



*Family of Christ*

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## *Family of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Touching lives with the love of Christ.*



### **A Word From Our Pastor**

*By His Stripes*  
*Healing Wounded Relationships*

#### *An Old Twist On New Relationships ...*

Christianity is about relationships: Our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Follow Christ along his Lenten way and discover how he reclaims us and all our relationships. Our Lenten worship starts on Ash Wed. Feb. 17, 2010. We will have Lenten worship after that until the Wed. before Palm Sunday, beginning each worship at 6:30 PM at Gibbs Elementary.

- Ash Wednesday. **The Destructive Pattern of Escalation** is seen as troops overtake Jesus in Gethsemane and he stands before Caiaphas.
- First Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Invalidation** is seen in the testimony against Jesus at his trial.
- Second Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation** is seen in the High Priest's reaction to the claims of the Christ.
- Third Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal** is seen in Peter's denial of his Lord.
- Fourth Week of Lent. **The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations** is seen in Jesus' willing sacrifice.
- Fifth Week of Lent. **The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution** is seen in Jesus' opening of

paradise to a sinner.

**Maunday Thursday** service will be a Seder Supper at RCLS, more information to come.

**Good Friday** will be a service of Darkness. The place where we will worship is yet to be determined.

***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.

### **Family of Christ Youth Calendar of Events**

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

- Game Night - Wii and Board Games - Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Hosted by Eides from 6:00pm until 9:00pm
- Lock-In Planning Night - February (TBD)
  - Hosted by Biars
- Family of Christ Youth Service – March 21
- Family of Christ Lock-In - April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Camp Fire/Cook Out – April/May
  - Bottorffs will host.
- Christian Service Project - Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 ( Feb 16, March16, April 20, May 18). Please Mark your calendars.

Our children will be singing:

- Feb 14
- March 21
- April 25- an early Palm Sunday song
- May 9- Mother's day song

## **RCLS Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment begins Monday, February 1. New students are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. In order to offer the same level of programming or better, classrooms need to be filled. Most importantly, we want every opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with as many students and families as possible, “preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today.” If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about RCLS, please let the school know. RCLS staff would welcome the opportunity to visit with you or your referral! Thank you!

### **A Word From Our President “A Missional Congregation”**

What motivates a “Missional” congregation? How about the words of an old Chinese proverb:

*Vision*  
*If your vision is for*  
*a year,*  
*plant wheat.*

*If your vision is for*  
*ten years,*  
*plant trees.*

*If your vision is for*  
*a lifetime,*  
*plant people.*

People must be at the heart and sole of our very being.

- **People not programs.**
- **Possibilities not problems.**
- **Mission not money.**
- **Saving the lost not saving the church**
- **Ministry not maintenance.**

To be prepared for such a mission, we must grow together, in and through the word of God using prayer, personal devotion, and Bible study to strengthen ourselves and each other. Then we can reach out ***“Touching lives with the love of Christ”***.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105.*

*Tim Block*

## **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 Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. The dates for this opportunity will be the second Thursday each month:

Thurs. February 11th

Thurs. March 11th

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 Council Meetings**

The upcoming FOC Council meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday March 8 7:00pm RCLS
- 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.

## **Voters' Assembly Minutes January 31, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35am and began with a prayer and short devotion.

New voting members were accepted into the Voter's Assembly:

- Steve & Barb Jarabek
- Kay Weigert
- Rob Olander
- Tracy & Julie Harris

The 2009 Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The 2010 Baseline Budget as recommended by the FOC Council was adopted.

The following slate of officers for 2010 was presented and adopted:

- President – Tim Block (1 yr term ending Jan 2011)

- Vice President – John Rud (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Treasurer – Shannon Olander (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Secretary – Angela Harrison (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Elder – Rich Bottorff (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Elder – Jim Link (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Elder – Dwight Harrison (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)
- Family Focus Bd – Char Cunningham (2 yr term ending Jan 2012)

Motion to adjourn was entertained at 11:20am followed by closing prayer.

### **Treasurer's Report – December 2009**

Income:	<u>(December 2009)</u>	<u>(December 2008)</u>
Congregational Support	\$10,989.33	16,232.94
Interest Income	0.91	32.32
Dividend Income	0.00	0.16
Support from other Churches	500.00	500.00
Script Income	63.19	97.67
Misc. Income	1017.75	227.75
 Total Income	 \$12,571.18	 \$17,090.84
 Total Expenses	 \$12,310.44	 \$20,269.64
 Total Checking/Savings	 \$29,671.02	 \$27,523.32
Prepaid 2010 RCLS Support (Lefsa)	3,000.00	0.00
Stock Account	3,517.00	2,509.00

### **February Birthday's & Anniversaries**

Feb 08 Steve Jerabek

Feb 09 Terry Muller

Feb 13 Kaylin Akin

Feb 14 Gavin Pahlkotter

Feb 19 Gina Mitchell

Feb 23 Christian Olander

Feb 27 Dustin Harrison

Feb 10 Rich & Barb Bottorff

## **FOC Elder Meeting**

January 18, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:30. Elders attending were Bob Pieper, Dwight Harrison, Rich Bottorff, Jim Link and Ken DeCramer. Pastor Biar lead a Catechism Study for the Elders

The Contact list was discussed. Bob is working with Pastor to update the list. Pastor will be sending the revised list to the Elders with the updates.

The elder schedule was discussed for the rest of January. The Elder in Charge will verify who will be bringing the trailer and will see things are set up for his Sunday. The Elder is responsible to be there. He needs to see the altar and communion is set up for service, and everything taken down after Service. If an Elder is unable to be there he needs to find a replacement.

The schedule for the trailer pick up:

January 24 – Ken DeCramer

January 31 – Ken DeCramer

February 7 – Rich Bottorff

February 14 – Jim Link.

We will ask for Volunteers to pick up the trailer from that day forward.

Lent Services were discussed. Services will be held at 6:30 Wednesday Evenings at Gibbs. The room is yet to be decided. We are looking into a Special Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday.

The Elders discussed some further Outreach Projects. We would like do our Fireside Gatherings again, a summer picnic and a Rochester garbage pickup.

The Elders prayed for the people of Haiti, RCLS and FOC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

## **The *Simply Giving* Program**

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We have been using this service at Family of Christ for the past two years. Questions may be addressed with Tim Block.

