



Family of Christ

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Touching lives with the love of Christ.



A Word From Our Pastor

“Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy” was the refrain from the animated series called Ren and Stimpy. It is about two characters who, no matter what happens to them, find joy in the end. As we celebrate Easter this month, we want to remember that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the final victory and that our lives can be ones of joy no matter what else happens in our lives. Christ’s resurrection beats the power of our sinful nature, the consequence of death and power of the devil. We live in joy knowing that we are forgiven. We live in joy knowing that when things seem like constant struggle and pain, we know there is healing, if not in this life, with God in heaven. It is true we are not always joyful and definitely do not always feel happy, but we can rest assured that God is always there, lifting us up and carrying us. We can also find and know joy that God is always there for us. So as we celebrate Easter, we can say, “Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy”.

Pastor Biar

2010 New Orleans Youth Gathering

Thoughts of spring cleaning beginning to stir as the days begin to lengthen? Just a reminder to save some of your 'stuff' for a spring garage sale to help the youth fund a portion of the trip. See Jeanne Block for details. Thanks.

FOC RCLS Board Representative

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Family of Christ VBS 2010

Where: Gibbs Elementary School

When: June 27th-July 1st

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

This summer our VBS theme will be Hero Headquarters, where kids will learn that they too can be hero's

We are currently looking for volunteers. Please contact Meghan Churchill or Shannon Koehne at meghanchurchill21@hotmail.com or shannonkoehne@hotmail.com if you have interest in helping this summer. The more volunteers we have will allow for a greater opportunity to touch many lives with the love of Christ.

Areas still in need of volunteers:

- Crafts
- Snacks
- Singing
- Crew Leaders
- Games
- Decorations
- fill-ins



Family of Christ Youth Calendar of Events

Work in progress but here is the calendar of events as currently shaping up.

- Family of Christ Lock-In - April 9th
- Camp Fire/Cook Out – April/May
 - Bottorffs will host.
- Christian Service Project - Saturday, May 15th
 - Ruds will host.
- Valley Fair Trip - June
- End of Summer Bash – August
 - Pahlkotters will host.

Sunday School Teachers

Just a reminder we'll have a teachers' meeting every 3rd Tues night at 6pm in the 4th grade class room at RCLS (April 20, May 18). Please Mark your calendars.

Our children will be singing:

- April 25- an early Palm Sunday song
- May 9- Mother's day song

We will Not have SS on Easter April 4 due to the Easter egg Hunt

End of the year Celebration May 23 (Sunday Before Memorial day)- NO lesson that day. We will do a MINI VBS to get kids and helpers EXCITED about VBS June 27-July 1

We also talked about kids running around church in between church and SS. We don't want anyone to get hurt. THIS GOES FOR WED nights TOO. It is God's house. even though we meet in a school, we want to have fun and it is exciting to see friends. We just don't want to see anyone get hurt. To go along with that at 11:15 am, we get done with SS and kids start to run again or play outside. One adult (who isn't teaching and putting chairs and tables away) should stand by the door and ask if there parent know where they are and get parents permission to go outside. Wondering if the adult Bible class could get done at 11:10am so that parents know where their kids are. We'd like to open the door 11:10 so that kids and get permission or not from parents.

FOC Vegetable Garden

The soil is beginning to warm up. Dan Kluge's green thumb is getting itchy again. Dan would like to once again provide fresh garden vegetables to FOC members again this summer and welcomes any suggestions (other than potatoes) on what to add to his garden plot. This year, vegetable proceeds will be in support of the youth trip to New Orleans.

FOC Bake Sale April 18

Warm up your ovens, Further details to come.

FOC & Pizza Hut

See Bob Trempe regarding coupons for Pizza Hut that will be a part of our support of RCLS through the Christian Education Association of FOC. The next Thursday to take advantage of this opportunity will be April 8th . The dates for this opportunity will be the second Thursday each month:

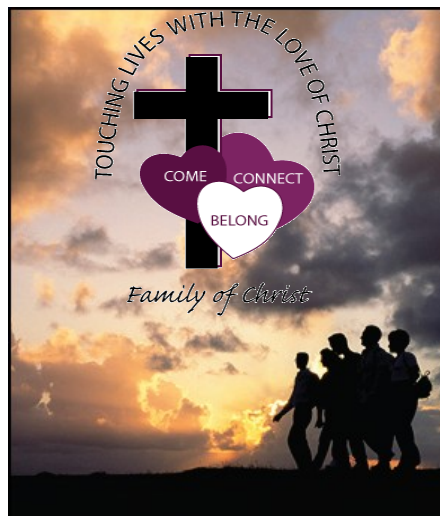
Thurs. April 8th

Thurs. May 6th

The coupon you receive can be used to give RCLS(FOC) 20% of your expenditure each of these days, all day long. FOC will benefit an additional 10% if you use Pizza Hut Scrip in addition to the coupon.

