

## *From the Pastor . . .*

Last week as my family gathered to remember the loss of my Uncle Bud, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of stories that were told that I had forgotten about my past. These stories, which were crucial to my formation, were filled with laughter, tears, and all sorts of growth moments. When each of our family members shared the stories they remembered of my Uncle, all of a sudden I realized that my story connected deeply with all those around me and their stories became mine.

The same is true of the stories that are told in our scriptures. These remembrances of interactions that happened long ago or stories that help explain God's relationship with God's people are not meant to be read as ancient history or forgotten kid's tales, we tell them over and over again so we find ourselves in them. The story of God we find in the scriptures is also our story.

This summer we will look at some of the stories from the scripture that we know well and others we may not have heard of. In these stories we discover who God is and just as importantly who we are as God's people. It is my hope that these stories will continue to shape our lives and grow our imagination on how things can be. Join us as we not only hear God's stories but begin to make them part of our story.

Peace,

Pastor Brent

## Summer Worship Series—*Our Stories*



One of the things that makes a great story even better is the potential to find ourselves in it. It becomes our story. That's certainly true of the stories in the Bible. This summer we'll look at some of the most well known and more obscure stories in the Bible. In them we'll discover the truth about God and the truth about ourselves.

**June 3: *God's Stories and Our Stories* | MARK 4:26-34**

**June 10: *Hiding from God* | GENESIS 3:8-15**

**June 17: *Seeing God* | ISAIAH 6:1-8**

**June 24: *Calming the Storm* | MARK 4:35-41**

## Summer Outdoor Renovation



We are a blessed and growing community of Faith, and as we look to our future we are in need of some updates to prepare us for the ministry God has in store for us. We have been blessed with an amazing building and we did an incredible job with the interior. Now its time to do a little exterior work - there is need for basic repair, painting, landscaping, and general sprucing up. Be on the look out for summer work sessions and opportunities. Let's keep this renovation going.

## Giving Tree



Please make sure to take a look at the Giving Tree in the narthex. The Giving Tree is a list of needs that helps us serve one another better. You can help by donating for these non-budgeted items. Take a tag from the tree and make a donation or bring back the item listed on the tag.



## Family of Christ Book Study

June 11 at 7pm - *Streets of Eternal Happiness*  
by Rob Schmitz

hosted by Tammy Gilmore at her home

Contact the church office for more information.



## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Tuesday, June 12

11:30am to 5:30pm

Donors and volunteers are needed. To volunteer, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. To donate blood, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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!



## Living Your Strengths, Growing Your Faith

June 20 at 6:30pm



As a congregation we would like to help you to identify and affirm your giftedness and talents and begin to use them to live your life to the fullest. Using the Clifton StrengthsFinder we will begin this journey with a new group this summer. Our hope is to have all of our members to be

part of this program. Cost is \$20 and includes the test and a book. If you already know your StrengthsFinder themes then there is no cost. Registration by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Brent with any questions. Sign up at [office@familyofchrist.com](mailto:office@familyofchrist.com) or on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### Frank Sanga, Ilula Hospital, Tanzania

Frank Sanga from the Ilula Hospital in Tanzania will be our special guest on Sunday, June 10. Starting in 2006 and continuing through 2010, FOC sponsored Frank while he attended the Saint Luke Foundation School of Pharmacy diploma course in pharmaceuticals in Tanzania. The sponsorship dollars were raised by selling of craft items at various craft sales coupled with the Bachman gift card proceeds.

In 2010 Frank was awarded his diploma and returned to the Ilula Hospital. Frank teaches at the Ilula Hospital nursing school, dispenses the HIV antiretroviral medications at Ilula & surrounding clinics and has become a very valued member to the Ilula hospital staff. He mentors U of M pharmacy students that come to Ilula for an externship.



**Please come and meet Frank during the fellowship time.**

### The Drawer Volunteer Meeting June 12 at 6:30pm

“THE DRAWER” collects and distribute NEW socks and underwear to men, women, and children. This grass roots ministry receives donations from community members, non-profits, and faith-based organizations.

