



Family of Christ

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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 worships started on Ash Wed. Feb. 17. We have Lenten worships each Wednesday until the Wed. before Palm Sunday, beginning each worship at 6:30 PM at Gibbs Elementary.

- March 3. **The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation** is seen in the High Priest's reaction to the claims of the Christ.
- March 10. **The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal** is seen in Peter's denial of his Lord.
- March 17. **The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations** is seen in Jesus' willing sacrifice.
- March 24. **The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution** is seen in Jesus' opening of paradise to a sinner.

Maunday Thursday April 1 service will be a Seder Supper at RCLS, more information to come.

Good Friday April 2 will be a service of Darkness at Gibbs Elementary School.

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 VBS 2010

Vacation Bible School is on its way **June 27 – July 1**. Our theme involves the unsung heroes of the Bible. We will be meeting in the evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at Gibbs Elementary School. [Note: The final dates are still being confirmed with the school. The public schools are still in session the week of June 7. The school is having floor tiles redone the week of June 14, and the week of June 21 is Rochesterfest.] We encourage everyone to be a part of this wonderful event to share Christ with the families of Northwest Rochester. **Please see Meghan Churchill or Shannon Koehne to let us know what you would be willing to help out with.**



Family of Christ Youth Calendar of Events

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

- Family of Christ Youth Service – March 21
- 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 (March16, April 20, May 18). Please Mark your calendars.

Our children will be singing:

- March 21 “Jonah”
- April 25- an early Palm Sunday song
- May 9- Mother's day song

Noel and Debbie are collecting candy and things for the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning. Please see them if you are able to help contribute or help “stuff” eggs.

RCLS Drama

The **DRAMA DEPARTMENT** at RCLS is gearing up for our next production, *Disney's Aladdin Jr.* Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! All of your favorite characters are here in this stage adaptation of the Disney hit, including Aladdin, Jasmine, and of course, the Genie. Filled with magic, mayhem, and flying carpet rides, audiences' spirits will soar with excitement. The play will be presented on March 19, 20 at 7:00 pm and March 21 at 2:00 pm in the RCLS gymnasium. Tickets will go on sale March 15 in the school office and will be available at the door.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GENESIS COMMITTEE

A group of about a dozen people have been working on the possibility of a Lutheran High School. They have discovered that there is a strong interest amongst Christian families to have a Lutheran High School. They are now in the process of exploring other programs across the United States that have birthed a high school through a strong elementary like RCLS to see how best to proceed. Please keep these efforts in your prayers and join us in praying that God will bless RCLS with a high school program if it is His will. For more information email relshighschool@charter.net

Looking For a Job?



We have opportunities in 2010 for the following positions: Financial secretary, Sound Technician, Newsletter Editor. 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.

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.

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 March 11th. The dates for this opportunity will be the second Thursday each month:

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.

Treasurer's Report – January 2010

Income:	<u>(January 2010)</u>	<u>(January 2009)</u>
Congregational Support	\$12,522.82	8,487.91
Interest Income	1.14	54.74
Dividend Income	24.00	47.79
Support from other Churches	2559.92	750.00
Script Income	53.01	184.63
Misc. Income	1017.75	527.00
Total Income	\$15,160.89	\$10,052.07
Total Expenses	\$20,981.76	\$12,872.33
Total Checking/Savings	\$27,235.08	\$24,168.23
Stock Account	3,228.00	2,630.00

March Birthday's & Anniversaries

Mar 01	Richard Regedal
Mar 04	Dwight Harrison
Mar 06	Steve Akin
Mar 08	Brenda Akin
Mar 08	Katy Link
Mar 08	Kelly Link
Mar 12	Melinda Rud
Mar 13	Natalie Timm
Mar 17	Jim Link
Mar 19	Debra Pahlkotter
Mar 23	Chris Kluge
Mar 23	Micaela Rud
Mar 27	Jeanne Block
Mar 28	Neal Dobberke
Mar 29	Michael Nakada
Mar 29	Stephen Olander
Mar 11	Dwight & Pat Harrison

FOC Elder Meeting

February 15, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00. Elders attending were Dwight Harrison, Rich Bottorff, Jim Link and Ken DeCramer.

Pastor Biar lead a Catechism Study of Confession (Which is part of Lent) for the Elders

The Contact list was discussed. Bob updated the list. The Elders divided the list. A Sheet was given to each elder. (Bob has Pi – W)

The elder schedule was discussed for the rest of February/March.

Some changes to the schedule for the trailer pick up:

Febraury 21 – Ken DeCramer

Febraury 28 – Rich Bottorff

March 7 –Jim Link

The rest of the listed on the website.

Lent Services were discussed. Services will be held at 6:30 Wednesday Evenings at Gibbs. The room is yet to be decided. We are holding a Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday. Jane Link is planning the menu. We will send a flyer inviting people to attend and RSVP. We will hold a Good Friday Service (Probably at RCLS) and an Easter Service at Gibb's.

The Elders discussed Outreach Projects. We would hold Fireside Gatherings again, a summer picnic and a Rochester garbage pickup.

A June Fireside Get together will be held at Pastor's home.

A July picnic is being planned by Rich Bottorff

We need a volunteer to hold a fireside get together in August.

Pastor and the Elders discussed the need to start a Mission Church in SW Rochester. There was discussion that we should designate the money we received from various Churches (For our Support) for a specific need. We will bring it to the Council and ask for guidance.

The Elders prayed for their families, new members of FOC, and RCLS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Women Of Worship Meeting

February 23, 2010

Attending: Kay Kluge, Brenda DeCramer, Katie Reinhart, Sandy Henslin, Erica Trempe, Jane Link, Barb Bottorff, Gina Mitchell

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Altar Flowers: In an attempt to make it easier for those interested to sign up for flowers, the board will be placed on the entry table. IF you sign up and would like recognition of a special event or just to be recognized as contributing, you will need to let Katie Reinhart know as she does the bulletins.
- Easter Lilies; Please share your Easter Lilies to make the church beautiful on Easter Sunday!
- Seder Supper: Jane Link will be sharing more information as this grows closer! It will be at RCLS, free will donation.
- Lenten Services: 6:30...please remember to attend
- Potential for a Christmas Eve service next year???? Much interest...keep thinking!
- Potential for a very part time church secretary??? 10 hours a week??? Keep thinking!
- Starting church service more timely....should the video start at 8:55??? If was felt time becomes too short for bible studies and Sunday school.
- NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m. April 21st this is a Wednesday. Place to set soon!! This will be a WELCOME for all women of Family of Christ who are interested....please know you are all welcome!!
- EMAILS:
Katie Reinhart: kareinhart@rcls.net

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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.