

From Intern Pastor . . .

Summer of Love

Grace and peace to you! My name is Amy Vigesaa and I am the new Pastoral Intern at Family of Christ. I am so pleased to be here. Thank you for inviting me into your congregation as a learner and as a fellow disciple of Christ. Please reach out, I'd love to get to know you and chat for a while.

This month's worship series is "Summer of Love" and we're focusing on 1 John 4:8 which says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." To flip that to the positive, the verse before this tells us whoever loves, knows God for God is love. To sum up: if we love, we know God. If we don't love, we don't know God. Why? Because God is love itself, therefore love can't happen without God. A song I know shares this really well. It's by Chris Renzema and it's titled "God is Love."

How great this love/ Oh, it's moving all my mountains/
This perfect love is casting out my fear
How great this love/ Oh it welcomes me like family/
And anywhere I go it meets me there
'Cause He is good/ And He is God/
What I earned/ it's not what I got
And He is just/ yet also kind/
What I deserve/ it's not what I find
What more could I say about Him?/ My God is love.

Love can be complicated. But it helps to remember that God meets us in and through each other. I've seen it and I'm sure you have too. I've seen it in people celebrating with one another. I've seen it when someone cares day after day for a family member who is ill. I've seen it when someone listens to another person without judgment or advice. I've seen it when people bring meals to someone just out of the hospital. I see it here in how you welcomed me on my first day. Sometimes we don't know how to love each other well and other times it seems like the easiest thing in the world. But whatever love we give or receive, it is a way to grow closer to God and know God better. We have a beautiful example of how to love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus loved the unlovable, the unreachable, the untouchable, the unclean. Jesus went into people's homes and into their lives. He ate with them, listened to them and loved them. We can do the same because Christ lives in us and through the Holy Spirit moves us to love our neighbor; to love that hard-to-love family member or co-worker; to love our kids better; to love that person different from us. "Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus commands. I can't wait to do this together. May God increase our love!

Peace,
Amy, Pastor Intern



**Summer of Love
July 11th- August 1st**

We invite you to be part of a summer of love – no, not the 1960s version! But from 1 John 4:8 which says, “Whoever does not love does not know God, for *God is love.*” But what does that mean? Through this series, we will look at four different ways we can love God and the people around us by following the example and teaching of Jesus. Embrace your inner Hippie!

Worship in person 9:30am Online beginning at 9:45am

Amy Vigesaa, Pastor Intern
On June 20th we welcomed our new Pastor Intern, Amy Vigesaa during worship. She will be with us for the next 2 years. Please reach out and introduce yourself to Amy.



4th Of July Sabbath, Worship Online With Us
Our 4th of July worship will be Online only this year, no In-person that day. We invite you to make some intentional time to be with family and friends on this sabbath day. Online worship will be available beginning at 9:45am.



**Mission of the Month
Lutheran Disaster Response**

We are a church that rolls up its sleeves and gets to work. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. From Covid to storms we are there. This month our noisy offering will go to support this important program that the 10,000 congregations of the larger Lutheran church support.

Stewardship Thanks

Thank you for your continued financial support of Family of Christ. Your generosity continues to help us do the amazing ministry of God in this community.

General Income Totals:	
Budgeted YTD \$197,727	Actual YTD \$189,521
Total Expenses:	
Budgeted YTD \$185,026	Actual YTD \$165,833
*Totals as of June 1, 2021	

Note from the Carlson Family

The family of Dale Carlson would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness in this time of sorrow. Our wish is that you take the love, joy and happiness you received from Dale and spread it around to those who touch your life. God bless you all.
A memorial service was held for Dale on June 12th. Thank you to all those that donated their time and treats for the family.

**Megan Eide Ordination
August 1st 4:00 PM**

Megan is being ordained at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis at 4:00pm on Sunday August 1st. She would like to invite any from Family of Christ to attend.



**The Drawer Bundling
Sundae Sunday**

Join us on Sunday, July 25th 2pm to 4pm for a bundling event with The Drawer. Stay for a frozen treat after.

Community Dinner and Faith Formation

We invite the whole community to join us this summer as we learn that everyone is welcome at God's table! We will explore Bible stories about Jesus from the Gospels that show him eating with unexpected people, providing food for a crowd, demonstrating humility, and extending welcome and forgiveness. Through a free meal, worship and drama, Bible study, hospitality-themed art projects, and active games, we are welcomed to taste and share at God's table, where there is always enough! *Come to the Table* invites us to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges them to share that same love and hospitality in their everyday lives.



Join us Wednesday, July 14th from 6:00-6:30PM for a meal and 6:30-7:30PM for activities and fun for all ages. Registration is online. We will need volunteers to help with leading stations, helping with organization and prep, and walking with the groups.

Contact Pastor Brent or Dana Sahlin or be on the lookout for opportunities to help.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Youth Group.

All 6th-12th Grade Youth are invited to Join us Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30PM as we gather together to play some

volleyball, have a campfire, and talk a little faith. Some weeks will include special activities like FMSC, Laser Tag, and other service events.

**All are welcome, come and bring a friend.
We will meet July 7, 14, 21, 28 this month.**



Since we were unable to do a longer mission trip this summer, we are looking to plan a youth camping for those 6th grade and older August 1st -4th. We will need lots of help in this wonderful opportunity. Please let us know if you can help us plan this event.

1st Communion Youth

Congratulations to all those youth who have been through 1st communion training. Many of them received their 1st communion on June 13th.

Gwen Basballe
Betty Hellier
Aiden Sahlin

Luisa Benson
Max Klimpke
Kellen Whittington

Maddie Bergquist
Tanner Klimpke



Family of Christ Staff Ministry Team:

Lead Pastor:	Pastor Brent Erler
Pastor Intern:	Amy Vigesaa
Children, Family Outreach Coordinator:	Dana Sahlin
Musicians:	Mary Wescott, Morgan Jones, Laura Porter-Jones, Rebecca Nystuen, Ann Mikiska
Administrative Admin:	Linda Bauer
Custodian:	Kelly Kritsberg

Kids at Camp

Several of our youth will be attending bible camp at Luther Park starting July 25th. Keep them in your prayers during this important time of faith formation. Thanks to all those who supported them with scholarships.



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Schedule at a Glance



July 4—Online Worship

July 7—*Wednesday Night Youth Group*

July 11—*In Person & Online Worship*

July 14—*Come to the Table Family Event
Wednesday Night Youth Group*

July 18— *Outdoor & Online Worship*

July 21—*Wednesday Night Youth Group*

July 25—*In Person & Online Worship
The Drawer Bundling Event*

July 25 -29 *Youth @ Camp*

July 28— *Wednesday Night Youth Group*

Vision Statement

Family of Christ seeks to be a Grace filled family of God, living the Gospel through faith, love and compassion.



Our Core Values F-A-M-I-L-Y:

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Meaningful relationships

Impact

Love

Youth