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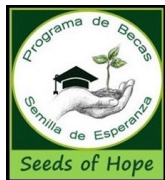
Hello
my name is
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FoC



Family News

November 26, 2017



Seeds of Hope Sponsors – Please stop by the “café” area of the narthex TODAY to write your student a Christmas card.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
 December 3 @ 8, 9:15 & 10:45
Longing for Christ
 1st Sunday in Advent: Mark 13:24-37



WELCOME TO INTERIM PASTOR SUSAN ENGHOLM Working with the Minneapolis Area Synod, our Transition Team (Lance Wegner, Marcia Strand, Robert Hoppe, and Pastor Josh) has been meeting over the last three months in preparation for bringing an Interim Pastor on board. After interviewing Pastor Sue, the Transition Team recommended her to the HR Team and the Church Council, who approved hiring her earlier this month. Pastor Sue has jumped right in and is serving as our preacher today. She will be with us part-time to preach, teach Confirmation, and provide pastoral care and visitation. Pastor Sue was ordained in 2003 and has served in a variety of settings in southwest MN. She lives in Watertown with her husband, Jeff, who serves as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. Welcome Pastor Sue!

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN: There are some openings on our church council for 2018, and the Nominating Committee has now begun its work. If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for serving on our church council, or if you'd like to nominate a fellow congregation member, please speak to church council members, or pastors or any of these Nominating Committee members: Kate Miner (chairperson), Tim Rendall, Sara Welder, Gary Lomauro, Sheila Walter, Donna Even, Tracy Sudak, and Pastor Josh. Positions to be filled are: treasurer, and three at-large members (one with connections to HR).

NEXT SUNDAY, THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS: Today's Christ the King celebration is the final Sunday in the church year calendar. Next Sunday, we start all over as we mark the beginning of Advent. Our theme this year is "Longing For Christ" which is a lyric from the hymn, 'Christ, Be Our Light.' The Gospel readings for this year's Advent season come from Mark. Note that the children's Christmas program will be presented at 9:15 and 10:45 am on Dec. 10.

Need a feel-good gift idea for that person who has everything? This year's Christmas Tree in the Narthex is supporting **ELCA'S GOOD GIFTS PROGRAM**. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. For as little as \$10, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Feel free to take a coin bank (Pig or Barn) to fill and an Advent calendar. Take an ornament off the tree to make a donation. Bring cash or check (envelopes near the tree) back to FoC (make checks out to FoC so it goes on your giving statement) by Dec. 17. This is a great way for FoC to come together and make a huge difference in the world church! Thank you for your generosity!



BLOOD MOBILE: Sunday, Dec. 3 the Memorial Blood Center Blood Mobile will be here from 8-11am. Sign up online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives (enter code 4049 to get to the sign up sheet). We'd love to have a full drive of 25 people! You get a cookie and juice! Questions? Talk to Kim at kim@familyofchristonline.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SUNDAY, November 26:

Worship Services—8, 9:15 & 10:45 AM

MONDAY, November 27:

District 112 Conferences
FoC Preschool: No School
Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM
Sr. High Youth Fellowship— 3:00-5:00 PM
6th-8th Grade Fellowship— 5:30-7:30 PM
Spirit of Praise Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, November 28:

Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
Weekly Staff Meeting— 11:30 AM
Women's Bible Study— 1:30 PM
Common Thread Dinner Out (Christo's)— 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, November 29:

Praise Unlimited Rehearsal— 5:30 PM
Christos (Shopping Event)— 6:00 PM
Lux Aeterna Rehearsal— 6:00 PM
Confirmation (Hot Topics)— 6:30 PM
EPIC Rehearsal— 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, November 30:

FoC Singers Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, December 1:

Preschool Parent's Day Off— 9:00 AM
Women's Bible Study— 9:30 AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry— 11:00 AM
Quilting Ministry— 1:00 PM

SATURDAY, December 2:

The Spartan's (Men's Group)— 7:30 AM
Spirit of Praise Rehearsal— 9:00 AM
Exec. Team Meeting— 9:30 AM
NextGen European Market— 10:00 AM
Chamber Players Rehearsal— 10:30 AM
Lickety Splits Bowling League— 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, December 3:

Blood Drive
Worship Services—8, 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM
Sr. High Christmas Party— 11:45 AM

*Bountiful Basket Food Shelf Need
for Dec. is **DISPOSABLE DIAPERS***



*The complete Family of Christ calendar
is online. Click on the calendar icon.*



VISITOR STATION: If you are visiting us today and are interested in receiving more information about our different programs, please check out our Visitor Station. Simply enter the information requested and hit submit. You will receive an email the following Tuesday. **Welcome** and thanks for visiting!

FACEBOOK TWITTER INSTAGRAM



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Stay up to date on events and announcements, see pictures of all the awesome things that go on here, and connect with other members through social media. Follow us by searching for @famchristluth for the main church page and @famchristyouth for all things youth. Remember to like, share, and tag yourself in photos!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL PICTURE continues to show our expenses outpacing our offering income for the year. In these final two months, let's all do our share to help right our financial ship, providing enough resources to meet all our obligations, plus fulfill our plans for ministry. And thank you for all the ways you help Family of Christ make a difference! Direct any questions or concerns to our Council President, Lance Wegner (focprez@gmail.com) or to any of our council members.

