

From the Inter Pastor Amy . . .

“What we all want is pretty simple, really. We want to be alive. To feel alive. Not just to exist but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free. We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted or afraid... more awake, more grateful, more energized and purposeful.” This is the opening sentence of the introduction of We Make The Road By Walking, a book by author and public theologian Brian McLaren. This past week, I took a walk before launching into a long day of class. During my walk, I encountered a young robin hopping and chirping alongside the path I was on. I went further and met a duck couple heading down to the pond. I watched as they navigated their way through the grass and weeds. Farther along, I gave a wide berth to a flock of geese blocking my trail. I didn’t want to aggravate them. Then I got to see a pair of geese and their little goslings waddle away, while also noticing a mass of hatched turtle eggs scattered at the end of the footbridge. The evidence of life was everywhere! Brian McLaren continues in his introduction that “the only viable future for religion is to become a friend of aliveness again.” I think it’s the only viable future for all of us as followers of Jesus in this time and place.

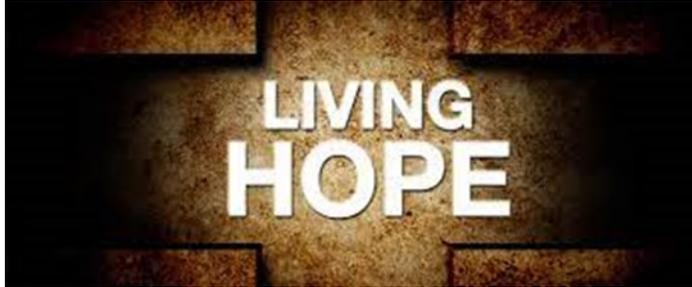
Before Pastor Brent left on sabbatical, we decided that this book by McLaren would be our guide through the next year of worship together. It is formatted to fit a 52-week Church year and we will begin in September. I want to invite each of you to dive deep with us into this spirit of aliveness that we might seek together a new way forward led by the Spirit of God. It is a year-long quest for growth and reorientation spurring us on to walk in the way of Jesus. We will center our worship on the Scripture provided and we will develop multiple learning circles to go deeper in discussion and practice. It is important to have these smaller groups to connect with and help us grow. I hope you will consider participating in one, or perhaps even decide to lead one!

Jesus calls us to faithful lives of discipleship and that isn’t a lifeless proposition. Following Jesus can be full of adventure and joy when we let him lead. Part of this Christian life is to let our imaginations thrive knowing that all of creation was formed from the imagination of God. Look around you- from turtle eggs to the clouds in the sky, life is amazing! So, it stands to reason that God is amazing too. Don’t settle for a lifeless, boring faith. God is ready to show us the “aliveness” of life with the Holy. So often I find myself stuck in the comfort of my routines, the busyness of my schedule, the doom and gloom of scrolling through more bad news, that I forget to look up and notice all the possibility and potential in my day. God wants to show us what life really looks like. It’s a journey filled with wonder and aching muscles as we walk and run and leap into the fullness of God’s grace. Put on some good shoes, we’re going to spend a lot of time walking together this year. Step by step we will venture into the unknown, the mystery, the holiness of God’s love and light and joy. I think together we will experience a fullness that we’re all longing for, and a glimpse of the life God desires for us and for the world.

Peace,

Intern Pastor Amy

Summer Worship Series Theme is Living Hope



As we continue our journey with hope, how do we live lives with the Hope of the resurrection at our center? Join us as we look at the journey of Jesus with God's people in the book of Luke. Let's walk together into this time of Living Hope.

God's Good Creation Community Dinner and Fellowship



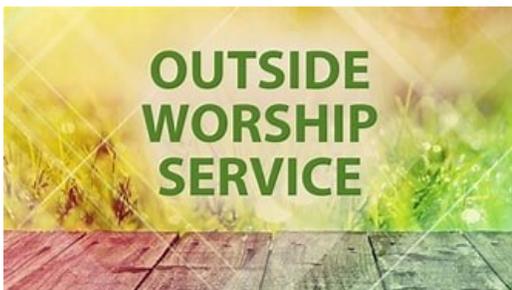
We invite the whole community to join us this summer as we learn to celebrate the gifts that God has created – gifts that can help build a world where all are loved. Working together with all of creation to help make a better world, we can look forward to the future God has promised. We will learn together through a meal, singing, learning, art projects, active games and more.

