

# FoC

## Family News

February 25, 2018

(worship at 8, 9:15 & 10:45)

### Next Sunday

**LENT 3: Sign for the Church**  
*John 2:13-22*



**Signs  
Along the  
Way**  
Lent 2018



Bountiful Basket  
food shelf need  
for February is  
**RICE & PASTA.**  
Put donations in  
the marked  
storage bin.



Buy Tickets  
Online Now!

**GIVE  
BLOOD**

Sunday, March  
18 at FoC  
Sign up online



Seeds of Hope  
Card Writing

**SIGNS ALONG THE WAY:** This is our theme for Lent which runs Feb. 18-March 18. Each Wednesday (Feb. 21-Mar. 21) we are hosting a brief Bible Study (led by Pastors & Staff) at Perkins restaurant in Chanhassen at 11:45am. We'll also offer Holden Evening Prayer services on Lenten Wednesdays (except for Mar. 7) from 7-7:30. Finally, we invite people to join our **FACEBOOK BIBLE STUDY!** Do this by joining the group through our Church's Facebook page. A weekly short video presentation will be provided by a pastor or staff member Wednesday nights (Feb. 21-March 21) at 8:30pm. For that first hour of 8:30-9:30pm, the presenter will respond in real time to anyone who types in—but other responses are welcome in the days following. You are invited to join us for this unique and social media Bible study.

#### **LENTEN SUNDAY THEMES**

**2/25** Unity of Purpose - by Pr. Josh  
*Jesus Rebukes Peter*

**3/4** Sign for the Church - by Pr. Josh  
*Jesus Turns the Tables in the Temple*

**3/11** Love the World God Made - by Pr. Jeanne  
*God So Loved the World*

**3/18** Dead End - by Pr. Sue  
*Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls into the Earth*

#### **LENTEN WEDNESDAY THEMES**

**2/28** Reevaluating - by Leann T.

**3/7** Recovering - by Andie R.

**3/14** Rerouting - by Pr. Josh

**3/21** Reorienting - by Pr. Sue

**TICKETS** for our 11th annual all-church musical, **"THE WIZARD OF OZ"**, are now on sale online (<https://bpt.me/3235446>) and are \$12 each. Performances are March 9-11 (two evening and two matinee performances). Proceeds from the show go to support FoC summer mission trips.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Now is the time to order flowers for FoC Easter services! The beautiful blooming lily, tulip, mum or hydrangea plant you choose will grace our sanctuary on Easter morning, and you may take it home after the 11am service. Please turn in an order form (found in the narthex) and check to our church office by March 4.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Save a life this Lenten Season! Memorial Blood Centers will be here Sun., March 18 from 8–11:30. Sign up for a time through our website or call or email Kim to schedule (952-934-5659 ext. 11; [kim@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:kim@familyofchristonline.com)). Let's continue our streak of a full drive – at least 20 people donating! We can do it!

**WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY, PARKER!** We celebrate the baptism today of Parker Nicol at 9:15, marking the beginning of his faith journey at our baptismal font. Parker was born Sept. 21, 2017, and his parents, Ryan and Becky present him today. We also welcome his baptismal sponsors: Paul and Annie Tupy.

**SEEDS OF HOPE SPONSORS** – stop in the narthex today to write an Easter card for your student. Contact Kris Waters at [sobergirl1970@gmail.com](mailto:sobergirl1970@gmail.com) with questions.

## ***This Week in Our Church***

### **SUNDAY, February 25:**

2nd Grade Bible Presentation  
Worship Service— 8, 9:15 & 10:45  
Drama Ministry (Team B)— 8:45 AM  
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM  
Parker Nicol Baptism— 9:15 AM  
Musical Rehearsal— 1:00 PM  
Compass Rose Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

### **MONDAY, February 26:**

Men's Bible Study (Chan. Am. Legion)— 6:18 AM  
Pit Orchestra Rehearsal— 6:00 PM

### **TUESDAY, February 27:**

Weekly Staff Meeting— 11:30 AM  
Women's Bible Study— 1:30 PM  
HR Meeting— 6:30 PM  
Spirit of Praise Rehearsal— 7:00PM

