

Family Connection

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The mission of Christ's Family Church is: to lead people to Christ, to equip them for service in the Kingdom of God, to send them out to reach others with the Gospel that God may be glorified.

We are now into our second month of 2018. I pray your year thus far is full of love in the Lord. How is the New Year going, especially in the area of growing in your relationship with God? When we think of February we often think of Valentine's Day. Stores are filled with Valentine candy, cards, flowers and rows and rows of other material things that are targeted at showing your love for someone. Well, how about if in February we target our efforts at the Love of God? Something simple, something easy and something that will help us with a goal to grow our relationship with God. February Scripture writing. Once a week, pick a time, get your bible and look up one passage on Love. There are references to love your spouse, brotherly love, how we should live a life of love and most importantly, how God loves us. Read this passage and then write it down in a notebook or on a piece of paper. The next week start off reading your Love passage from the week before and then look up one new passage, read it and then write it down. Do this for the month of February. You will have 4 love passages that you have learned and can reference for the rest of the year. This simple little beginning will emphasize the meaning of love in February as well as 2018. You may even find yourself taking this simple step weekly throughout the year to build your loving relationship with the Lord closer and closer. If your Bible has a Concordance, you can use it to find the passages. I used my computer and typed in "Bible Verses About Love". I chose 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God". Good luck and may you grow in the Lord throughout 2018. God Bless.

Ron Hessel, Deacon

Be God's Valentine

Let's show God that He is our First Valentine by sharing our Love with Him at Christ's Family Church's Valentine Supper on Sunday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Singles, couples and families can all share God's Love with a great meal, fellowship and outreach. Please invite a friend, neighbor or relative to join in the fun!

Sign up is helpful and walk-ins are Welcome. Call the church office 359-3765. Meat will be provided and the rest is potluck. Come join in the Fellowship!



Have a "HEART for the Homeless" – come join us for dinner!

Come join us for dinner on Wednesday night (Feb. 7) from 5:30-6:30pm! CFC

Kids Learning 2 Serve will be providing dinner music, serving drinks, and bussing tables for tips during our final Family Night Dinner to raise money for the King's Harvest cold weather emergency shelter for the homeless. Then at 6:30 pm, during Circle of Friends, Kindergarten – 5th grade kids will also be making 'Show S'More Love' bags.

Sunday, Feb. 11 kids will be sharing Show S'more Love bags and accepting donations for the King's Harvest Shelter before and after the worship service.

Thanks for helping us have hearts for the homeless!

This Week

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
	5:30 p.m.	Family Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
	6:45 p.m.	Choir, Circle of Friends, Youth Bible study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Women's W.O.V.E.N. program

Feb. 11-17

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
		Valentine's Dinner
Tuesday	9:00-1:00	PB to Classis mtg.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time
	1:30 p.m.	Bible study Conf. room
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday		Classis mtg. at CFC
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study
Friday		Terri out of the office
	5:00 p.m.	Winter Movie Night

Feb. 18-24

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
		Chili Cook-Off
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl

Feb. 25-March 3

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible study Conf. room
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Elder's mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory

Weekly Events

Sunday	- 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship. 10:50 Sunday Learning
Tuesday	- 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday	- 5:30 Meal, 6:30 Choir, 6:30 Circle of Friends, Middle & High School Bible study
Friday	- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

**2020 Vision
Inspiring Outreach
Growing in Fellowship
Serving our Community
Together**

	Dec	Year To Date Dec
General Fund Offerings and Other Income	66,560	650,757
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	92,901	610,438
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(26,341)	40,319
Total Budgeted Expenses	54,544	654,531



Come discover the Power of TOGETHER...
Join us for Sunday Learning!

The Gospel Project is for ALL AGES....ALL STAGES of life...adults,

youth, kids, and even babies!

Discover the POWER of brothers and sisters in Christ, of ALL ages, learning and growing TOGETHER, as we ALL study the same part of God's story, but on an age appropriate level.

Here's what's coming up in this month's journey...

