

From the Pastor.....

Last week I spent two days at the Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly listening to the amazing things God is doing in our community and the world around us. This is a gathering of Lutheran churches in the area who embrace all sorts of different ministries. As we listened to the incredible work God is doing in our midst, we also had a conversation that looked towards the future God has in store for us. This year we as Lutheran Christians are celebrating 500 years of Reformation, but I can't help but think that we are ready to embrace that reformation mindset again.

I'm not talking about dismantling old systems and replacing them with something brand new, but instead building on our deep foundations of faith while opening Family of Christ to an ever growing Kingdom of God. I am convinced that this is the path God has in store for us and the world around us.

This summer I invite you to join us as we embrace the theme "Grounded in Faith; Growing to Serve". Part of this will be spending time in worship looking at those foundational elements of our faith. Why do we say the creeds and prayers we do and what are the sacraments and why are they important? The other part of this is renovating our building for the future God has in store for Family of Christ and the world around us.

In the end it is our hope and prayer that we will grow as individuals in our own faith, while setting the groundwork for the kingdom of God in the community we are part of. As Jesus proclaimed in Luke, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." God's children and creation are all around us, join us as we help bring God's future to Family of Christ and to all people.

Peace,
Pastor Brent



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

Grounded in Faith

Daily Readings for June

Summer Worship Series

Follow along with us as we look at our faith roots and what it means to be “Grounded in Faith”. Walk with us through the gift of Pentecost and take a look at where our beliefs on baptism and communion come from.

May 28-Sun: One in Christ, Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
Mon: Hagar and Sarah, Galatians 4:21-5:1
Tues: The Nature of Christian Freedom, Gal. 5:2-15
Wed: Works of the Flesh, Galatians 5:16-21
Thurs: The Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-26
Fri: Bear One Another’s Burdens, Galatians 6:1-10
Sat: Final Words and Blessing, Galatians 6:11-18

June 4-Sun: Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7
Mon: Paul Greet the Ephesians, Ephesians 1
Tues: One in Christ, Ephesians 2
Wed: Paul’s Ministry to the Gentiles, Ephesians 3
Thurs: New Life in Christ, Ephesians 4
Fri: On Being Christian, Ephesians 5
Sat: Put on the Armor of God, Ephesians 6

June 11-Sun: Baptism, Psalm 46, Acts 2:37-42,
Mon: Jesus Commissions the Disciples, Matt 28:16-20
Tues: Jesus Commissions the Disciples, Mark 16:14-18
Wed: The Lamb of God, John 1:29-34
Thurs: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, Acts 8:26-40
Fri: The Conversion of Saul, Acts 9:1-19,
Sat: Paul and Silas in Prison, Acts 16:16-40

June 18-Sun: Baptism, Psalm 84, Romans 6:1-11
Mon; Heirs with Christ, Romans 8:12-17
Tues: Heirs with Christ , Galatians 4:1-7
Wed: Heirs with Christ , Titus 3:1-8
Thurs: Created in God’s Image, Genesis 1:1 –2:4
Fri: Psalm 8
Sat: Psalm 139

June 25-Sun: The Lord’s Supper, Psalm 65,
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Mon: Passover Feast, Matthew 26:17-25
Tues: Institution of Lord’s Supper, Matthew 26:26-30
Wed: Bread from Heaven, John 6:22-40
Thurs: Bread from Heaven, John 6:41-51
Fri: Bread from Heaven, John 6:52-59,
Sat: Psalm 146

As we look to grow in the future it’s often important to remember what we are grounded in. This summer we will look at some of the foundational elements of our faith. Join us as we better understand communion, baptism, the Lord’s Prayer and Apostle’s Creed. It’s kind of like confirmation without the big



Different Brews  *Different Views*
BIBLE & BREW
— BEER, CONVERSATION, & GOD —

Bible and Brew, June 14- Lakeville Brewing

Theology pub is making a change. This summer we’ll be trying different breweries, having conversations on faith and changing our name. Join us at Lakeville Brewing on Wednesday, June 14 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Come and bring a friend!



