November 8, 2026

November Mission of the Month

Messiah Community Food Shelf

As a community food shelf, we are committed to providing, healthy, nourishing food to our customers to promote strong, thriving, wholesome families.

Together, Messiah Community Food Shelf and 360 Communities provide support to our local community to promote long-term self-sufficiency. Our food shelf offers a wide variety of healthy food options like fresh produce and whole grains as items that are low in fat, sodium, and sugar. These offerings help meet clients' nutritional needs and contribute to better community health overall.

We currently serve around 4,000 people a year, approximately 88,000 pounds of food.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome! There are so many ways to serve at the food shelf. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us.

Weekly Education Opportunities Continue for the 2026 - 2027 Year!

Adult Education Hour

Adult Education is running Listening Sessions for the next few weeks. Join Pastor Brent in the conference room to imagine our future and share your thoughts on how we should shape FOC in the future.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. You can come in person or via an on-line link. Contact Pastor Brent for more information.

FOC Kids & Youth

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:35 unless noted.

Confirmation & Youth Group meets every Wednesday beginning at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is tomorrow, 11/2. Study will be on Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.

Christmas Pageant "Unpacking the Manger"

Dec. 13th at 9:30 am



All ages are invited to sign up as we retell the story of the coming of our savior. Rehearsals start Nov. 22

Raffle Basket Collection for Advent Potluck Luncheon



The Advent Luncheon will be here before we know it. It is time to start planning a basket to donate. Bring baskets in any time between now and Dec. 2nd if you can. Tickets will be available for purchase Dec 6 & 13. All proceeds are donated to the Messiah Community Food Shelf.

THE JOY OF GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP

Generous Lives. Joyful Community. God's Work Together.

Why is Family of Christ important to you?

Can you think of specific reasons?

Is it the worship life of the congregation? Does the preaching feed you and send you into the week challenged and inspired? Does the choir or the congregational singing send you out of the sanctuary happily humming a tune? Is it Holy Communion — meeting Christ at the altar and knowing your sins are forgiven?

Is it the people you meet that are most important? Perhaps you have had times of joy or sorrow that would have been much less significant without the love and care you received
from others in the church. Perhaps you have worked side by side with the same people over and over. You know each other. You care for each other. You have had fun, and you have done God's work together.

Do significant life events connect you to the congregation? A wedding, a baptism, a confirmation, a funeral?

Why is Family of Christ important to you? We each have a different "why." What is yours?

Whatever your "why," know that it is possible only because of the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure from you and all the people around you.

FOC Kids

Get a snack after worship and head down the MPR to sing a song and then head to your classrooms.

Keep on your radar: Next Sunday, Nov.15th, don't miss being here to find out parts and get your costume for our annual Christmas Pageant to be presented during worship on Dec. 13th. Rehearsals begin Nov. 22nd.

FOC Youth

Youth Programming this week: Dinner for Youth & Adults optional at 6:00, 6:20 head into the sanctuary to kick off the night.

Next Youth Sunday: December 13th, are you signed up to volunteer? And remember, we need an acolyte EVERY Sunday, so sign up to fill a spot!

Youth Game Night Coming Wed. Nov. 25th!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 18: Community/Together Night
Wednesday, November 25: Youth Game Night
Sunday, December 13: Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 13: Trinity Care Center Party
Saturday, December 19: Advent Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, December 20: Longest Night Worship 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship 4:30 pm



Community Night: Nov 18th 6-7:30

COMMUNITY NIGHTS

Food Fellowship Fun

We will gather as a community for food, faith, and fun! Our theme is Thanksgiving!

A warm evening of food, friendship, and faith. We will eat, worship, and then do an activity! Bring a dish to share and stay for relaxed community time as we reconnect, laugh, and support one another. Come be part of the joy of growing together. All members are invited. Bring a friend, neighbor, or co-worker! If you are able, sign up to bring an item to the potluck! Thank you!

Youth Game Night - Wed. Nov. 25th



Do you love games and hanging out with friends? Are you a 6th-12th grader? If so, then come and join us on Wednesday, November 25th from 6:30-9:00. Feel free to bring caffeine-free drinks to share and/or a snack to share. Bring your favorite games as well. It is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or 2. Adult chaperones are welcome as well.

Last Call for the Mission Trip Pie Bake Sale Fundraiser!



We are selling pies for our members to help cover chaperones costs for the mission trip in July. The pies come from Carlson's Orchard. The pies are take and bake pies that come frozen. Flavors are Crust Top Apple, Crumb Top Apple, Apple Crisp, Pumpkin, and Cherry. Pies are $20. The sign up is in the Narthex.

This Sunday is the last chance to sign up. Pies will be delivered on Saturday, Nov. 21st.

'tis the season

TO BE GIVING

LAKEVILLE AREA MUTUAL AID — Carrying the Load Together

& 360 Communities. Help in the moment. Hope for the future.

INVITE YOU TO A HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

SAT. DEC 5TH , 2026

FROM 11 - 1

HELP US GATHER GIFTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

DROP OFF AT FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
10970 185TH ST W, LAKEVILLE

GIFT IDEAS

- PAJAMAS, ALL SIZES & GENDERS
- KITS (CRAFTS, ART, MAKEUP, SCIENCE, NAIL, HYGIENE, SLIME)
- BARBIES/DOLLS
- ACTION FIGURES
- SPORTING ITEMS (NERF BALLS, FRISBEES, WIFFLE BATS, ETC)
- THROWS
- FIDGETS/SQUISHIES
- BOARD GAMES
- $10 GIFT CARDS FOR FAST FOOD/COFFEE (TEEN GIFTS)

SCAN HERE TO DONATE FUNDS INSTEAD

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4
All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

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