February 11: God Reveals the Way to be Healed/The Healing of Naaman/Elisha and Naaman – 2 Kings 5

February 18: God Reveals Himself to Isaiah/Isaiah Encounters God/God Called Isaiah – Isaiah 6

February 25: God Reveals the Suffering Servant/ Isaiah Preached About the Messiah – Isaiah 53

March 4: God Reveals the Coming Victory/Hezekiah Prays for His People/ Hezekiah, Judah's Faithful King- 2 Kings 18-20

Here is a listing of The Gospel Project for Adults classroom locations:

You will be welcomed and blessed by each of these groups...they all use the same material, so feel free to visit any or all of them!

8:15 am class - Room 202: Mike Senneff, Becky Schuetz

10:50 am classes:

Room 201: J.T. Andringa, Don Kincaid, Duane Truman

Room 202: Reg Shoemsmith, Bruce McEhlinney

The Gospel Project for YOUTH

10:50 am – Youth Room – Family Life Center – Lower Level

The Gospel Project 4 CFC KIDS!

10:45 am – Children's Ministry area —Lower Level & FLC Nursery

Babies & Toddlers– FLC Nursery

1 ½ years – 5th Grade – Children's Ministry area (lower level)

+++PARENTS: Please come down with your child [ren] and sign them in and out of class!

Here are more classes for Adults at 10:50 am:

Fellowship Time – Room 110 (Lower Level). Join Pastor Brian and Tom Schuetz for fellowship, a bit of Bible and prayer.

THE ROAD – The Life – FLC Conference Room: Wayland Bauer



Kids will be singing on Palm Sunday! Palm Sunday is March 25, but we are already starting to learn the song at the beginning of each Sunday Learning for Kids. Parents: please watch your email for an MP3 version of what we will be singing.



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We'll also **PLAY BELLS on EASTER SUNDAY!** Visitors are welcome to join in our celebration... Jesus is ALIVE!!

Save the week of July 9-13 for VBS FUN!

This summer, we are going to become time travelers in TIME LAB VBS!! Get ready to launch in to hyperdrive at the Time Lab, where we'll discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future.

You won't want to miss a nanosecond of the fun, so set your watches and make plans to join us!

TIME LAB – VBS 2018

July 9-13 9:00-11:45 am

Join the VBS Prayer team! VBS runs on God's POWER...please contact Becky to get on the prayer team. It's never too early to pray!



Scholarships are available for Summer Camps!

If your child is planning to attend a Christ-centered summer camp such as Camp Shalom, there are scholarship funds available for ½ of their camp fees. Up to \$250.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: If your child invites an unchurched friend to camp, CFC will also reimburse the total camp cost for the friend! One time per friend.

The Camp Scholarship Forms are available at the Children's Ministry Table or the Information Desk in the lobby.

Opportunities for Fellowship

W.O.V.E.N. Program – "GERMAN EASTER TRADITIONS "

This coming Saturday, February 10, 2018, please join us from 9 – 10:30 a.m. in the lower level, Door #6, of the FLC. Our guest speaker, Kathlyn Hofmann, will astonish you with colorful slides of the extravagantly festive wells and fountains – the centerpieces in the city center squares. Using evergreen branches, flowers, paper ribbons and painted eggs (by the thousands!) you will see for yourself why busloads of tourists flock to German cities to witness the elaborate tradition. Refreshments will be served and **free** babysitting is available by calling Sharon Andringa (563-332-5093) OR to cancel. No need to pack *your* luggage for this trip to Germany! Just gather a friend or two and make memories of a little jaunt to CFC on Feb. 10th at 9 a.m.. Guests are always welcome!

Coffee Time

It's that time again! Please join us for coffee, tea and pastries on February 14th at 9:00AM in the Family Life Center. A time to relax and have great fellowship. Bring a friend!

Winter Movie Series - FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Sat., Feb. 17th



We know winter makes it hard to find things to do. We also know that winter makes it harder to build relationships with your neighbors. Well, we can help! On Saturday, February 17th, we'll be watching "Toy Story" to help you beat the winter blues AND give you an opportunity to reach out to those around you to spend some time together. All ages are welcome, so invite your friends! Bring a blanket or comfy chair and enjoy a night together! Doors open at 5pm with movie starting at 5:15pm. Free Food, Popcorn and Hot Cocoa provided!

