ways that are meaningful to you and that help advance FoC's mission of *Making Disciples Making a Difference*. We have many opportunities waiting for you in 2011 -- from Shared Ministry (helping with worship and hospitality on Sundays) to fellowship groups to serving others beyond this Family of Christ.

Let me help you weave yourself into the fabric of this beautiful faith Family!

~ Pam Schumacher, Connections Coordinator
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Family of Christ's 4th Annual All-Church Musical!

Performance Dates:
 February 25 • 7:00 PM
 February 26 • 2:00 & 7:00 PM
 February 27 • 2:00 PM



Rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 5!

Thank you for all your interest in & excitement about *The Wizard of Oz!* The first rehearsal, on Wednesday at 6:30 PM, will be a sing-through of all production numbers. All cast needs to be present. Regular rehearsals begin Sunday, January 9. Rehearsals are Sundays, 1:00-3:30 PM, and Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 PM. Detailed rehearsal schedules will be available soon. I'm looking forward to a fun time & another great production! ~ *Melanie Hanson, Director of Worship & Music*

Sponsors Needed for All-church Musical!

One of the many reasons that Family of Christ presents a fabulous musical production each February is to help fund the costs of our summer mission trip ministry. This year's musical *The Wizard of Oz* will be presented the weekend of February 25-27, 2011. With great involvement by trip participants, this church event provides opportunities for sharing musical and theatrical gifts, fellowship, community outreach, new friendships, and broad support of our church's mission of "Making Disciples, Making a Difference!" In continuing efforts to broaden community involvement in support of our growing mission trip ministry, we would like to invite local business and corporate sponsors to participate by contributing financially to underwrite production costs. If you are aware of an organization or business that you believe would have interest in partnering in ministry with us, please contact Leann Thompson, Director of Faith Formation: leann@familyofchristonline.com or 952-934-5659, ext. 24.



January is a Great Time to Join a Music Group!

Come to any rehearsal & bring a friend. Contact melanie@familyofchristonline.com for more info.

Praise for Him This adult contemporary group is getting a fresh start & would love some new faces! We could use singers & instrumentalists. The commitment is one weekend/month.

River of Joy is a contemporary group that rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00 PM & lead worship two Sundays/month.

Family of Christ Singers traditional choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00 PM & leads worship twice/month at 9:15 AM.

Chamber Players Instrumentalists who rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:15, usually once/month.

Lux Aeterna (6th through 12th grade) is our junior high/senior high contemporary worship band. We rehearse every Wednesday at 5:30 PM & lead worship one Sunday/month at 10:45 AM.

40:3 (9th through 12th grade) is a new contemporary group open to 9th-12th graders. Led by Marissa Thorson, 40:3 rehearses on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM.

Children's Choirs Rehearse either Wednesdays or Sundays & sing for one worship service per month.

There is Much for Which We're Grateful

Operation Christmas Child & FACIC



Thank you, one and all! You are global Christians in Action (CIA). You provided hope and joy in the form of 75 filled shoeboxes that were delivered to children around the world. Every child also received a small book in their native language, telling the Good News of "The Greatest Gift of All." AND all 168 snowflakes listing the Christmas needs & wishes for children in foster care were covered—which is a whole lot of generosity!

Summer Lawn Care

We are grateful to the 25 people who volunteered their time and talents to mow FoC's grass, saving the church approximately \$6,000. Give these people a hand shake or a pat on the back and say "thanks:" David Augustine, Charlie Augustine, Buck Beuch, Steve Berg, Larry Frank, Don Gildea, Mark Gulbransen, Gene Heikkinen, Bob Jungerberg, Dale Maenke, Pete Maenke, Kevin Preiss, Greg Provo, Mike Preston, Tim Rendall, Ryan Rendall, Mark Schumacher, Conner Schumacher, Mark Spangrud, Craig Stacey, Ken Strand, Brian Tjenstrom, Dennis Trisler, and John Williams. A special thank you to Kevin Burns, our chief mechanic, for keeping everything working. And, of course, to Dave Maenke for all his time & efforts coordinating and being part of this essential group. It's never too early to start thinking about next year. If you'd like to be part of this elite group, contact Dave at dmaenke@gmail.com; 952-470-1583.