Join us **Wednesday, July 13th** from 6:00 to 6:30 PM for a pot-luck meal and 6:30 to 7:30 PM for activities and fun for all ages.

We might need some volunteers as well.
Mark your calendars for August 3rd as well!

All ages are welcome.

SIGN UP using the signupgenius or on the clipboard!



Join us

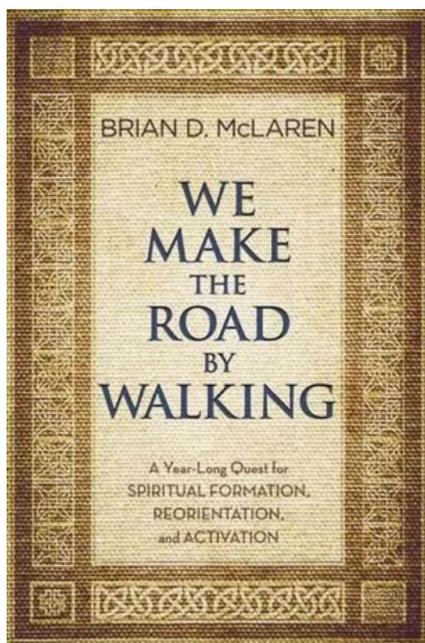
Sunday, July 17th and August 14th

for our outdoor worship services

Bring a chair or blanket.

(Weather Permitting)

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING



If you long for a faith that is active and alive, join us for **We Make the Road By Walking** this fall. We will walk together in faith by using this book in worship and in multiple small groups. We grow well when engaged in faith conversation with each other, so take a step and participate in one of the “learning circles” being created. Your first opportunity to check out a learning circle will be on **Sunday, September 11th after worship from 10:45-11:00am**. This group will be pastor-led and open to anyone able and interested in attending.

Other group days and times will be determined by the availability of facilitators, but we hope to have a Wednesday evening adult learning circle, a zoom learning circle and possibly another learning circle that would meet offsite at Caribou. If you have a couple friends or family members that you’d like to meet with for discussion on your own schedule, please let us know and we will help you prepare!

Questions? Contact Intern Pastor Amy.



Service Opportunity/Volunteer Appreciation The Drawer Bundling Session Sunday, August 7

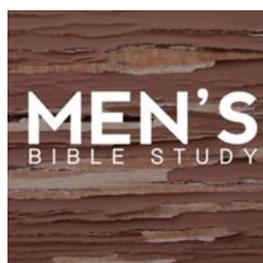
On August 7th at 11:00, The Drawer is holding their annual Volunteer Appreciation event: Bundling session and ice cream sundaes. We are all invited to help with this wonderful service opportunity and enjoy a sweet treat afterwards.

All ages are welcome.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

**Tuesday, August 16
11:30am to 5:30 pm**

To donate blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org. Contact Glenda Lind at 952-239-1420 for more information.



Men's Tuesday Bible Study In Person and Online

The Men's Tuesday morning Bible study will again meet in person while continuing to reach out to others online. Join us in the conference room, next to the office, or on Zoom beginning at 6:30 AM. Start your day off right and join us.

Men's Thursdays Bible Study will remain Online at 9:00am

2022 Rapids City Mission Trip

Members of Family of Christ,

On June 11th, ten youth and three adult chaperones set out on a mission trip to Youthworks in Rapid City, SD. It was a week like no other and we will remember it in our hearts forever. Each crew was assigned different service opportunities each day. Some of the service assignments were: helping in a restored furniture/thrift store that supported non-profits; working with school-aged girls all week at their summer school program; weeding; playing games with the youth at The Club for Boys and more. God's love was shared in so many ways. Our Youth made a difference, formed new relationships and had fun all the while. We would not have been able to complete this journey without all of you! Thank you to all who helped us raise funds, prayed for us and supported the trip. Special shout out to Donny Bergquist, Steve Klimpke and Dana Sahlin who helped lead.

In August, we will hear from our youth on how they were impacted by this experience.

