



### **Rally Sunday: September 7th**

Join us Sept 7<sup>th</sup> as we kick off the fall with our Blessing of the Backpacks, Volunteer Opportunities, Sunday School Open House, and treats.

We will be highlighting and sharing areas within the church where we are looking for volunteers to help support and grow our church programming and community. This is an intergenerational activity so come be a part of this event. All are welcome!



### **Bible Sunday: September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Join us during worship on September 14<sup>th</sup> as our new confirmation students receive their new NRSV Bible and our new Sunday School students receive their Spark Children's Bible. This is also our first day of Sunday School following worship.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Bring your backpacks to worship for a special blessing as our children head back to school.



Family of Christ

### **Living Our Baptism: Adult Education**

Martin Luther taught we are to daily renew our baptism.

We rise and say, "I am baptized into Christ."

Whether we are young or old, this daily renewal of baptism leads to a practicing of faith and deepening of discipleship. Living our Baptism describes our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ.

This year our adult ed classes will take the opportunity to engage our faith by looking at Baptism and how we can live as disciples of God in God's promises.

Sundays starting Sept 14th from 10:45am-11:30am

### **Directory Updates & Photographs**

Stop by the table in the Narthex beginning Sunday, August 31st to verify your Directory Information and to get your picture taken. As we launch My Family of Christ, we need pictures of our congregation and if you are up for it, a video as well. We would like to fill a wall with pictures of our Family of Christ. The videos would be used on social media to help promote the church.

### **Directory Updates & Photos beginning Sunday, Aug. 31st**



### **Watch for exciting opportunities this fall**

#### **Save the following dates:**

Sunday, September 7: Rally Day/Blessing of Backpacks  
Wednesday, September 10: Youth Volunteer Meeting  
Sunday, September 14: Sunday School Begins  
Wednesday, September 17: Confirmation/Youth Group Begins  
October 3-5: Youth Fall Retreat  
Sunday, October 12: Confirmation Sunday  
November 14-16: Community Retreat at Luther Park

# Aug 24, 2025



## August Mission of the Month Foster Together/Abundant Goods

Foster Together is a non-profit that exists to walk alongside foster, kinship, and adoptive families with the mission to reduce stress and prevent burnout by providing relational and tangible support. They partner with the community to create opportunities to *come alongside* parents so that foster families can focus on providing the best care for all the children in their home.

*To learn more or to help please visit their website at <https://www.fostertogethernm.org/>*

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## FALL PROGRAMMING

### Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off another amazing year on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> following worship with an Open House where our youth will see their classrooms, make a craft, and meet their teachers.

Sunday School is for  
3 yr-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

We use the SPARK curriculum for our SS classes which begins on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Register online or fill out a hard copy.

Suggested fee per child is \$30.

Any questions, reach out to [dana@familyofchrist.com](mailto:dana@familyofchrist.com)



### Confirmation

All 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Confirmation and a time to learn more about their faith and connect with others.

Confirmation meets on Wednesday nights from 6:20-7:40pm.

Begins September 17<sup>th</sup>. Register online or fill out a hard copy.

The suggested fee is \$50.



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All 9-12th graders are invited to join us Wednesday nights for a time of fun, discovery, and faith. This year we will be concentrating on becoming better leaders and people of God.

Peer Ministry gives youth the relational leadership skills to know how to listen, care, help, when to seek help, welcome, and the very skills needed to love every neighbor. The skills to be a real friend. Each week we will play some games, get to know ourselves and God, and how we are part of a community.

Youth Group will meet Wednesdays from 7:40-8:40pm starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.