

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.

Who needs a new year to start afresh? New Year's resolutions are hardly ever conquered or mastered, according to my Google research, only 8% of people stick with their resolutions. It is hard to change habits and accomplish goals when nothing, in life, changes. So let's, instead, plan on starting fresh this season. As summer has arrived and school is out and everything has changed, let us use this window of time to start fresh, to create goals and work towards habits of righteousness and discipleship. Creating a personal change and desire that will continue into the next school year.

Why do we cringe at the word "righteousness." This word so often seems to mean, to so many, an attitude of "holier than thou", or a state judgment towards other, but this is not Godly righteousness. In Romans 3 we are reminded that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and righteousness comes as a gift "through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." We can not boast in a self centered way in this righteousness, we have to give this honor and glory and thanksgiving to God who assures us "Blesses are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6) Let this season fill us.

Let us hunger and thirst and seek out God in new ways. Let us set aside time, real time, and adequate time with our Creator, our Bibles and our families to explore His character, His plans, His desires for all people. Let us come together and learn. And in doing so we can create habits that allow God to be present in our lives beyond Sunday morning. In this way we become disciples of the Word, of God and of Christ's love for us.

As the season has changed and there is a window to create a new schedule and space in the calendar let us create room for God. Room for God that will change us, mold us and guide us towards a deeper knowledge and understanding of who He is and His desires for us and all of creation.

Cadena Trusty
Director of Youth Ministries

Mark your calendars
CFC Camp Out/ Gathering Saturday, August 11th
at West Lake Park

New Emergency Preparedness Committee Formed

The Consistory has established a new "Emergency Preparedness" committee that will be chaired by Bill Carter. Ron Hessel will be the Consistory liaison. The purpose of the committee is to develop procedures and recommendations that will help us be prepared in the event of an emergency, such as severe weather or fire. If you have knowledge, experience, or interest in this area and would be willing to serve on this committee, please contact Bill Carter (Bill Carter (billc8330@gmail.com), Ron Hessel, or the church office.

This Week

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Serve @ Davenport Meal Site

June 10-16

Sunday 8:15 a.m. Adult Class
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Discipleship Time

Mon - Thurs VBS Set Building
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Coffee Time
Thurs-Fri Terri off

June 17 - 23

Sunday 8:15 a.m. Adult Class
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Discipleship Time
2:00 p.m. Middle School to Waupun

Mon - Fri Terri vacation
Saturday Habitat for Humanity Work Day

June 24 - 30

Sunday 8:15 a.m. Adult Class
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Discipleship Time

Monday Office Closed
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Elder's mtg.
7:00 p.m. Consistory

Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon, if you use **smile.Amazon.com**, look for Christ's Family Church and a portion of your purchase comes back to CFC. Same products, same prices, it is an easy way to support our Church.

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship.
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

2020 Vision
Inspiring Outreach
Growing in Fellowship
Serving our Community
Together

	April	Year To Date April
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	50,801	206,978
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	52,647	192,710
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(1,846)	14,268
Total Budgeted Expenses	56,300	225,201

FEED YOUR SOUL WITH SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING!

Don't experience summer drought because you have no spiritual nourishment...make plans to include Summer Bible Study in your schedule!

CFC KIDS & YOUTH

Sundays during the worship hour

Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade (in the fall) will worship with their families until the Children's Message and then they will go downstairs to the Children's Ministry area for age-appropriate learning.

Preschool and incoming Kindergarten age kids will meet in the Young Children & Worship room.

Elementary age kids will meet in the large group area downstairs.

Middle School and High School Youth are invited (and encouraged!) to come downstairs to help shepherd children in either class any Sunday!

+++PARENTS: Please come downstairs following worship to sign your children out from class! Children will NOT be released without a parent signature. Please also check the sign out sheet to make sure your child's full name is listed and spelled correctly. Thanks for your help!

ADULTS

Summer Bible Study for Adults – Sundays at 8:15 am in FLC Room 202

This summer we're going to dig into the book of **Ephesians**. In this video series, pastor and author J.D. Greear digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. Here is our schedule:

June 10: Ephesians 1:15-23

June 17: Ephesians 2:1-10

June 24: Ephesians 2:11 – 3:13

July 1 & 8: No class

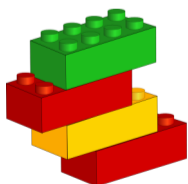
The Book of Ephesians video study is also available on Right Now Media. If you can't make it on Sunday, you can still follow along from home! Follow this link to find *The Book of Ephesians* by J.D. Greear: <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

New! Family Summer Discipleship

We have a passion for you to follow Christ's call of making disciples, starting in your very own home. We know summer is a busy time and growing as disciples can be a challenge. We are here to help!