### **WEDNESDAY, February 28:**

Lenten Lunch (Perkins, Chan)— 11:45 AM  
Praise Unlimited Rehearsal— 5:30 PM  
Christos— 6:00 PM  
Lux Aeterna Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
Musical Rehearsal— 6:00 PM  
Confirmation— 6:30 PM  
Lenten Worship— 7:00 PM  
HS Perks— 7:30PM

### **THURSDAY, March 1:**

Preschool Conferences— No School (March 1 & 2)  
Yoga with Kim— 6:00 PM  
FoC Singers Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

### **FRIDAY, March 2:**

Lenten Bible Study— 9:30 AM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry— 11:00 AM  
Quilting Ministry— 1:00 PM  
ExSOULtation Rehearsal— 7:00 PM

### **SATURDAY, March 3:**

The Spartans (Men's Group)— 7:30 AM  
SoP Rehearsal— 9:00 AM  
Exec Team Meeting— 9:30 AM  
Musical Tech Rehearsal— 10:00 AM

### **SUNDAY, March 4:**

Worship Service— 8, 9:15 & 10:45  
Sunday School— 9:15 & 10:45 AM  
Senior High Bible Study— 10:15 AM  
Musical Rehearsal (w/Orchestra)— 1:00 PM

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



# Our Offerings

# ***MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

What impact do the weekly offerings have in the ministry that we share at Family of Christ? Each month, we hope to give you a sampling of how your financial gifts serve as the fuel that fires-up our church life together. Here are the main ways people share their gifts: checks or cash in the offering baskets during worship, the Give+ app, or through Simply Giving.

In February, here are a few of the things our offerings covered:

- \* Paid water, sewer & storm water bill: \$566
- \* Paid monthly church insurance: \$795
- \* Paid two unexpected bills: \$2,000+
  1. Fixing the automated handicap front door;
  2. Acquiring a new laptop in the sanctuary to handle our AV needs for worship & confirmation
- \* Paid monthly salary & benefits for pastors & faith formation staff: \$25,212
- \* Paid benevolence to the Mpls. Area Synod: \$2,500

*(This gift to our Synod supports the Bishop and staff, plus provides for their wide-ranging ministry to assist congregations and Christian ministries, and includes support for the national ELCA, headquartered in Chicago.)*



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## MAKING CONNECTIONS

*forming relationships with others in our church community*

The next **COMMON THREAD (55+) DINNER NIGHT OUT** will be tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 26 at 6pm at Jake O'Conner's Public House, 200 Water Street, Excelsior. If you are a regular or have never attended a Dinner Night Out or are new to FoC, this is a good way to meet people. Come and enjoy some good food and conversation. No need to sign up, just show up.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CALL COMMITTEE?** We are putting together a committee to work on creating a ministry-site-profile, building a job description for an Associate Pastor, then interviewing prospective candidates, and finally recommending a candidate to the Congregation. If you are interested in serving on this Call Committee, please contact Pastor Josh in person or via email to express your interest and availability ([josh@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:josh@familyofchristonline.com)).

**MN UNITED: Bring your scarves and get ready to cheer!!!** Join us for Faith and Family Day at the MN United game against the San Jose Earthquakes, Saturday, May 12 @1pm. Before the game CEO Chris Wright will talk about his faith with more than 30 churches who are participating in this event! Discounted tickets are \$20 each. We will have lower level seats. Sign up on the kiosk or online by April 15th. Talk to Kim with questions. Fun for the whole family! GOOOOOOOOAL!

Join us for an **ADULT LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY** at 9:30am each Friday through March 23. Come for this pastor-led study and discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday worship services. We will use a resource from the ELCA called Daily Discipleship as the starting point for our conversations. All adults are welcome! Coffee and treats provided. Complimentary childcare is available. Email [leann@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:leann@familyofchristonline.com) with questions.