Save the date: March 24th: Movie TBD



The Annual Chili Cook-Off is February 18, at 5pm. This is a fun night with an opportunity to show off your amazing chili skills and sample other great

works of art!! Everyone is eligible to compete! First we start the evening with samples of every chili and then when we open voting, you can get a full bowl of your favorite chili! We provide all the fixings with sour cream, cheese, crackers and chips! Join us for a great night of food and fun! This is a youth sponsored fundraising event and we will be accepting at will donations at the door. So mark your calendars, invite your friends and start cooking! Sign up to compete with your secret chili recipe at the Youth Ministry Table.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, Communion 10:50 Sunday Learning	5	6 6:30 Volleyball	7 1:30 Small Group, 5:30 Family Meal, 6:30 Prayer & Praise, 6:45 Choir, Circle of Friends, Youth Bible study	8  7:00 Property Committee mtg.	9 7:00 Men's Basketball	10 9:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. Program
11 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:50 Sunday Learning 5:00 Valentine's Dinner	12	13 9-1 PB to Pastor's mtg. 6:30 Volleyball	14 9:00 Coffee Time, 1:30 Bible study, 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	15 9-3 Classis mtg. at CFC	16 7:00 Men's Basketball	17 8:00 Men's Bible study, 5:00 Movie Night
18 1st Lent 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:50 Sunday Learning 5:00 Chili Cook Off	19	20 6:30 Volleyball	21 9:00 7:14 GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 5:30 Soup Super 6:30 Devotion, 6:45 Choir, Circle of Friends, Youth Bible study	22	23	24
25 2nd Lent 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:50 Sunday Learning 5:00 Trivia Night	26	27 6:30 Volleyball	28 1:30 Bible study, 5:30 Soup Supper, 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Choir, Circle of Friends, Youth Bible study	1 6:00 Elders 7:00 Consistory	2 7:00 Men's Basketball	3
4 3rd Lent 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:50 Sunday Learning	5 	6 6:30 Volleyball	7 9:00 7:14 GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 5:30 Soup Supper, 6:30 Devotion, 6:45 Choir, Circle of Friends, Youth Bible study	8	9 7:00 Men's Basketball	10 9:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. program

Prayers:

- Jessie Madden** - mission trip to Haiti
- John Pfautz** - trip to Africa
- JT Andringa** - JT's Dad placed in hospice care
- Karen Dexter** - appointment for heart issues and pending foot surgery
- Linda Shoemith** - recovery and healing from knee replacement
- Cathy Akker** - recovery from stroke and surgery - doing rehab at Genesis West
- Dick Kvach** - recovery and healing from kidney transplant surgery
- William (Bill) Carter** - Bill's father pray for safe transition from home to living in Veteran's Medical Home
- Ember Madsen** - resident of Davenport Lutheran Home
- Irene Miller** - in Hospice care
- Greta Habak** - recurring cancer

Day Care News

"The purpose of Christ's Family Day Care is to teach children about God and lead them to Christ. We provide a quality Christian day care in a loving setting for families in our community. We offer Christian value as a part of each child's growing experience." This statement is Christ's Family Day Care's mission statement. We do this by, planting a seed. We have Bible story twice a week for children in the toddler room through the 4/5 year old room, we pray before every meal and our lessons all have a Christian emphasis on them. A "few" years ago we decided to give each child that goes through our program a Children's Bible. Last Thursday our 3's class and any "new" 4/5 year old child received a Bible during Bible Story time. Their little faces said it all. The smiles and giggles were beyond words. I have older children that have been a part of our program come to me years later and tell me they still have their Bibles. I always try and ask how the Bibles look now, most children tell me theirs is falling apart. That to me is success!
 "For nothing is impossible with God" Luke 1:37

Youth Ministry

Thank you to everyone that came out to our annual Trivia Night, in support of our Youth Ministry. With your help, in participating, inviting guests and playing our games we were able to raise \$1757!

We want to send a huge thank you to all of our volunteers that watched the kids, we could not pull off this event without the additional adult help, you guys made the evening possible.