Beginning this Sunday, June 10th, immediately following worship, join us in the Family Life Center Gym with your whole family for a **short family discipleship time**. We will spend a short time in family devotions and family centered discussion. Families of all generations welcome. We will wrap up and be done by 11:15.

Questions, please contact Amber Bush (amberbush04@gmail.com).



NEW THIS SUMMER – LEGO BUILDER'S CLUB!

We're going to try a new thing for kids this summer...a LEGO Builder's Club.

If you are older than 3...you are invited! Kids, youth, adults are all

welcome to come create. You can choose to build whatever you want, or participate in our daily building challenge! **We are asking pre-k kids to bring a parent with them to build.** If you have any questions contact Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com. **We are looking to begin on Wednesday, June 20 from 2:00-4:00 pm.**

Do you have any spare LEGOS floating around in your closets or basement? We are seeking donations to increase our building supplies! Look for the donation tub near the information desk in the lobby.

TAKE 2!



Can you give two of your Sundays this summer as a volunteer in Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids?

Kids need to continue to hear about Christ's amazing love for them in the summer. We plan to offer Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids each week **during the worship hour**, but we need volunteers to make it happen! **Four volunteers are required each week** - two for the Pre-K class and two for the Elementary class.

The lessons are very easy...each week will feature a story on video mixed with activities that reinforce the morning's message. NO EXPERIENCE with Children's Ministry is necessary – just a soft heart for kids and Jesus! Sign up at the Information table in the lobby, or watch for an email invitation to volunteer using Sign Up Genius.

Thanks for serving!

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Time is Wednesday June 13th at 9:00 AM in the FLC. Join us for coffee, tea, pastries and fruit!

Habitat for Humanity Work Day ~ Sat., June 23

All throughout the gospels, Jesus shows us how we are to care for the marginalized, the oppressed, the hungry, and the poor. We here at CFC want to help you model that behavior too by providing opportunities for you and your family to serve others in the name of Jesus. Coming up this month, you'll have the opportunity to do just that by giving your time and talents to help on a Habitat for Humanity build right here in the QC. On Saturday, June 23, we will be teaming up with our brothers and sisters at North Ridge Community Church in Eldridge to support a Habitat project for a local family. Keep an eye out for more details but go ahead and mark June 23rd on your calendars today! Please see Pastor Kurt with any questions, or if you'd like to sign up, see the information desk this Sunday!

Faith Night at the River Bandits Game Sunday, June 24th ~ 5:15 game



Tickets are \$8 each, sign up and pay at the information desk. Free tickets are available to invite your neighbors and friends. Sign up and indicate number of guest tickets you will need.

Missions

One Eighty began out of the testimony of the founder of this organization, Rusty Boruff. Rusty spent many years as a homeless addict who eventually found himself sitting in Cell 121. He would spend the next year of his life behind bars which is where he met Jesus and began dreaming about starting an organization to help people in his position. A few years later, he and a few of his friends bought a trailer for \$500 and began what we now know as, One Eighty. Today One Eighty has gained national recognition as an upcoming leading organization in community development. They've been endorsed by several school systems and the government, featured in best-selling books and magazines, and recognized by Grammy and Emmy Award-Winning Artist.

One Eighty exists to bring hope, love and opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty, or addiction.

One Eighty prevents crisis, poverty, and addiction before it happens, reaches out to those who are in crisis, poverty, and addiction and develops those who were in crisis, poverty, and addiction. We do this by helping people build a relationship with Jesus Christ and assisting local churches and organizations to connect with their communities.

We, as a church, contribute \$2500 every year to this worth-while cause to help spread God's word.

The Mission Committee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 Worship, Communion	4  June	5 6:30 Volleyball	6 10:00 Prayer Shawl	7 6:00 Serve @ Davenport Meal Site	8 7:00 Men's Basketball	9
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Day Care News

Prayers:

RCA General Synod meeting June 7-12

Terry Muilenburg - recovering at home from knee replacement surgery

Guy Lundvall - continued recovery at home

Karen Dexter - recovery from foot surgery

Cheryl Vice - Sister of Tom Schuetz, has an aggressive form of brain cancer

Cathy Akker - recovery from surgery to replace bone patch doing rehab in Ankeny

Greta Habak - recurring cancer

Stephanie Gorsh - Dexter's daughter-in-laws, sister-in-law, ovarian cancer having chemo

Craig Klavon - Robin Schaver's brother on going optivo treatments to kill squamous cancer cells for more than 1 year now, keep his strength as this medication works in his body