FOC DEX Directory

Look for the FOC ad in the new DEX Yellow Pages Directories for 2010-2011. It looks something like the following along with our contact information.



FOC Council Meetings

The upcoming FOC Council meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday April 12 7:00pm RCLS
- Monday May 10 7:00pm RCLS

As a reminder to congregational members, one of the first orders of business on each Council Meeting Agenda is for “Congregational Input”. If you have an item of interest that you wish to bring to the attention of the Council, please feel free to contact Tim Block regarding time on the agenda.

Looking For a Job?



We have opportunities in 2010 for the following positions: RCLS Board Representative, Financial secretary, Sound Technician, Newsletter Editor, Trailer Pickup/Delivery. While we want to keep our focus on the cross and *Touching Lives With the Love of Christ*, sharing the administrative workload gives everyone a voice and an opportunity to participate. Job descriptions are included below. See Tim Block if you are interested or have further questions.

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Financial Secretary:

Count and record the weekly Sunday offering. Enter results on the collection form and record/post the results on the church web based financial software package. Deposit the collection at the bank. The time required is approximately two hours per week but must be done on a timely basis. Experienced training will be provided. This job can be shared, e.g., one month on, one month off, with backup.

Sound Technician:

Setup and adjustment of the microphones, speakers, and sound board allowing for Praise Team pre-service practice to start in timely fashion. Experienced training will be provided. The time required is approximately 2 hours on a Sunday morning beginning at 7:30am. This job can be shared, e.g., one week on, one week off, with backup.

Newsletter Editor:

Collect input from congregation, RCLS, Pastor, and ... for monthly newsletter. Format and edit collected input using favorite writer or publisher package. Distribute to e-mail list and provide some number of copies for distribution at church. Must be able to work to a deadline. The time required is approximately 4 hours per month. Experienced training will be provided. This job can be shared, e.g., six months on, six months off, with backup.

Trailer Pickup/Delivery:

Have a vehicle that can pull our church equipment trailer? We need backfill help on Sunday mornings to pick up and return the trailer to its weekly storage location off Circle Drive. See Ken DeCramer, Rich Bottorff, or Jim Link for details

Treasurer's Report – February 2010

Income:	<u>(February 2010)</u>	<u>(February 2009)</u>
Congregational Support	\$8,368.08	\$10,059.16
Interest Income	0.91	0.02
Dividend Income	0.00	0.00
Support from other Churches	5,006.60	5,836.63
Script Income	49.21	67.58
Misc. Income	0.00	2,384.00
Total Income	\$13,424.80	\$18,347.39
Total Expenses	\$12,063.04	\$12,872.33
Total Checking/Savings	\$31,036.91	\$31,839.88
Stock Account	0.00	2,630.00

April Birthday's & Anniversaries

Apr 01 Jacob Harris
Apr 09 Angela Harrison
Apr 19 Henry Pahlkotter
Apr 22 Emmalee Kluge
Apr 23 Analise Pieper
Apr 28 Barb Jarabek
Apr 30 Annie Block
Apr 30 David Harris

FOC Council Meeting

March 8, 2010

Attendance: Pastor Henry Biar, Tim Block, Ken DeCramer, Angela Harrison, Shannon Olander, Jon Rud

I. Opening: The meeting opened with prayer and an explanation of the small catechism based on the meaning of confession: what is confession, what sins should we confess, what is the first and second part of confession, confessing to a pastor or other Christian, and the meaning of absolution.

II. January minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

III. Congregational input: A DVD series on marriage from Christian Book and Gift. The expense will be covered by donations from the groups interested in viewing with any delta from the adult education expense line item.

IV. Old Business: none

V. Communications:

- A. FOC received thank you letter from the LCMS World Relief and Human Care organization for the congregational donation of \$100,000 for Earthquake relief.
- B. We received a letter about the creation seminar which is upcoming and will be discussed later.
- C. The Dex advertisement was reviewed. The advertisement is in color and FOC got a good deal on it.
- D. Services are set for Good Friday and VBS June 27-July 1. The rent will be similar to what we do for Sunday mornings.