Peace and Blessings,

The South Dakota 2022 Mission Team





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Community Food Shelf Needs:

Canned meats i.e. chicken, SPAM, Salmon
Shelf stable juice i.e. orange, apple
Tomato sauce
Cereal
Dry lentils and beans i.e. black, pinto
Coffee/tea
Baked Beans
Saltine crackers
Granola Bars
Trail Mix
Jello
Canned chili
Pie filling - not Pumpkin
Cake mix
Frosting
Baking Powder

Rice - brown and white
Pasta Sauce
Ramen
Oatmeal
Canned Fruit - especially pineapple
Spaghettios
Pancake mix
Snack Crackers i.e. Ritz, Wheat Thins
Dried fruit i.e. raisins
Corn Bread mix
Canned Sloppy Joe i.e. Manwich
Ready to serve soups i.e. Progresso
Brownie mix
Muffin mix
Brown sugar
Baking Soda

Non Food Items Needed:

Femine products
Shave gel
Tooth paste
Conditioner
Dish detergent

Diapers sizes 4 - 5 - 6
Razors
Body Wash
Body lotion

**Thanks again for your support of the food shelf!
Together we are serving the needs of families in our community.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please consider helping out with worship this summer

We are looking for:

Cookie n Coffee servers, Communion setup and servers, readers and ushers.

Signup for Worship Volunteer spots through the link on the weekly emails
or by emailing Linda at linda@familyofchrist.com

THANK YOU for being a special part of the worship at Family of Christ.



FARMINGTON
HEALTH SERVICES
Trinity Campus

**Mission of the Month - July
Trinity Care Center**

For the month of July our noisy offering will go to support Trinity Care Center. We have been partners with Trinity Care for many years through our Christmas party and gifts for the community and would like to grow that relationship. This month's noisy offering will be used to support the staff and residents of Trinity Care.



**Mission of the Month - August
Community Outreach**

Helping and encouraging people of Family of Christ and those around us is an important part of family of Christ. Each year we collect donations for this fund so we can help those in need and encourage one another in faith. Please consider making a donation to this fund or buy some Target gift cards and send them to church.

OFFICE HOURS:

The church office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 3:00pm
NOTICE - Due to a change in schedule the church office will be open July 5 to July 7.

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

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Children and Youth Education Meeting, August 10th 6:30pm

Calling all parents of young children! We will be having a meeting to discuss and plan our education programs for the year. We would love input regarding what works and what we can do better. In addition, we will need volunteers to help our Sunday School program. Come be a part of the conversation! Also, be on the lookout for Sunday School registration in the beginning of August.

LUTHER PARK SUMMER CAMP

Please keep the following young people going to camp at Luther Park this summer in your prayers:

Roz, Donny and Maddie Bergquist

Aiden Sahlin

Kayden Carda

Betty Hellier



It is not too late to sign up for summer camp at Luther Park in Danbury, WI. A group of our youth are attending the week of July 24-29. All those attending will receive a \$150 scholarship. This is a chance for all youth to make amazing memories and grow in their faith.

Registration is on their website www.lutherpark.com

Go to www.lutherpark.com to register

Hot Summer Nights Wednesday Night Youth Group

All 6th-12th Youth are invited to join us Wednesday Nights from 7:30-8:30 as we gather first to play Nookum, four-square and other games and then talk a little faith. Some weeks may include service events. All are welcome, come and bring a friend. We will meet July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10, 17.



Cabin Trip

Mark your calendars for August 18-20! Youth grades 6-12, we are once again heading up to Flegel's cabin for a few days of fun, fellowship, games, swimming, faith talks and more.

Registration coming in July.



Dates to Remember

Sun. July 3: Sunday Worship
Wed. July 6: Summer Youth Group
Sun. July 10: Sunday Worship
Wed. July 13: Community Meal/Faith Formation
Summer Youth Group
Sun. July 17: OUTDOOR Worship
Youth Sunday
Wed. July 20: Summer Youth Group
Sun. July 24: Sunday Worship
Wed. July 27: Summer Youth Group
Sun. July 31: Sunday Worship
Wed. Aug 3: Community Meal/Faith Formation
Summer Youth Group
Sun. Aug 7 : Sunday Worship
Wed. Aug 10: Summer Youth Group
Sun. Aug 14 : OUTDOOR Worship
Wed. Aug 17: Summer Youth Group
Sun. Aug 21 : Sunday Worship
Sun. Aug 28 : Sunday Worship

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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Acceptance
Meaningful relationships
Impact
Love
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