Summer fun is here! A lot of exciting things are happening this summer. We have several classes going to the zoo this month, we'll be praying for great weather those days. Our summer program is off to a great start, we have 13 school aged children in our program this year. Our three year old class is excited to have Ms Ally return as their lead teacher for the summer. Welcome back Ms Ally! We are thankful to those who helped fix our garden. We may be getting a little bit of a late start but our garden should be planted soon and we will be anxious to see what we produce from it. We will be spending more time outside on the playground throughout different times of the day so, if you happen to be driving through the parking lot, please watch for our littles out there. Have a safe summer and stay cool!
1 Corinthians 10:31 – "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Youth Ministry

It is finally here: SUMMER!!! You would think things slow down and get quiet around here. But it doesn't, it just takes on a new look and new schedule. Summer is pretty busy for the teens in our church.

Be sure your calendars are cleared for VBS Set Building June 11-13 and June 26-28. Bring your lunches, wear paint clothes and bring your friends! There is a lot to do and few people to do it. We want to transform our building into a creative space, ready to share the Gospel to children in our community and you can help make that happen, teens and adults. Adults, you are more than welcome to come out and help us make the decorations, there is plenty of tracing, cutting, coloring, painting and so on, for EVERYONE to take part.

Middle School Adventure Camp in Waupun, WI will be heading out on June 17 at 3pm. We have come up with some pretty fun stuff to do there! Canoeing, hiking, swimming and so on! So make sure you are ready to have fun!

Like I said, we don't slow down, we just do different things! Come and be a part of the fun, building relationships and making memories.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Cadena Trusty, Youth Ministries Director via cadenatrusty@yahoo.com or (563)320-3456.

OUR BIGGEST WAY TO REACH KIDS IS VBS!!!

You can help us plan and take part in an incredible outreach event for kids in our community...VBS! There are many ways to get involved...both BEFORE and DURING VBS! It takes all kinds of volunteers to get us ready to share Jesus and His love with kids in our community. **What is God calling you to do?**

Here are a few of the many opportunities available:

Pre-K Explorations Station Leader – Organize an area with stations where pre-k kids can explore, build, & pretend! (*Before and during VBS*)

Puppet Pal for Pre-K Bible Story – Use a puppet to help the Pre-K Bible Leader engage kids in the Bible Story (*during VBS*).

Games Leaders for Pre-K kids – Collect supplies and run games for either Pre-K or Elementary groups (*before and during VBS*).

Group Leaders – Lead a small group of kids around VBS and get to know them!

Worship Rally Leaders – Serve as song leaders during the VBS open and closing worship (*learn songs with motions before and present during VBS*).

Donation Board – Organize and create a donation board where people can volunteer to provide supplies we need for VBS (*before VBS*).

Craft & Science Prep – Help get supplies ready for the crafts & science station (*before VBS*).

You can sign up to take part in our outreach adventure on Sign Up Genius (follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea4aa2daaf85-time>) or by contacting Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN online for both Kids AND VOLUNTEERS! Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for a spectacularly FUN time-travelling adventure! You can register anytime through the CFC website (www.christsfamilychurch.org).



TIME LAB VBS 2018
July 9-13
9:00-11:45 am

Join the VBS Prayer Team! VBS only runs on God's Power, through the prayers of His people. Sign up to join our army of prayer warriors at the information table or by contacting Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com. Thanks for getting us started on a firm foundation!!!

BRICK House Community Builders!

Looking into the summer program, I have a goal to collect used/new playing card decks (do not need to be complete), with a goal of 150 decks or 7,904 cards! Also I have a challenge of finding 45,000 dominoes! If you have either of these laying in the bottom of a drawer and you would love to clean them out....Lay em' on us!

If you have knowledge in glass or ceramic bead making, leather braiding, radio controlled cars/boats/drones, basketball drill/rules...and would be willing to volunteer some time, please call me.

Career Explorations: We would like to take field trips to jobs sites so our students can see and dream about what they might be in the future and what those steps are to get there! If you know or have contacts in these fields (or others), please contact me.

-Surgery -Nursing
-Computer Hardware/Clean room
-Court System -Real Estate
-Building/Remolding
-Construction -Legal Office
-Photography

Please contact me to discuss how we could partner in motivation our youth for their futures.

Thanks,
Mark Barr
563-322-0382 or markbarr25@gmail.com

Thank You

Christ's Family Church

How appropriate - I finally realize that THIS family has gone overboard to help me in ways that stretch the imagination, like cleaning my house, saving me money and just a hello. From my point of view you all bring Heaven a lot closer than I thought possible. I tell the truth when Guy says NEVER BETTER. ~Guy Lundvall

Food Pantry

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.

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. Thank you so much!

Opportunities to Serve:

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.

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