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# Tabletalk

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# March 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by PFH <b>10:15 AM</b> K2 Choir (CR) <b>10:15 AM</b> Thrive (Music Room) <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by PFH <b>2:00 PM</b> Musical / Wizard of Oz <b>6:30 PM</b> No SNL	<b>28</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>9:30 AM</b> MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children)	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (offsite) <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) <b>5:30 PM</b> Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) <b>6:00 PM</b> Christos <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers (Music office)	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> New Member Class	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Friday Morning Bible Study <b>11:15 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling Team
<b>6</b> Sing & Serve Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>8:45 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> K2 Choir (CR) <b>10:15 AM</b> Thrive (Music Room) <b>10:15 AM</b> Town Hall Meeting <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> A Case for Faith -- book study for 11th-graders <b>2:00 PM</b> Barbara Hone Piano Recital <b>6:30 PM</b> SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>7</b> Preschool Conferences <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>9:30 AM</b> MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children) <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study (location varies)	<b>8</b> Preschool Conferences <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council Mtg (CR)	<b>9</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Ash Wednesday No Wednesday Activities <b>9:30 AM</b> Chapel Chats <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship led by FoC Singers <b>6:30 PM</b> Ventures Scene leader Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship led by FoC Singers <b>7:30 PM</b> Lenten Worship Service	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Chapel Chats <b>6:30 PM</b> Luther for Lutherans	<b>11</b> No School <b>9:30 AM</b> Friday Morning Bible Study <b>11:15 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters	<b>12</b> 30 Hour Famine Tables for 8
<b>13</b> 30 Hour Famine Congregational Meeting <b>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Worship led by FoC Singers <b>10:15 AM</b> K2 Choir (CR) <b>10:15 AM</b> Thrive (Music Room) <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by Lux Aeterna <b>2:00 PM</b> Christos Kids cooking event for The Gathering Place <b>6:30 PM</b> No SNL Tonight (Sunday Night Life)	<b>14</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>9:30 AM</b> MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children)	<b>15</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sandwich Making <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) <b>5:30 PM</b> Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) <b>6:00 PM</b> Ventures <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers (Music office) <b>7:30 PM</b> Lenten Worship Service	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Making the Transition	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Friday Morning Bible Study <b>11:15 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>19</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Feed My Starving Children <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling Team
<b>20</b> New Members Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by ROJ <b>10:15 AM</b> K2 Choir (CR) <b>10:15 AM</b> Thrive (Music Room) <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by ROJ <b>12:00 PM</b> A Case for Faith -- book study for 11th-graders <b>5:00 PM</b> Mystery & Kure Beach Mission Trip Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> SNL (Sunday Night Life) <b>7:00 PM</b> Soccer Club Board Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion) <b>9:30 AM</b> MoYC Group (Mothers of Young Children) <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop #12916 (CR) <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study (location varies)	<b>22</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Chapel Chats <b>5:00 PM</b> Praise Unlimited (Sanctuary) <b>5:30 PM</b> Lux Aeterna (Sanctuary) <b>6:00 PM</b> Ventures <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> FoC Singers (Music office) <b>7:30 PM</b> Lenten Worship Service	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Chapel Chats <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship @ Summerwood <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Baptism class	<b>25</b> Chaska Spring Break <b>11:15 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> No Church School <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by PFH <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship led by PFH <b>6:30 PM</b> NO SNL (Sunday Night Life)	<b>28</b> Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break <b>6:18 AM</b> Bible Study (Chan Amer Legion)	<b>29</b> Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> ROJ Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break NO Wednesday Activities <b>7:30 PM</b> Lenten Worship Service	<b>31</b> Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break	<b>1</b> Chaska Spring Break No Preschool Classes / Spring Break <b>9:30 AM</b> Friday Morning Bible Study <b>11:15 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Group <b>8:00 AM</b> Exec Team <b>4:30 PM</b> Feed My Starving Children <b>6:45 PM</b> Lickety Splits Bowling Team

# Table Talking Points

*“We’re getting there...”*

God called Moses to lead the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land of Palestine.



Moses was a great and visionary leader. He had courage and creativity; he sought divine wisdom and followed where it took him. When he died at a ripe old age, he was still a play-maker – “his sight was unimpaired and his vigor was not abated,” it says in Deuteronomy 34: 7b. But God said, “Enough.” Moses, the only patriarch his people had known, was gone. After a period of mourning – “The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days” -- Joshua son of Nun was elevated to the top spot, and a new chapter for Israel began.