Come join an information meeting at Family of Christ on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30pm.





## VBS July 22-26



### An Invitation to Parents and Caregivers:

Send your kids on an impacting island adventure July 22-26, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Fun crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life! Plus we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life- something we call God Sightings or God Spottings.

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project. We will take daily offerings that will provide help to local children's programs.

We would love any help you are able to give us either before or during our VBS week.

Before:

- \* A "Needs List" will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall for supplies.
- \* If you have any fun decorations that would follow the 'shipwrecked' theme- we would love to borrow them!
- \* Remember to register your children and buy a music CD (supply is limited).

During:

Volunteer!! We would love to have you with us every evening! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall.

- \* We are in need of crew leaders (lead a small group of kids from station to station).
- \* Station Leaders and helpers (Imagination Station, Tropical Treats, Bible Discovery and Ship Rec Games).
- \* We also need a Photo and Videographer as well as Preschool Leaders and helpers.

And remember, you can register online too! [familyofchrist.com](http://familyofchrist.com)

## 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.

### But what about the renovation to the sand court??

We are hoping to do the 'sand court renovation' one weekend in the first part of June. If everything goes as planned, volleyball will start on Wednesday, June 13. Stay tuned to Sunday bulletins and the FoChrist Youth Facebook page for updates!

Volley ball nights are also referred to as LIGHT Night... We meet at 6:30pm in the youth room (rain or shine). We visit, do our HLs (highs, lows & God spottings) and then we head outside for some super fun games of volleyball. IF it is raining, we will have indoor activities planned. We usually finish about 8pm.



## Pie In the Face Fundraiser

THANK YOU!!

We raised \$654 for our 2018 Camping Trip and 2019 Jamaica Trip!!

## Thank You For Wednesday Nights!



We wrapped up a year of Wednesday night classes with a fun night of outdoor games, photos and the ever-popular 10 foot sundaes!

Thank you to all our fearless leaders: Rhonda Arnold & Nick Hendrickson (5-6th Grade); Kris Olsen & Pastor Brent (7-9th grade confirmation) and Becky Nystuen & Sherry Goodman (10-12th Grade).

Also a big thank you to the youth leaders who faithfully showed up for one another as friends, as peer leaders and as small group leaders: Kendra Flegel, Quinn Hatlestad, Morgan Condon, Anika Mann, Madison Williams, Angel Gramentz and Sydney King Fenn!

And THANK YOU to all the kids who came to learn and play together each week. It's been wonderful! See you on the volleyball court this summer!



## GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 3!



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.

**"CONGRATULATIONS!"**

## LUTHER PARK CAMP!

Summer Bible camp registrations are in full swing! Family of Christ camp week is June 17-20 (half week) and June 17-22 (full week).

Family of Christ is providing scholarship money for all who register!!

To register, go to [lutherpark.com](http://lutherpark.com).



Don't miss out on this super awesome week!



## Sunday School Evaluation Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, June 6 from 6:30-7:30pm for conversation regarding our 2017-18 Sunday school year. This will help us as we make plans for next year. All parents, guardians and caregivers are invited for this important discussion. Nursery will be available.





## Mission of the Month - Camp Noah

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.*

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### April 2018

Total income for the month was \$34,530

Total expenses for the month was \$28,906

YTD Giving: \$127,715 - Budgeted YTD: \$128,704  
(as of April 30, 2018)

### April GIVING TO DATE

Date	Attendance	Sunday Giving	Electronic Giving	GENERAL FUND
05/06/2018	167	\$2,878	\$4,210	\$7,088
05/13/2018	132	\$2,098	\$2,469	\$4,567
05/20/2018	137	\$3,605	\$5,697	\$9,302

