



Summer Newsletter 2024

**“Inviting ALL to Live
the Gospel through
Faith, Love, and
Compassion”**

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Message from Pastor

Living Out Faith

Dear Family in Christ,

We are entering the longest season of the Christian Year, the Sundays after Pentecost, or what is also called Ordinary Time. For many, it feels rather ordinary, week after week of the long spring and summer and even into the early fall season. It is the time when attendance patterns shift, and folks find it hard to maintain a regular weekly presence. Ordinary. Yet, it could be argued that this season is where our faith gets put to the test. From Advent through Pentecost Sunday, we are walking with Jesus, learning and growing and inviting alongside him, observing and listening as he makes his earthly journey. Then on Pentecost, the church takes the stage and seeks to live out all that has been learned as we show to the world what living in the kingdom looks like.

However, we don't walk alone. We want to keep a proper perspective as we live out our faith and realize that while our efforts are important, it is by the grace of God that we can be the church we are called to be. Even here, in the season after Pentecost, we ascribe to God all the glory, all the wonder, all the joy that is within us. Join us, as together we look to the source and sustenance of our faith.

Peace

Pastor Brent



Summer Worship Series

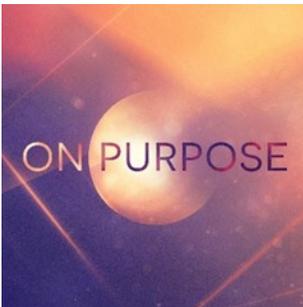


Ascribe to God June 2nd-16th

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Open Your Hearts June 23rd-July 7th

We want to live embracing the possibilities, going for the gusto, seizing the day, and any other cliché that we can think of. Yet there is also a risk in living that way. We are vulnerable, might be taken advantage of, and liable to be hurt. Maybe closing off is a safer way to live in these tumultuous days? Maybe protecting ourselves is the smarter way to be? Yet, there is that call, that invitation to go deeper, open wider. This worship series invites us to consider how we live open-heartedly in a risky world and at a contentious time. Whether we're talking about love of God or love of neighbor or even love of country, we are invited to live into reality with a hope for "kin-dom" values and the promise of eternity. It is not always easy to be a person of faith, but we come closer to Christ when we open our hearts.



On Purpose July 14-Aug 18th

Have you ever asked this question: Why am I here? Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions: Who am I? Do I have a "calling"? What am I supposed to do with my life? What does purposeful living look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers to these questions – promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace these questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives right now.

Special Guest Speaker Historian and Author Dr. David Schultz

The Tuesday morning bible study would like to invite you to join them on June 11th at 7:00am as we have conversation with historian and author about Paul, Jesus, and the early church.

Dr David Schultz is a political science professor at Hamline University and is seen regularly on local news stations.

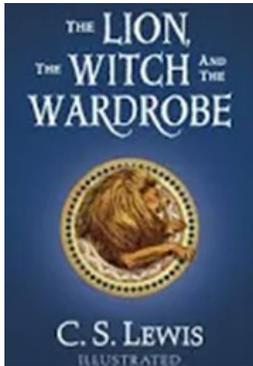
Congratulations to All those Baptized in the Last Month.

We are glad you are part of our community.

Sky Bella Witt
Ian Romano Marks
Kaia Corinne Zimmermann
Mallory Jane Smith



Summer Book Club



June

***The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis**

As one of the most loved novels of all time, this amazing fantasy book is a gift for all ages. Reread a classic book by C.S. Lewis or introduce a young one in your life by reading it together. Then join us on **June 26th** as we discuss and do activities around the book. Good for all ages, but geared for those 10 and older.

August

***Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert**

Join us for a night of art and conversation around Gilbert's important book that shows us how to live holy and creative lives. No experience necessary as we use our new Worship and Art space (Choir room) to create a piece of art and discuss how we are creative people. Cost is \$20 for supplies.



Church Summer Fix and Clean

With the weather turning warmer our thoughts have turned to a much needed summer cleanup and fixing for Family of Christ church, both the inside and the outside. The wish list is long and with the help of Volunteers, the tasks can be completed in short order.

We are looking at the following dates in June:

June 15th (11-2pm)

June 17th (6-8pm)

June 18th (6-8pm)

June 20th (6-8pm)

Come one, come all.

Come all four days or come for one, any help is greatly appreciated.

Join our New Teams

As we move into the future, we are finding new ways to welcome people to our community. Part of this is looking at how we do ushering and worship set-up. If you are interested in being an usher and greeter, or helping with communion and other worship elements, be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to create these new teams.



Sound Board Replacement: Special Financial Appeal

Last week our sound board gave out. This important part of our ministry is crucial to our worship and online presence.

Cost to replace the board and upgrade equipment is \$3500.

We are prayerfully asking you to help us by making a donation to offset this unexpected expense.



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota

**June Mission of the Month
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota**

Lutheran Social Services is about neighbors helping neighbors – Minnesotans rising together to practice compassion.

They support all people with personalized services that inspire hope, change lives and build community. They hope to live the message that God loves all people without condition and God yearns for us to love all our neighbors.

Thanks again for your wonderful gifts.



