



## TANZANIA SUNDAY

Today we celebrate 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

### 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.

They will be visiting the Usokami Church, six preaching points, the Ilula Hospital, Lutheran Secondary Schools where FOC's sponsored students attend and various other locations.



*Quilt made by Kathy Derner and machine quilted by Cheryl Wills*

# Oct 6, 2024



## October Mission of the Month Tanzania Ministries

Bega Kwa Bega is the phrase we use to describe our companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

In English, the phrase means 'shoulder to shoulder' and describes the way in which we accompany one another in a spirit of mutuality, inclusivity, and vulnerability. Through the work of this partnership and the leading of God's Holy Spirit, we envision deeper faith and fuller life, accompanying one another as participants in God's ongoing mission in both America and Tanzania.

Our partnership supports the Illula congregation, secondary school students, medical school scholarship and Iringa Hope micro financing.

## 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are still able to register online. Classes are from 10:30-11:30. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month is Youth Sunday. The kids will sing a song during worship. Our first "song" Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> is the Hippo Song.

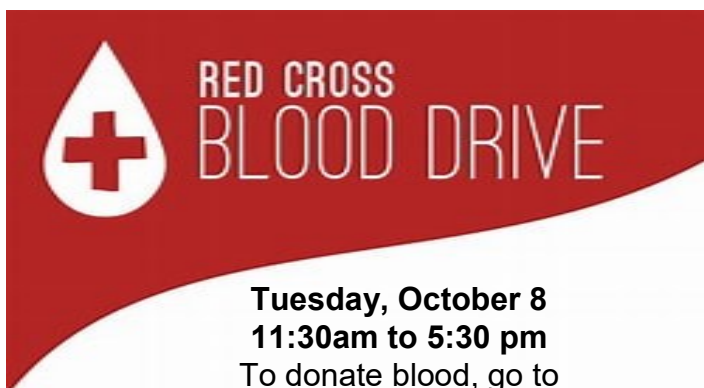
## Confirmation and Youth Group

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](http://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!**