We get that.

When Nate Castens – founding pastor of Family of Christ and the only senior pastor, shaper of worship and tone-setter, who welcomed everyone “home”– announced his intention to retire and then did in June last year, it rocked our world. Oh, meaningful worship is still happening, people are showing up to praise God and take care of one another, children’s programming is as strong as ever, church council is leading, staff is united and working hard, newcomers are smiling. But things aren’t the same, either.

Pastor Jerry Wahl came to “mind the gap” until we call our permanent senior pastor, and he has been a real blessing to us all. I love working with Jerry – who is wise and fun and funny, patient and affirming, energetic and clear-eyed (except when he can’t find his glasses!) AND I miss my old partner, Nate – who read my mind and finished my sentences and taught me the measure of a pastor’s heart.

I am both grateful for what has been and eager for what will be. This is a healthy, grace-filled congregation with an abundance of gifted, committed disciples. There is an open road in front of us, and we are experiencing some acceleration as we move into the driving lane with the congregational survey, gatherings for reporting and conversation, and more -- all laying the ground work for our call process. As Jerry likes to say, “We’re getting there.” Like the people of Israel re-grouping after Moses’ departure, we’ve lifted our heads and we’re looking forward, moving through a valley we’ve never laid eyes on to a new place – and leader -- that God is preparing for us.

Thanks be to God!

Your grateful traveling companion,

*Pastor Kristie*



# All-Church Opportunities

**MARCH BOUNTIFUL BASKET ITEM:  
Personal care items (shampoo, bar  
soap, toothpaste, feminine care  
items, deodorant, etc.)**

*Put beneath cross in sanctuary*

## 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.

## Enrich Your Marriage

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 March 11-13 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](http://godlovesmarriage.com).



**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.

## Southwest Grief Coalition

Losing someone we love is one of life’s most challenging passages. Five Eden Prairies churches partner to offer a spring series, “Living and Growing Through Loss.” The series is held at Immanuel Lutheran Church (16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie) on Mondays from March 7-April 18 (except April 4) from 5:30-7:30 PM. Nursery care is available with advance notice (952-937-8123) 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 Immanuel at 952-937-8123.

## Disciples Making a Difference

CAP Agency/Chaska needs...

- Individuals to serve on the local Bountiful Basket Food Shelf board for 2011. The board meets once a month for one hour or less. For info, contact Tom Redman at 952-227-7745 or [tredman@chaskamn.com](mailto:tredman@chaskamn.com).
- 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.



## 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.

## Everyone's invited!



### 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).



#### Family of Christ School of Music

It's not too late in the semester to register for private lessons. Lessons are available for piano, saxophone, flute, oboe, clarinet, and guitar. Summer lessons are also available. Please contact Melanie Hanson at [melanie@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:melanie@familyofchristonline.com) for more information.

*Sing aloud unto God our strength:  
make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.*  
~ Psalm 81



The Family of Christ DISCOVERING, Calling, Celebrating Team is reviewing the information received from the Congregational Survey and will report its findings to the congregation on March 13 at noon at FoC. The answers from this survey will help us move forward in our process to call a new senior pastor. Please plan to attend!

**Sign up for Simply Giving!** The Simply Giving® Program, endorsed by Thrivent Financial, enables church members to make contributions to FoC electronically. This is a convenient, safe, and simple way to give without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. It also offers greater financial consistency for Family of Christ, allowing us to plan for the future more confidently. You may pick up an authorization form in the church office, print one from our web site, or use the one you'll receive with your February giving statement. Thank you for taking part in Simply Giving!



### Opportunities for Newcomers at Family of Christ

**Newcomers' Event** -- Thursday, March 3, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 PM

**Luther for Lutherans** -- March 10, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 PM

**Making the Transition** -- March 17, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 PM

**Adult Baptism** -- March 24, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 PM

**New Member Welcome Sunday** -- March 20, 2011 • 9:15 & 10:45 AM Services



If you're looking for a church home, we invite you to the Newcomers' Event. Join our pastors, council leaders, and some staff for a light dinner in a casual social setting. Enjoy a glass of wine and get acquainted. Take a tour of the building and explore ways to get connected at FoC. Learn something about the Lutheran flavor of Christian faith and ask your questions, theological and practical.

