November 15, 2026

THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

STEWARDSHIP

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

The Good Samaritan was a neighbor to a stranger in need. He gave time and money to care for the victim of a roadside mugging. Can you think of a time when you helped a stranger in need? Be as specific as possible. What were the circumstances? Who was the person? What did you do?

Here at Family of Christ, we strive to work together to help people in need in our community and around the world. We may not know many of them closely, yet still we call them our neighbors. Jesus commends the Good Samaritan by saying he was a neighbor to the man by the side of the road. Being a neighbor is how we do God's work in the world.

Fred Rogers used to sing, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Imagine someone in need — maybe someone in our community, maybe someone around the world. Next, hear yourself say to that person, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Then see yourself being a neighbor to that person through your actions. Finally, see our congregation, together, being their neighbor.

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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.

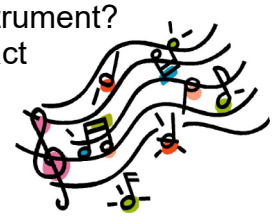
Confirmation & Youth Group meets every Wednesday beginning at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is tomorrow, 12/7. Study will be an advent devotional.
Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.

FOC Advent Band is gathering their roster!

December 6th, our Advent Band will perform once again. Enjoy making a joyful noise on your instrument? Want to play again but don't have an instrument? Want to be part of it? Contact Jeremy Mann at mannjer@gmail.com to get involved!



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.

FOC Kids

Get a snack after worship and head down the MPR. Today will be about learning parts in the Annual Christmas Pageant and finding costumes!

Keep on your radar: December 13th is the Annual Christmas Pageant and a Saturday rehearsal is scheduled for the day before to run through with the whole cast. So keep 9:30 am on December 12th open!

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
Tuesday, December 1: Bloodmobile at FOC
Sunday, December 6: Advent Band at Worship
Saturday, December 12: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:30 am
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



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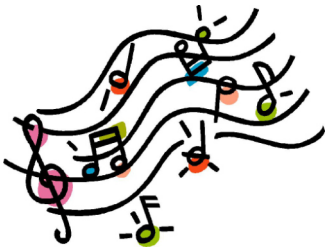
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Youth Game Night - Wed. Nov. 25th



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.



Come Make a Joyful Noise with our Annual Advent Band!

Do you play an instrument? Maybe you used to and you'd like to try it out again? Join the FOC Advent Band as they play us through some holiday favorites on December 6th. No advance practices, just come at 8 am that morning and share your talents. Contact Jeremy Mann at mannjer@gmail.com and he will get you the music. Don't have your instrument anymore, no worries, Jeremy will find you one!

'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

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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

advent Luncheon

Trinity Care Giving Tree

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