General Fund Balance	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	General Fund Balance
\$3,930 (1/1/17)	+ \$644,091	- \$652,817	- \$4,796 (10/31/17)

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

forming relationships with others in our church community

TWO COMMON THREAD EVENTS (55+)

- 1** Gather on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Christo's restaurant (15600 Hwy 7, Minnetonka) for dinner at 6pm. Voted best restaurant by *Mpls. St Paul* magazine in 2017. No need to sign up, just show up! Questions, contact Phil or Karen Schechter at pkschechter@usfamily.net **OPA!**
- 2** Join us for Game Night (Bunco) and the traditional White Elephant Exchange on Dec. 9 at 6:30pm in Victoria at the home of Jim and Judy Seifert (8360 Kelzer Pond Drive). Bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice. Each person should bring their own White Elephant gift. Coffee and dessert will be provided. RSVP to jinseif@gmail.com

NEXTGEN (for empty-nesters or almost empty-nesters) we have a couple of dates to get on your calendar!

Sat., Dec. 2: St. Paul European Christmas Market is taking place outside at the Union Depot. Join us to wander the market, enjoying traditional European fare! We'll meet at church at 10 am to carpool and have lunch at the market! Sign up on the kiosk or let Kim know that you'd like to join us!

Sat., Feb. 17: We will be attending a hilarious show called "Til Death: A Marriage Musical" at the Bucket Brigade Theater in St Paul. We will have a sign up on the kiosk soon so we can purchase tickets. Get this on your calendar – perhaps a Valentine's Day gift?!? Questions talk to Monica Cox or Kim.

FoC DIRECTORY

Thanks to everyone who took the time to come get their family pictures taken! We had over 170 families participate! If you would still like to have your photo in the directory, you are able to submit a photo for a \$10 fee. Please email all photos to Kim (kim@familyofchristonline.com) by November 27.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

working together to impact the lives of those around us



LOVE LET GO: It's not too late to still provide a pledge for our congregation's ministry for 2018. We've received a good number of responses, though are running a little behind last year's mark. Do know that it is incredibly helpful to the staff and lay leaders to make plans according to these pledges as we prepare for ministry in the year ahead. Let's let the love of God go in all the ways we serve, worship, give, pray, and share.

A NEW SIMPSON HOUSE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY OF CHRIST The Simpson House has decided to launch a new program called Celebrate with Sharing which celebrates school attendance. We can help by creating Family Fun Kits. The kits are designed to provide a fun experience for families when they achieve a school attendance goal. Pick up an envelope from our table located in the narthex and purchase the items to create a kit! There are 6 different kinds of kits. We will collect assembled kits from Nov. 12 - Dec. 3. Thanks for any assistance you are able to give to this valuable ministry in the Twin Cities.

OUR SAVIOUR'S WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: The Christians in Action (CIA) committee will be collecting men's and women's gloves/mittens, scarves, hats, warm winter socks, underwear and undershirts for Our Saviour's Housing in Minneapolis until December 15, when we next serve a meal. See the display on the CIA bulletin board outside the kitchen to learn more about our connections to this wonderful ministry. And sign up now to help us provide food for our next turn serving, Dec. 15.

MAKING DISCIPLES

rowing together in faith to embrace God's love

FAMILY OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL

FoC Preschool offers classes for 2, 3, 4 & 5-year olds, JumpStart Kindergarten, afternoon enrichment classes, and optional Lunch Bunch and Stay & Play for afternoon care. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at preschool@familyofchristonline.com or 952-380-9838.

Upcoming dates: Nov. 22-27— Thanksgiving Break Dec. 3— Parent's Day Off (9-2)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL No classes this morning. Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

CHRISTOS No Classes this past Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Break.



YOUTH MINISTRY - Dates to Remember

11/27: Fellowship Event

11/29: 6-9th Grade Confirmation: Hot Topics Night
EPIC Rehearsal @ 8pm

12/3: Sr. High Bible Study @ 10:10
Sr. High Christmas Party, 12-3:30
(bake cookies, watch movies, play games)
Bring a dish to share for potluck lunch.

12/6: 6th-9th Grade Confirmation
EPIC Rehearsal @ 8pm

12/13: 6-8th Grade Confirmation
9th Grade: Faith in Daily Life (Davanni's)
Sr. High Perks! Meet @ Perkins, 7:30-9
(pie, devotions & fellowship)

12/14: NEW! Join us for coffee & a blessing @
8:30 (*late start/no school*)
Caribou Coffee in Chaska Commons
* Remember to bring your mug.

12/17: Sr. High Bible Study @ 10:10

COOKIE WALK BAKERS: It's that time again! We need a minimum of 35 bakers for our annual Cookie Walk. Please bake at least 6 dozen of your most festive Christmas Cookies and have them to the church by 4pm on Friday, Dec. 8th. Please sign up on the kiosk so we know that we'll have enough cookies! If you'd like to help with this event sign up on the kiosk or talk to Kim.

COOKIE WALK: Join us on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 9-11am for our annual Cookie Walk! Come fill a container to the brim, \$10 ea. Get all your holiday baking done in one spot! **NEW this year - Elsa and Anna** (from Frozen fame) will be here from 9:30-10:30 to entertain the kids! We will also have FoC honey available and some fun Haitian crafts for sale (these items will also be available for purchase between worship services on Dec. 10). It's a great addition to your holiday traditions! Come early for the best selection. Questions, talk to Kim.