### 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!



### Men's 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 – 6:30am

—Thursdays – 8:00am

### Family of Christ Staff Ministry Team:

Pastor: Brent Erler, Pastor, Ext. 202  
Faith Formation: Sherry Goodman, Ext. 206  
Musicians: Mary Wescott, Laura Porter-Jones,  
Morgan Jones, Jessica Christensen  
Choir: Debra Capener  
Administrative Asst: Linda Bauer

### Family of Christ Lutheran Church is a member of the ELCA

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Closed Monday & Friday

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*Please contact the church office to submit items for publication in our newsletter.*

# June Family of Christ Servants

<u><b>Sunday</b></u> <u><b>06/03/18</b></u> <u>AV Tech</u> Jeremy Mann	<u><b>Sunday</b></u> <u><b>06/10/18</b></u> <u>AV Tech</u> Nathan Blilie	<u><b>Sunday</b></u> <u><b>06/17/18</b></u> <u>AV Tech</u> Jeremy Mann	<u><b>Sunday</b></u> <u><b>06/24/18</b></u> <u>AV Tech</u> Kris Smith
<u>Closer</u> Mark Warner	<u>Closer</u> David/Vicki Lind	<u>Closer</u> Gerry Wills	<u>Closer</u> Sherry Goodman
<u>Communion Server</u> Jackie Knudsen Paul Nadon Sandy Nadon Pete Nelson Kathy Olson	<u>Communion Server</u> Carla Passon Scott Passon Betty Peterson Doris Reiners Kris Smith	<u>Communion Server</u> Beth Wacholz Debbie Warner Mark Warner Gerry Wills Doug Windhorn	<u>Communion Server</u> Annie Yolitz Brian Yolitz Mike Anderson Rhonda Arnold Jean Bakken
<u>Communion Setup</u> Kevin Hatlestad	<u>Communion Setup</u> Vickie Heggen	<u>Communion Setup</u> Lori Knoke	<u>Communion Setup</u> Doris Reiners
<u>Fellowship</u> Angie Korsa Kathy Olson	<u>Fellowship</u> Tanzania Outreach Team	<u>Fellowship</u> Audrey Carlson Martha Johnson	<u>Fellowship</u> Cheryl Wills Gerry Wills
<u>Greeter</u> Glenda Lind Terry Lind	<u>Greeter</u> Jeanne Miller Miles Miller	<u>Greeter</u> Paul Nadon Sandy Nadon	<u>Greeter</u> David Olson Kathy Olson
<u>Offering Count</u> Shirlee Benson Gerry Wills	<u>Offering Count</u> Amie Hoffman Duane Hoffman	<u>Offering Count</u> Lisa Cecchini Chuck Halvorson	<u>Offering Count</u> Jim Schiprett Kris Smith
<u>Opener</u> Gerry Wills	<u>Opener</u> Sherry Goodman	<u>Opener</u> Mark Warner	<u>Opener</u> Gerry Wills
<u>Reader</u> Emma Johnson	<u>Reader</u> Charlie Johnson	<u>Reader</u> Brian Knoke	<u>Reader</u> Lori Knoke
<u>Usher</u> Debbie Warner Mark Warner	<u>Usher</u> John Wicklund Anna Simon	<u>Usher</u> Annie Yolitz Brian Yolitz	<u>Usher</u> Gerry Wills Doug Windhorn

If you make any changes to the schedule, please contact Linda at [office@familyofchrist.com](mailto:office@familyofchrist.com)



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### **Dates to Remember**

**June 3 - Sunday Worship**  
**Senior Recognition Day**  
**June 6 - Sunday School Evaluation Mtg.**  
**June 10 - Sunday Worship**  
**June 13 - Youth Volleyball**  
**June 17 - Sunday Worship**  
**June 20 - Living Your Strengths**  
**Youth Volleyball**  
**June 24 - Sunday Worship**  
**June 27 - Youth Volleyball**

### **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:**

**Ffaith**  
**AAcceptance**  
**MMeaningful relationships**  
**Impact**  
**Love**  
**Youth**