VI. Committee Reports

Treasurers Report:

- A. Facilities-less appeared on the statement because we paid out Gage earlier than normal. Tim Block is going to check on the pensions and welfare payments and find out how often those are paid.
- B. RCLS- income side in December then paid out to RCLS in January.
- C. US Bank-insufficient funds for cash flow service fee of \$76.00. Tim is going to talk to Jolene and check on the bank statements.

Elders Report-(next meeting is on March 15, 2010):

- A. Trailer pick-up-they are looking at getting a list of people to haul the trailer and have a back-up system in place.
- B. Seder super-flyers have been sent to other churches and everyone has been asked to RSVP.

- C. Discussed summer fireside gatherings-June will be at Pastor's house and Chester Woods in July.
- D. The Missouri Synod Lutheran church is looking at starting a mission church in Southwest Rochester. They are calling on the district to help get it started.
- E. Discussed job possibilities for the newsletter and other job possibilities in the church including a secretary for Pastor for a few hours a week. Job descriptions should be created and submitted to the board for review.
- F. Alter flowers-sign-up moved. Need to work on getting volunteer sign-ups again.
- G. Easter lilies will be up for Easter.
- H. Top priority-best thing to use budgeted personnel funds for support. Volunteers versus paid positions i.e. secretary, youth, music director, outreach.
- I. The 21st of April will be the next WOW (Women of Worship) meeting.

Family Focus Board: None

Pastors Report:

- A. Peter Meyer, District Missions, would like pastor to attend a church outreach conference in April in Florida.

VII. New Resolutions: None

VIII. Second Reading Resolutions: None

IX. New business:

- A. Steve Atkins has resigned from the RCLS board. We motioned to thank him for his service and appreciate his time spent on representing FOC. The board will take their time searching for a replacement.

X. Conclusion: The meeting was concluded with prayer at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010.

LWML Spring Rally

Hosted by Our Savior's, Eyota

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Registration 8:30 a.m.,

Lunch will be served

Special Presentation: SHANNA DECKER

Shanna Decker, a cancer survivor and amputee, has a remarkable story to share with you. She comes to you as a seven-time national award winner for her volunteer accomplishments. Since surviving cancer eleven years ago, she has had the privilege of mentoring, supporting, and making more than 700 personal visits to cancer patients and amputees from across the nation and around the world. She also shares her life experiences by volunteering to guest speak at national events, is the founder of her own project "Hearts of Hope", and most recently shared in co-founding the non-profit organization "Brighter Tomorrows"; an outreach to families touched by childhood cancer. But more importantly than her story its self is her love for, and dependence on, her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please plan to join Shanna as she shares her personal story, her love for others, and her focus for living life not of this world, but for eternity.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

-- items for Brighter Tomorrows (see list available from your LWML delegate)

BIBLE STUDY — led by Rev David Preuss, Rochester Zone Pastoral Counselor

MUSIC - The Singing Teapots

COST - \$10, Continental

Breakfast and Lunch included

JOIN US for the last Spring Rally as the current 13 congregation Rochester Zone.

A Word From Our President **“Missional Innovation”**

We have been talking and thinking about what makes for a Missional Congregation. Following is from the topic “How might a church innovate for outreach and new ministry?” at the 4th Annual Mission Summit sponsored by MN South District LCMS this past January. Dr James Gimbel from Concordia University led the discussion as related in the MN South District Mission Vision News Spring 2010..

While congregations of the LCMS are committed to shared doctrine and certain formal ministry practices as we walk together, we are also encouraged to determine our unique mission fields in order to apply our doctrine to life (context). How do we respond to the needs of our neighbors in our unique mission field, making the highest and best use of district experiences, abilities, and spiritual gifts of our members in order to reach new people for Christ? “When you know who you are, you will know what to do,” Dr Gimbel told the group. “You are a child of God. You can live for God, according to His design and purpose.” Knowing God's purpose is essential for decision making and aligning your ministry (personal and congregational) to the Great Commission.

Don't be afraid to make a mistake – just keep searching for the next right answer, and turn problems into possibilities.

Tim Block

Lutheran College Fair

... **Wednesday, April 28** at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE Rochester. 6:45pm Financial Aid Seminar, 7:30pm-9pm College Fair. Reception and Hors d'Oeuvres. All families attending will receive four Application Fee Waivers (up to \$60 value each) applicable to any Lutheran College/University listed on the fee waiver. More details on www.lutherancolleges.org. Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.