



FALL WORSHIP SERIES

The Sundays after Pentecost can seem to drag on and on at times. This is where we learn again that our faith journey is a marathon and not a sprint. Sure, we've heard that before and maybe even could say we know it. But what does it mean? The first thing it means is that we won't get too far in our

discipleship journey on enthusiasm alone. There will be times when we've hit a dry spell, or when we find ourselves in a desert, and as the examples in our chosen texts show us, grumbling and fear will be ever around us and even within us at times. Enthusiasm wanes and emotions come and go. It takes discipline to sustain the pace as we walk our faith journey. It takes commitment and the will to keep putting one foot in front of another.

This is not, however, a self-generated discipline, though the self is involved. The other truth before us is that we are not alone as we continue along our discipleship path. First of all, there is the ever-present Spirit of God who sustains and enlivens us the more we seek God in our daily lives, as we proceed on the long haul of faith. God is with us. Secondly, there is a community of faith that encourages us, mentors us, learns with us and even from us at times. We are in relationship with the church in the long haul. Indeed, we might argue that the only way we can make it for the long haul is together. There's a saying that sums it up: "if you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together." We are in community as we journey, especially for the long haul.



Tanzania Sunday – October 1

On Sunday, October 1st, Family of Christ will celebrate Tanzania Sunday.

FOC's Tanzania Ministries include:

- Secondary Student Scholarships
- Medical Scholarships
- Iringa Hope Micro-Finance Project
- Usokami Parish

Please join us to hear more about these ministries



**Lutheran
Social Service**
of Minnesota

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.

Ways to Give, Connect and Serve

September 17th, 2023

Please check the boxes you are interested in and someone will contact you with more information.

PLEASE remember to fill out your contact information on the other side.

Youth Programming

- I'm interested in registration for Sunday School
- I'm interested registration for Confirmation.
- I'm interested in helping out with youth programming this fall



Sept 17, 2023



Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off another amazing year **TODAY!** following worship. We will leave towards the end of the last hymn. We will then have a welcome time, sing a little and break into classes to get to know one another and learn about God's love for all of us. Sunday School is for 3-year-olds - 5th grade. Register online or fill out a hard copy. Suggested fee per kid is \$20. Any questions, reach out to dana@familyofchrist.com

Register Here



Confirmation

All 6th-9th graders are invited to join us for Confirmation and a time to learn more about their faith and daily life.

This is a chance to continue to develop faith foundations in a safe environment where our youth can bring their questions, doubts, and real selves.

Our first class will be on **September 20th**.

This year's classes will run from 6:20-7:40.

Register online or fill out a hard copy. The suggested fee is \$50.



Abundant Goods Open House Sunday October 8th

The Abundant Goods team will be speaking during worship and then you will have an opportunity to check out their new shopping and resource center.

Head downstairs after worship to tour the space and enjoy some donuts and coffee.

Optional donation: bring a restaurant or Doordash gift card.

Abundant Goods will be collecting new or gently used winter gear. Please watch for the Signup Genius.

Front Entrance Concrete Update:

The concrete was poured on Wednesday, Sept 13th. Please use the office entrance until after Sept. 20th.

Thank you to all have contributed to this project. We have raised \$3,075 towards our \$6,100 goal. If you would like to give please send donations to the office or give online.



The Drawer 5k Walk & Run Saturday, October 7th 10am to 1pm

Thomas Lake Park Pavilion
Registration is free!
Events include face painting, games, food, music and more!

Worship Record

Please fill this out and place in the offering plate.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Home Cell

- I am a member
- I am a regular visitor
- I am a first time visitor
- I give permission to use my email for Family of Christ related communications
- I am interested in membership

Prayer Request(s)

Include the first and last name of each person being prayed for and your relationship to that person.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Prayer _____

- Please do not mention publicly. Please have Pastor Contact me.
- Please add to prayer chain.

Other Comments

Let us know what you think about your worship experience this morning.