Men's Morning Bible Studies:

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as we come together for fellowship, food and a chance to look at the scriptures and our lives.

—Tuesdays – 6:30 a.m

—Thursdays – 8:00 a.m.

Growing to Serve

Our summer is about to begin and our renovation campaign has started. We are in the final planning stages of the projects and we've asked for your financial gifts and the gift of your time and talents. We would love to receive your pledge card by June 11th so we can better understand which projects we can complete. Thanks for your support of this project that will lead us into the future. Be on the lookout for updates during worship and in the narthex.

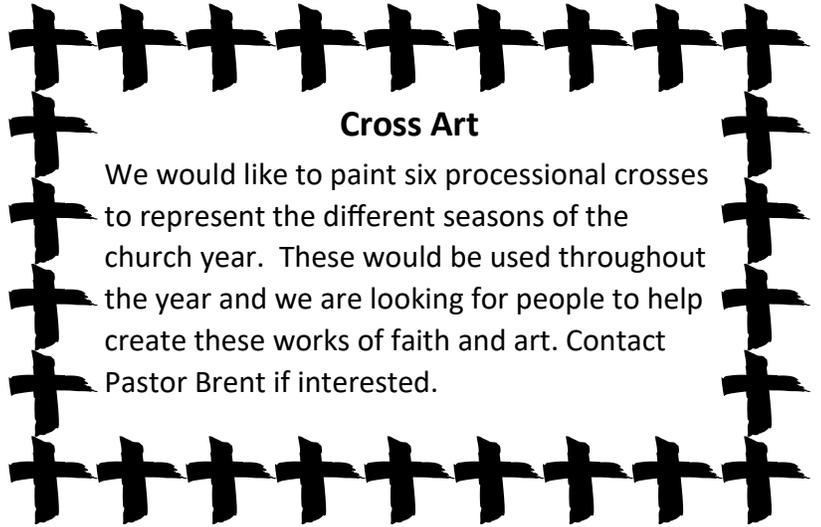
New Paraments

Part of our summer remodel is sewing new paraments, otherwise known as altar cloths. We are looking to make six sets that would emphasize the altar, pulpit, and baptismal font. Please let Pastor Brent know if you are willing to be part of this group.



Cross Art

We would like to paint six processional crosses to represent the different seasons of the church year. These would be used throughout the year and we are looking for people to help create these works of faith and art. Contact Pastor Brent if interested.



COMMUNITY PICNIC JUNE 11TH

Come celebrate the blessings of our seniors and the kick-off of our summer building renovation with a community picnic. Following worship we will grill hot dogs, eat great food and celebrate with our graduating youth and community as we begin our summer building remodel. Cost is free! Bring fruit, salad, or dessert if you want. Sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Brent if you want to help.



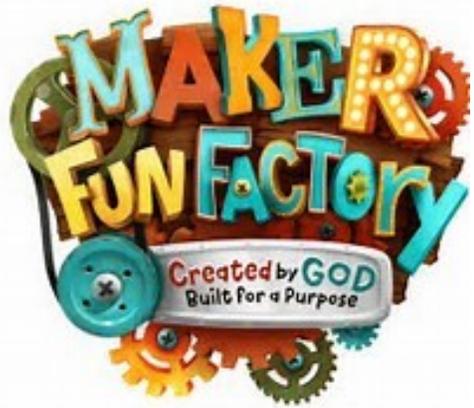
Year of Renewal-Community Interviews

As we continue to evaluate our current ministries and look to the future, our mission renewal team wants to thank you for sharing your stories with us. We will be evaluating those results this summer and sharing them with you next fall. In the mean time we will be moving forward with the process in a couple ways:

1. We will doing interviews with community leaders to understand our neighbors and the needs of our community
2. We will be inviting you to share your faith by telling your story during worship.

Please let Pastor Brent know if you know a community leader we should talk to or if you would be willing to share a story of your journey (for approximately 2-3 minutes) during worship service.

VBS: Maker Fun Factory



Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. We hope to spark creativity with interactive decorations, experiences and snacks! Maker Fun Factory VBS will be a super fun week filled with old friends, new friends and excitement!