**FARMINGTON
HEALTH SERVICES**
Trinity Campus

**July Mission of the Month
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.



**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, June 11th, 2024
11:30am to 5:30 pm**

To donate blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org
Contact Glenda Lind for more information.

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**Special thanks to all those that helped with our youth this year.
You are a blessing to so many!**

PREK-K

Dana Sahlin
Emily Huus
Jenn Hatlestad
Kelly Hellier
Roz Bergquist

Grades 4-5

Amy Klimpke
Ryan Basballe
Cary Whittington
Danielle Iseda

Confirmation

Pastor Brent
Kristin Basballe
Pierre Menard
Gerry Wills
Shannon Flegel

Grades 1-3

Susan Semmler
Jaime Worm
Ava/Lisa Bryant

Subs

Carla Passon
Kristin Basballe
Josi Hellier
Nichole VanMinsel

Youth Group

Pastor Brent
Dana Sahlin
Ann and Brian Yolitz
Jim Korska



Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser June 2nd

Our next Mission Trip Fundraiser (for our youth heading to New York) will be on June 2nd after worship.
Bring your dirty cars for our youth to clean and vacuum.
Thanks in advance for your support!



EPIC Summer Nights: Encouraging People In Christ

Youth grades 7-12: Wednesday nights!

Join in for fun, fellowship, and faith formation from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Bring a friend! The first one is June 12th.

SAVE THE DATE

Youth Cabin Trip

Mark your calendars for August 8-10th! Youth grades 7-12th, we are once again heading up to Flegel's cabin for a few days of fun, fellowship, games, swimming, faith talks and more.

Summer Camp

Don't forget to sign up for summer camp at Luther Park in Danbury, WI. A group of our youth are attending the week of July 21-26. We have this designated week at Luther Park for FOC youth to sign up and attend camp with church friends. But know that you can sign up for any week that works for you. All FOC members attending for a week receive a \$150 scholarship thanks to a memorial fund. They also offer family weekend getaways. See the website for details.

This is a chance for all youth to make amazing memories and grow in their faith.

Registration is on their website www.lutherpark.com

July 21-24, 2023: Half week for 1-4th graders

July 21-26, 2023: Full week for 3-6th graders

July 21-26, 2023: Full week for 7-12th graders in the Treehouse



Congratulations to our 2024 High School Graduates

Come and bless these new graduates on June 2nd during worship as they make this amazing transition in life.



Donny Bergquist

Cade Hatlestad

Drawer Bundling Event

Thanks to all who helped collect and bundle socks and underwear for the Drawer. We bundled 289 pairs of socks and underwear for those in need of basic essentials in our community.



Summer Schedules

Throughout the summer the FOC staff will have unusual schedules. Please check online or call the office to make sure we are available. Normal summer hours are Tues-Thurs 8:30-3:00.



The church office is will be **CLOSED** Wed., July 17th to Wed., July 24th Please contact Pastor Brent if you need to assistance.

“FoCus” is a monthly publication of Family of Christ Lutheran Church. Please contact the church office to submit items for publication in our newsletter.

Family of Christ Staff Ministry Team:

Lead Pastor:	Pastor Brent Erler
Church Administrator:	Linda Bauer
Children, Family and Outreach Coordinator:	Dana Sahlin
Musicians:	Mary Wescott
	Ann Mikiska
	Solveig Englund
	Kim & Steve Wolff
Custodian:	Kelly Kritsberg

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Thank you to all who participated and helped with the Chili Cook-Off. We raised over \$500 to support the ministries of Luther Park, our bible camp. In addition our Noisy offering and donations we were able to send over \$960 to Luther Park.



End of the Year Celebrations

On May 5th, our Sunday School kids enjoyed cookies, made a Mother's Day card, received awards, and played games to celebrate our final Sunday School. On May 15th, our older youth enjoyed snacks, played Nukum, elbow tag, shared favorite things, and hung out in the youth room to celebrate the end of the year. These were fun celebrations as we ended our school year programming. Special thanks to our teachers & mentors. Our youth programs are a success because of you!



Save the Date - VBS:

Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God

August 18th, 19th, 20th 5:30pm-7:30pm

Registration: See FOC website for forms

Many volunteers are needed to help make VBS happen.

Please consider signing up: [.signupgenius.](https://signupgenius.com)





Dates to Remember

Sun. Jun 2: Graduation Recognition/MT Car Wash
Wed. Jun 5: No Programming
Tue. Jun 11: David Schultz Guest Speaker
Wed. Jun 12: First EPIC Youth Nights
Sat. Jun 15: Summer Fix & Clean
Mon. Jun 17: Summer Fix & Clean
Tue. Jun 18: Summer Fix & Clean
Thu. Jun 20: Summer Fix & Clean
Wed. Jun 26: Summer Book Club
Wed. Jul 3: No Programming
Jul 13—Jul 20: Youth Mission Trip
Wed. Jul 17: No Programming (MT)
Aug 8—Aug 10: Youth Cabin Trip
Sun. Aug 18— Tue. Aug 20: VBS
Wed. Aug 21: Annual Summer Celebration

Vision Statement

Family of Christ invites ALL to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion



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

Faith
Acceptance
Meaningful relationships
Invoke
Love
Youth