We have our annual Chili Cook Off this month, on February 18 at 5pm. Bring your best, hottest, meatiest, or other special chili recipe for everyone to try. The evening offers the opportunity to give an at will donation at the door and then the students serve up samples of all the chilis. After everyone has sampled the submissions people are invited to have full bowls of their favorites until the chili runs out! There are different categories for consideration; winners will receive awards and the overall winner will win our rotating chili trophy. Please join us, invite your friends and family and come ready to eat!

All of these fundraisers matter! Every year we rotate between Camp Trips and Service Project trips. This year we are going on camp trips. High School is returning to YM360, at a new location, because we had an amazing experience worshipping, the speaker was encouraging and challenging and we made some great memories. Middle school is making a new trip in Waupun, WI; we usually go there just to serve, but after years of going and working hard we want to go and experience the community and area with adventurous treats like canoeing, hiking and horseback riding! Pray for these trips, our teens and thank you for helping these trips happen.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Cadena Trusty, Youth Ministries Director via cadenatrusty@yahoo.com or 563.359.3765

Cancellations

Cancellations of events will be listed on KWQC Channel 6. If Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley close school all activities at Church are cancelled that day.

Thank You

Wayland Bauer would like to thank the members of the congregation for their prayers, calls and cards of encouragement during the recent placement of a Pacemaker!!

Consistory 2018

President - Pastor Brian
Pastor Kurt
Clerk - Carol Schipper

Elder

Tsitsi Bergman, VP,
Serving our Community

Duane Truman , Hospitality
Property

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Prayer Shawl

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Mitch Andringa, Chair
of Deacons, Worship,
Youth Missions

Ron Hessel, Day Care
Men's Ministry

Sara Fossey, Nursery
Finance

Steve Keller, Fellowship,
Small Groups

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 starting Feb. 21st

Sign up at the information desk to make soup, bake cookies, or serve. Or call the church office 359-3765.

Missionaries We Support

Gary & Denise Abbas, RCA missionaries, serve Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea. Since 2006 they have assisted Bible translation programs from the Wewak Regional Center which is owned by Wycliffe. They plan to retire later this year to their hometown of Allison, Iowa. One of the Wycliffe programs they are proud of supporting is oral Bible story telling for 12 groups of people which each have a different language. Our support for them this year is \$5,050. Byron Baxter, Mission Committee

Friendly House Birthday Bags - Thank you for your assistance to provide supplies to allocate and commit 30 bags a month to the pantry at the Friendly House. The stock room is empty and your considerations of necessary supplies or monetary donations are very much in need again. Place any purchases in the plastic tub in the narthex and give or send donations to Becky Meurs or Sharon Andringa. We are happy to shop for you and replenish the stock room. Your quick response will assist us to make a delivery for February. Thank you so much!

Bundled Bottoms Binge- In order to send all the cut t-shirts to Haiti we need some financial assistance. Velcro and elastic need to be purchased and the shipping costs covered for us to send these boxes off where they are desperately wanted. We need \$200 to fulfill our third round of this endeavor. Please help us complete this task for the sake of Haitian babies and infants who are subject to illness and death without these diapers. Your contribution(s) can be made to CFC and given to Becky Meurs or Sharon Andringa. Won't you please help us get this done? Thank you.

RightNow Media

If you haven't heard, we're giving all of you a FREE gift! It's our passion to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and to equip you to help your family grow, and RightNow Media will help you do just that! If you haven't heard about this, or if you haven't received your FREE subscription, please contact Pastor Kurt for more details.

CFC T-Shirts - We have a new order of t-shirts available at the information desk. S - XL \$5, 2 XL and larger \$7.

Food Pantry



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

The first Sunday of the month is food pantry Sunday. Please bring your contributions of canned, bottled and boxed foods, baby food, as well as household and hygiene items. There is

a box in the closet in the lobby. We the deliver your donations to Friendly House. You can bring your donations at anytime.

Opportunities:

Decorating Person - if you have a gift of decorating your gift could be used at church. Decorating for Easter, Christmas and seasonal is needed. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Wedding Coordinator - person to meet with the couple and set up for rehearsal, open the building and run sound for the wedding and clean up after the wedding. You set the fee for services and the couple pays you directly. We have 1 or 2 weddings a year at present. Contact Pastor Brian if you are interested.