Register your 3yrs-4th graders (2016-17) either at church or online at www.familyofchrist.com

We still need teens and adults to volunteer to be Crew Leaders or Station Helpers. Please talk to Sherry Goodman if you are willing and able to help.

VBS Volunteer Meeting—Sunday, June 4 at 10:45am

Volleyball Begins Again!

Now that the regular Wednesday classes are over for the school year, we look ahead to summer volleyball! This is a great way to stay connected to the youth at Family of Christ throughout your summer. MOST WEDNESDAYS DURING THE SUMMER... beginning June 14th (6:30-8pm)

MYTHS:

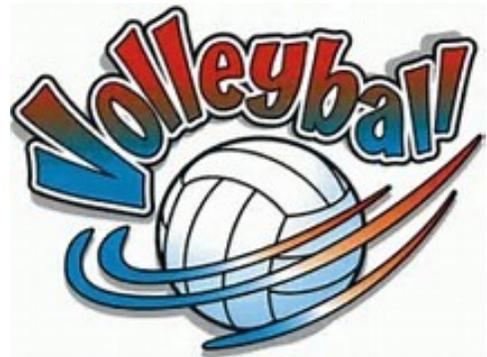
I can't go to VB on Wednesdays because:

- I don't know anyone
- I stink at volleyball
- I'm too short
- I don't have a ride
- I don't even like volleyball
- I don't play sports....at all
- All they talk about is 'God stuff'

TRUTHS:

I CAN go to VB on Wednesdays because:

- I will meet new kids to hang out with and actually become friends with
- Most of them stink at volleyball, but guess what? It doesn't matter!!
- Height doesn't matter when it's all about fun, laughing and hanging out- Super non-competitive!
- Lots of kids drive... and so do Nick and Sherry. Someone will come and pick me up AND bring me home afterwards! All I have to do is ask!
- This volleyball is like no other... come and see what I mean
- Seriously, it's non-competitive and laid back...
- God is important. God is the reason we are here. But that doesn't mean all they talk about is the Bible, church and religion... From 6:30-7pm they have a short discussion and God is the center of that. This is a place that is safe to make an odd comment, share a doubt, listen to someone's story and belong. CHECK IT OUT!



Wednesday Night Volleyball is for all 5th-12th graders AND alumni.

Friends are always welcome!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO BROOKLYN, NY



Thank you to our wonderful congregation, family and friends for all of your support during our 8 months of fundraising for this trip!! Our numbers ended up changing late in the game...We added a rental van to the plans after learning that NY sites do not allow trailers. Adding an extra van means adding 2 more adult drivers. All of that increased our fundraising goal by close to \$2000!

It came down to our last two fundraisers in May and...we made it! That last bake sale was a true miracle. The baked goods came flooding into the narthex... kids came wearing their purple mission trip shirts and then YOU, our church family, appeared with such generosity!! THANK YOU so much!

Please pray for safe travels, awesome relationships, good health, faith filled connections and each of these people:

Addie Saathoff, Brianna & Rhonda Arnold, Lauren Hargreaves, Matthew Blilie (not pictured), Andy Jones, Kendra Flegel, Quinn Hatlestad, Madison Williams, Anika Mann, Angel & Julie Gramentz, Tabi Lind, Nick Hendrickson and Sherry Goodman.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, June 13
11:30am to 5:30 pm

Donors and volunteers are needed. To volunteer, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. To donate blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org. Call Glenda, 952-239-1420 or Jean Bakken, 952-892-7219 for more information.

First time donors always welcome.
Invite your friends!



GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 11TH!



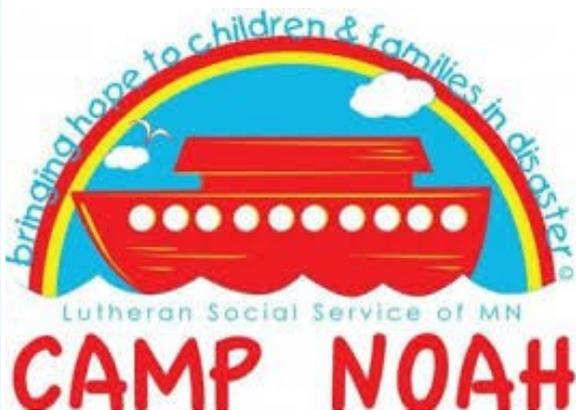
Join us as we recognize our **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** and spend some time giving them a blessing as they continue with the next chapter of their lives. Let's celebrate these young woman and men and the people God has created them to be.