Then go a little deeper with others at FoC in one or more of the sessions later in the month of March, depending on your particular needs and church background. If you'd like a refresher on Lutheran Christianity, come on March 10. If you come to FoC from a tradition other than Lutheran, come March 17. If you're a new Christian and desire baptism, come March 24.

Professional childcare for children 4 and under will be provided in the church nursery. If you have older children who would need supervision, let us know; we will make every effort to accommodate them, too.

Please contact Pam Schumacher, Connections Coordinator, at [pam@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:pam@familyofchristonline.com), or 952-934-5659 ext. 29, to register for any of these events.

#### FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Balance as of 1/01/2011	+	Income through 1/31/2011	-	Expenses through 1/31/2011	=	General Fund Balance as of 1/31/2011
\$3,977		\$80,776		(\$86,795)		(\$2,042)

# Preschool, Children, & Families

# Confirmation, Middle School, Senior High

## Preschool News



- **March 7 & 8** – Conferences: No preschool classes. Childcare & sibling care will be provided during conferences
- **March 25– April 3** – No preschool classes: District 112 spring break



**Donations Needed** The preschool is gearing up for its annual Country Fair fundraiser on April 15 and is in need of donations to auction off during the Silent Auction. If you are willing to donate a product, gift card, or service, or know of someone who is, please contact Susan Schmidt at 952-380-9838.

**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. For more information or a tour, contact Susan Schmidt: 952-380-9838 or [preschool@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com). Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4, & 5-year-olds.

## Ministry to Children & Families

### Church School:

**March 6:** Sing & Serve Sunday Children come directly to the Family Room downstairs

**March 27:** No church school — District 112 spring break

### Christos:

**March 9:** Ash Wednesday services at 5:30 & 7:00. No Wednesday activities. See you in worship!

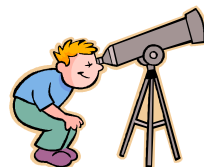
**Cooking event for The Gathering Place in Chaska • March 13, 2:00-4:30 PM**

We'll make a complete meal for 120 people to be served the following evening. Open to the first 20 kids and any adults who can help. Bring \$10 to help cover the cost of food. *Rescheduled from an earlier date.*

**March 16:** Ventures begins on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:15 PM (note the later ending time).

**March 30:** No Wednesday activities: District 112 spring break

## Looking Ahead



**April 3** — Sing 'n Serve Sunday

**April 16** — KICK's Easter Party with FoC Preschool; 10-11:30 AM; ages 2-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and parents; storytime, crafts, treats & an Easter egg hunt!

**April 16** — Christos Service Event; 2:00-4:00 PM; make little 'Lovies' to be given to 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 Experience for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders; 4:00 PM

## Confirmation

**3/02:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Lifeguides' homes

**3/09:** No confirmation—Ash Wednesday. See you in worship at 5:30 or 7:00!

**3/16:** All students 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 6:30-8:00 PM

**3/23:** All students 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades at FoC; 6:30-8:00 PM

**3/30:** No SNL—Happy spring break!



## Sunday Night Life!

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

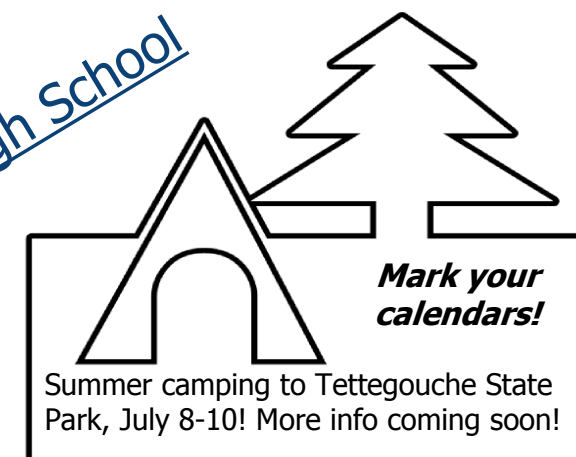
**3/06 • LEARN:** Ducky night! Bring your Bible — topic TBD.

**3/13: No SNL** due to 30 Hour Famine

**3/20: Play!** Come for a mystery activity that promises to be a ton of fun!

**3/30: NO SNL** — Happy spring break!

*High School*



## Mission Trip Participants

Mission trip meeting for Mystery Trip and Kure Beach participants — March 20; 5:00-6:00 PM. \$50 payment due for Mystery and \$100 for Kure Beach.

## 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 go 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 ASAP. 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.*