



TANZANIA SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th

Join us on Sunday, October 6th as Family of Christ will observe Tanzania Sunday.

Our relationship with the Lutheran church in Tanzania and with our sister congregation in Usokami have been an important part of sharing God's love and Grace with the world. Join us as we celebrate this partnership and find more ways to support one another.

Secondary Student Scholarships

Since 2004, FOC members and friends have sponsored 401 Usokami secondary students.

During the current school year Family of Christ is supporting 5 boys and 9 girls.

Providing scholarship support for these students is a great investment toward a brighter future for them, their community, Tanzania and Africa.

The 2025 FOC scholarship goal is to raise \$8400 which covers the cost of room, board and education (\$615) for an entire year.

Any size donation will help reach the \$8400 financial goal and is such a generous gift.

Scholarship donations are due by October 27 in order to reach Tanzania for the school year.

Iringa Hope Micro-Finance Project

In 2019 We began to partner with Iringa Hope, an organization that raises funds and administers microfinance loans. **Iringa Hope** uses a unique Model to deliver agricultural financing, marketing, and training to smallholder farmers in Tanzania.

The organization develops self-governed and self-sustaining member owned and operated cooperative societies that help to alleviate poverty and empower entrepreneurs. Microfinance loans are made to small businesses and farms with an average loan of \$300.

Medical Scholarship

The Tanzania Medical Scholarship team is sponsoring two medical students:

- Keneth Temba who is in his final year of a 3-year of an Optometry diploma program at the MVUMI Institute of Health Science.
- Justice Bwisco who is in his 3rd year of a 4-year radiography training at Makerere University in Uganda.

To help support these medical scholarships, a craft sale will be held after church on Tanzania Sunday, October 6. Stop by and purchase some of our unique, one-of-a-kind craft items.

Envelopes for the Tanzania ministries are available on the Tanzania display table or from the ushers.

2024 Tanzania Mission Trip Quilt Raffle

Proceeds from raffle will go towards the

2024 Family of Christ Mission Trip to Tanzania.

Tickets are \$5 each and will be going on sale before & after church or can be purchased from Kathy Derner or Vickie Heggen. Drawing Sunday, October 20, need not be present to win. Pastor Brent, Ann Mikiska & Tami Maddio will be traveling to Tanzania on October 30 through November 11.

Preliminary plans has the members visiting Usokami, the Ilula Hospital, Lutheran Secondary Schools where some of FOC's sponsored students attend and various other locations.



Quilt made by Kathy Derner and machine quilted by Cheryl Wills

Sept 29, 2024



September 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.fostertogethermn.org/>

Abundant Goods is collecting new winter gear in September and October.
Watch for donation boxes and more information

Sunday School



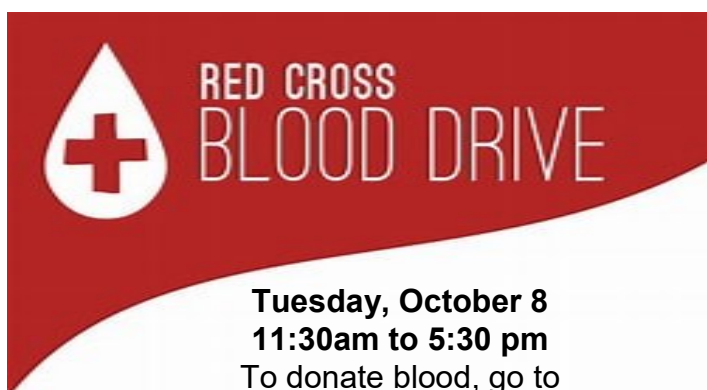
Join us Sundays as we continue another great year of Sunday School. We leave worship during the last song. We meet in the MPR for a little bit of singing, dancing, and bible story video, then break into classes to learn about our bible story and that we are all loved by God. There are 3 classes: PREK, K-2nd grade, and 3-5th grade. Children are still able to register online. Classes are from 10:30-11:30. The 2nd Sunday of the month is Youth Sunday. The kids will sing a song during worship. Our first "song" Oct. 13th is the Hippo Song.

Confirmation and Youth Group

Oct. 2: Dinner, Confirmation, Youth Group
Oct. 9: Dinner 6:00, Confirmation 6:20-7:30,
MT Meeting 7:30-8:00, Youth Group 8-8:40
Oct. 23: Dinner, Confirmation, Youth Group
Oct. 30: Dinner, Confirmation, Youth Group

Wednesday Night Schedule

6:00pm: Pizza Dinner
6:20 - 7:40pm: Confirmation
7:40 - 8:40pm: Youth Group



Tuesday, October 8
11:30am to 5:30 pm
To donate blood, go to
www.redcrossblood.org
Contact Glenda Lind for more information.



The FOC Women's Bible Study will meet
Monday, Oct, 7th at 10:00am
at Family of Christ.
We will continue our study of
Ephesians: God's Power Works In Us.
All our Welcome!