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:** Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member here at Family of Christ? Join us on Sunday, April 8 at noon for lunch to meet other newcomers, church council leaders, pastors & staff, learn more about FOC, and explore ways to get connected. Sign-up on the kiosk in the narthex. Talk to the Pastors or Kim if you're interested. Childcare for 4 and under.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*working together to impact the lives of those around us*

FoC packing sessions have been scheduled at **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** for every Wednesday throughout Lent (EXCEPT Feb. 28 when they are closed for end of year inventory) from 9:30 - 11:30. Hunger never goes away, but you can make a difference. No need to sign up, just show up.

**MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH:** Our Christians in Action (CIA) Committee encourages you to continue our usual church practice of donating food items by placing them in the bins kitty corner from the kitchen window. But further, since money donations are especially helpful (and are boosted in March through corporate matching funds), we encourage you to see the CIA bulletin board display. Gifts of cash or checks made out to Family of Christ and placed in the big envelope on the display will directly benefit either Bountiful Basket or PROP. Last year, 280 MN food shelves participated and a total of 7.8 million dollars were raised.

**FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD** Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie is hosting "Families Moving Forward" (FMF) from Feb. 25 - March 4. Immanuel transforms its classrooms for a week into a safe, homey place for families to stay. The families are in transition working with FMF staff to get back on their feet. There are a few ways to help: being part of evening hospitality, playing with kids, serving a meal or serving as an overnight host. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com](mailto:Wendie.Ulku@iwco.com) or Pastor Jeanne or sign-up at ([goo.gl/VYBNQB](http://goo.gl/VYBNQB)). Please write FoC after your name when you sign up.

# MAKING DISCIPLES

*rowing together in faith to embrace God's love*

## **Family of Christ Preschool**

Registration for next school year & FoC Preschool Summer Camps are now OPEN! To register for classes, visit our website. For information or to schedule a tour, contact Susan Schmidt at [preschool@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:preschool@familyofchristonline.com) or 952-380-9838.

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.

**Upcoming Dates:** March 1 & 2 - Spring Conferences - No School

## **Children's Ministry**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** We are all part of a greater community; the Transfiguration story. We have a Drama Ministry skit this morning.

**CHRISTOS (2/21):** Ventures (walking through Lent) continued. Students worked on our annual Lenten drama, participated in a Bible study or were at home completing the Family Service Project option. \*All are invited to come see our drama on Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm.

**BE A GIVER:** This Lenten season, join Preschool, Sunday school and Christos children and families in collecting items for "Happy Wheels" - a new program at Children's Hospital of Minnesota in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House, St. Paul.

Here are the needed items: (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW)

- Adult coloring books
- Decks of game cards such as Uno or Go Fish
- Colored pencils and sharpeners
- Balls- small nerf balls or stress balls
- Pens with 5x7 inch notepads
- Heat packs (can be one-time use or reusable)
- Decks of cards
- Hot Wheels Cars

Between now and March 30, bring as many items as you would like and place them in the designated bins in the narthex. We will be putting the items into bags during our O.W.L. (Only With Littles) Easter Egg Hunt Event on March 31.

### **UPCOMING O.W.L. (Only with Littles) EVENTS:**

- ♦ Easter Egg Hunt/Service Project/ Lunch- March 31  
Come to church at 10am for a fun egg hunt, crafts and service project. Stay for a light lunch.
- ♦ O.W.L. Yoga: Join Jennifer Hansen for a fun parent/child yoga class (ages 3-8). Classes will be April 21, 28, May 5 and 12 from 9:30 to 10:30 and will cost \$20/session/family. Free nursery care for those under 3. More details coming soon.



**INFANT/CHILD FIRST AID & CPR CLASS** will be held here at Family of Christ on April 16 beginning at 5pm. The class will take about 4 1/2 to 5 hrs. and the charge will be \$50.00/person for CEU certificate or \$70/person for a card. Payment is cash or checks only. The card or CEU is good for 2 years. If you are interested in registering for this class, please email Teri Burns at [teri@familyofchristonline.com](mailto:teri@familyofchristonline.com). Space is limited.

## **Youth Ministry** - Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 2/28:** Confirmation @ 6:30pm with Lenten Worship @ 7pm  
High School PERKS @ 7:30pm
- 3/4:** Senior High Bible Study @ 10:15