Christmas Boutique & Cookie Walk

It's true — Mother Nature didn't cooperate for this year's Christmas Boutique & Cookie Walk ... but that makes us even more grateful for everyone who put so much time & effort into it. Despite blizzard conditions, the CB/CW netted about \$1500, which will be used for unbudgeted needs that arise at FoC in 2011. A huge thank-you to the chairs of the CB/CW: Joanne Salo, Melissa Lynk, & Jennifer Kinneman. Thanks, too, to the Holiday Café crew: Sue Gebauer, Darlene & Dean Brown, and Nancy & Scott Rogneby. Also, thanks to the Cookie Kitchen Ladies who are too numerous to mention but who were led by Judy Prinz & Lynn Merrick...and to Nancy Bubke and the carolers, our vendors, those who put on the children's party, and everyone who 'manned' the money boxes. And, of course, thank you to all who baked the delicious treats. Without you, there would be no Cookie Walk!

Christmas Eve

Many people worked to make this a magical, spirit-filled afternoon & evening. At the risk of overlooking anyone...we extend a heartfelt thank you to the Sacred Seasons committee for decorating the church; to Nancy Simpson for creating the beautiful new white banners; to Greg Provo & the Men's Group for setting up & decorating the Christmas trees; to Buck Beuch for his tireless efforts clearing snow from the parking lot; to everyone who ushered, greeted, served communion, read, sang, played an instrument, ran projection or in any other way participated in services that evening; to Sam Ische & her family for making the beautiful luminaries & to everyone who helped set them out & light them. Again, please forgive us if we've overlooked anyone. Know that all efforts were greatly appreciated. This was truly a Family gathering, as people came home (to FoC) for Christmas!



FAMILY UPDATE

Month-to-date Giving Through 12/27	Month's Goal: December	Year-to-date Giving: through 11/30	Year-to-date Goal: through 11/30
\$77,057	\$149,213	\$760,674	\$850,787

Preschool News

- **January 3** – Classes resume
- **January 17** – No classes — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **January 28** – No classes — ELEA Conference for staff



Registration for the 2011/2012 school year opens for current families on January 15, and for all others on February 1. For more information, contact Susan Schmidt: 952-380-9838; preschool@familyofchristonline.com. Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4, & 5-year olds.



Ministry to Children & Families

Church School:

January 9: Sunday Church School classes resume

February 20: Sing & Serve Sunday



Christos:

January 12: Wednesday evening activities resume

January 16: Christos swimming event, time TBD

February 10: Christos cooking event for The Gathering Place • 9:00 AM-Noon

Looking Ahead

Young Couples' Dinner

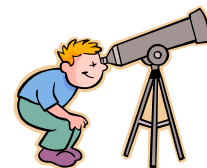
**Friday, February 18
6:30 PM**

This is a new ministry for parents of children under the age of two. We'll have dinner together and listen to a fabulous speaker (Pastor Jerry) talk to us about parenting issues and raising children in the Christian faith.

This is the first of two such dinners. The second dinner is planned for April.

Invitations will be sent out in late January.

Please plan to join us!



Confirmation

Confirmation resumes Wednesday, January 12.

January 12, 19, & 26:

6th-8th grade at FoC; 9th grade at LifeGuides' homes

9th grade Confirmation students:

Make sure you sign up for your Faith in Action Project interview this month. Bring your completed project proposal form to your interview. Interviews must be completed by Jan 31! *Contact Lindsey with questions.*

Winter Retreat



6th-8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Luther Crest Bible Camp • January 15 & 16

We'll depart at 8:00 AM on Saturday and return by 2:00 PM on Sunday. In early January, a packing list will be emailed to you and posted on www.familyofchristonline.com. High schoolers are invited to come up Friday evening through Sunday to help lead the retreat! Contact Lindsey with any questions.



Sunday Night Life!

HIGH SCHOOL:

1/02: NO SNL — Happy New Year!

1/09: Learn — We'll talk about materialism and how God calls us to live more simply- DUCKY NIGHT!

1/16: NO SNL due to the Confirmation Winter Retreat.

1/23: Play — Beat the winter blues with some wild and wacky games!

1/30: Connect — Learn more about one another's faith by sharing your favorite Bible story/passage. Come with your Bible and your story picked out!

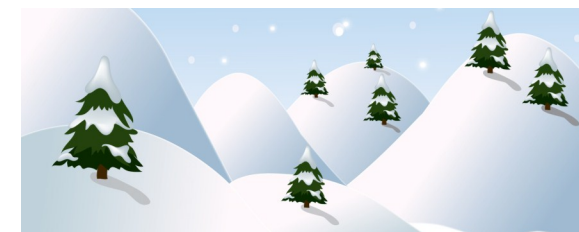


Basketball

The high school boys' basketball season begins January 9!

A schedule will be emailed/posted on the website as soon as it's made.

We still have two spots open on the team, so contact Lindsey if you want to join in the fun!



Mission Trips

Next mission trip meeting for El Salvador, Mystery, and Kure Beach is Sun, Jan 9 from 5-6:00 PM. This meeting is for participants and leaders.