Women's Bible Study

Our monthly bible study will be taking a break for summer. Watch your bulletin and emails for information on our annual Summer Retreat!

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH—JUNE



Camp Noah's mission is to serve disaster-impacted children and families by building resiliency, restoring hope and changing lives. In this safe and supportive setting, children are encouraged to face their fears, grieve their losses, identify and share their unique gifts and talents, and plan for an amazing future. Camp Noah is supported by Lutheran Social Services and congregations like ours.

Our noisy offering goes to support local, regional and international missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Father's Day—June 18th

We call God our Heavenly Father but we also recognize that we have many people who take on that role in our lives. Join us as we celebrate those people in our lives.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 2017

Total giving for the month was \$37,174.68
 Total expenses for the month was \$36,753.46
 Noisy Offering for the month was \$ 623.69
 (Lutheran Disaster Response)

Building Renovation Pledged: \$4,875

May GIVING TO DAYE

Date	Attendance	Sunday Giving	Electronic Giving	GENERAL FUND
5/07/2017	113	\$2,270	\$4,719	\$6,989
5/14/2017	135	\$2,493	\$1,236	\$3,729
5/21/2017	120	\$5,237	\$3,448	\$8,685



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June Family of Christ Servants

<u>Sunday</u> <u>6/4/17</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>6/11/17</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>6/18/17</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>6/25/17</u>
<u>AV Tech</u> Jeremy Mann	<u>AV Tech</u> Kris Smith	<u>AV Tech</u> Chris Flegel	<u>AV Tech</u> Donny Bergquist
<u>Closer</u> David/Vicki Lind	<u>Closer</u> Gerry Wills	<u>Closer</u> Mark Warner	<u>Closer</u> David/Vicki Lind
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<u>Fellowship</u> Betty Peterson	<u>Fellowship</u> Barb Buswell	<u>Fellowship</u> Angie Korsa	<u>Fellowship</u> Martha Johnson
<u>Greeter</u> Karen Agee Shannon Flegel	<u>Greeter</u> Youth Youth	<u>Greeter</u> Dave Olson Paul Nadon	<u>Greeter</u> Kevin Gilmore Tammy Gilmore
<u>Offering Count</u> Angie Korsa Lisa Cecchini	<u>Offering Count</u> Jim Schiprett Sandy Soukup	<u>Offering Count</u> Gerry Wills	<u>Offering Count</u> Miles Miller Jeanne Miller
<u>Opener</u> Gerry Wills	<u>Opener</u> Mark Warner	<u>Opener</u> Sherry Goodman	<u>Opener</u> Mark warner
<u>Reader</u> Kris Olsen	<u>Reader</u> Youth	<u>Reader</u> Anna Simon	<u>Reader</u> Kris Smith
<u>Usher</u> Anna Simon Barb Martin	<u>Usher</u> Dan Benson Jean Bakken	<u>Usher</u> Cindy Carlson Jim Carlson	<u>Usher</u> Chuck Halvorson Janeen Immerfall

The volunteer schedule for **July, August and September** will be sent out by the middle of June. If you are a regular volunteer, please let the scheduler know of any unavailable dates for the third quarter. If you would like to volunteer at worship, please contact Linda Bauer at the church office or linda@familyofchrist.com.



Dates to Remember

June 4- Sunday Worship—VBS Volunteer Meeting

June 11- Sunday Worship with Community Picnic

Graduating Senior Day

June 14— Youth Volleyball

Bible and Brew

June 18 - Sunday Worship

June 18 to June 22 - VBS

June 25- Sunday Worship

Building Remodel start

June 28- Youth Volleyball