

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.

This year Ash Wednesday is March 6, the beginning of Lent. Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of [fasting](#), [repentance](#), moderation, self-denial or spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, [death](#), burial, and resurrection. Often people slide through Lent without taking time to build a stronger relationship with God, giving him thanks and praise. We sometimes think we need to do something extraordinary, or something time consuming or we just forget this is a special time. I challenge each of us this year to take time and give God thanks for sending His son to die on the cross so that we can inherit the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is our Lord and Savior and through Jesus we are saved. The Bible talks about heaven:

Revelation 21:4-7 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

What an indescribable gift! This Lenten season take a few minutes and think about how you want to observe Lent, either by a formal discipline or a simple "Thank you God for sending Jesus as our Lord and Savior!"

Ron Hessel, Deacon



INTRODUCING FAMILY TABLE TALKERS!

We live in a hurried culture, families are constantly on the go and finding time to connect with each other and God's Word is a

challenge. Family Table Talkers are designed to make it easier for your family to connect around the meal table for meaningful conversation. They can help provide some ideas to spark thoughtful conversation, add some fun to meal times, and provide some intentional activities for the month.

Pick up your Family Table Talker at the Children's Ministry Resource area in the lobby and **get ready for some great family time!!**

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

March 3 - 9

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| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | 7:14 GAP |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | Women's W.O.V.E.N. program |

March 10 - 16

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| Sunday | 10:45 p.m. | Coffee & Questions |
| Tuesday | 9:00-1:00 | PB to meeting |
| Monday - Friday | | Becky vacation |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. | Lenten Soup Supper |

March 17 - 23

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| Tuesday | | Classis meeting |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | 7:14 GAP |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Lenten Soup Supper |
| Thursday | 6:00 p.m. | Elder's mtg. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Consistory |
| Saturday | 8:55 a.m. | Iron Sharpens Iron conf. |

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning, 6:30 High School Youth
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:30 Devotion, 6:45 Choir, Middle School
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Fellowship Event

Bunco Night Friday 3/29~7pm - 9pm.



Join us for fun, fellowship & food!! Bunco is a game played at tables of four. As games are won, some persons separate & move to a new table. Bunco creates a fun atmosphere and the game is a great way to meet new people & build community. It's okay if you've never played Bunco, we will learn together!! Drinks will be provided. Participants may bring a finger food to share. All high school age and adults are invited!. Sign up at the desk in the narthex to help us determine the number of card tables needed.



Reminder: Saturday night, turn your clocks ahead 1 hour. Daylight Savings time begins.

| | January | YTD Jan. |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| General Fund Offerings and Other Income* | 58,258 | 58,258 |
| Total General Fund Actual Expenses | 26,559 | 26,559 |
| Total Surplus/(Shortfall) | 31,699 | 31,699 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | 57,598 | 691,173 |

Sunday Learning...



The Gospel Project

Jesus is the Word of God...did you know the entire Bible is His Story?

The Gospel Project points kids, students, and adults to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Come discover how God's plan of redemption unfolds throughout Scripture...and continues today!

March 10: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector –

Luke 18:9-14

Christ Connection: The tax collector's cry was for God to turn away His wrath from a sinner. Through His sacrificial death as our substitute, Jesus took the wrath of God that our sins deserved. Like the tax collector, we too can cry out to God to have mercy on us and put aside His wrath because Christ has absorbed the wrath in our place.

Our Mission: God calls us not to look down on others but to look up to Him for salvation so that our humility and grace would be attractive to those who are still trusting in themselves.

March 17: The Wicked Tenants – *Matthew 21:33-46*

Christ Connection: Jesus' parable of the wicked tenants is one of the clearest denunciations of the religious leaders in His day. The story implies that God is the vineyard owner, Jesus is the owner's son, and the religious leaders are the ones who have rejected God's Word. Applying Psalm 118 to Himself, Jesus saw Himself as the cornerstone—the person in whom God's judgment and salvation come together.

Our Mission: God calls us to bear the fruit of repentance and mission, fulfilling our purpose as His people.

March 24: Jesus Turns Water to Wine – *John 2:1-12*

Christ Connection: Sin has disrupted our relationship with God, leading to spiritual barrenness and sorrow in our lives. Christ's miracles are a sign that joyful reconciliation with God is possible again through faith in Jesus' glorious life, death, and resurrection.

Our Mission: God calls us to do whatever Jesus tells us to do as we seek to display His glory and lead others to faith.

March 31: Jesus Provides Bread from Heaven—

Matthew 14:13-21

Christ Connection: When the Israelites were hungry in the wilderness, God provided manna from heaven. Jesus is the greater Moses, the One who not only provides bread from heaven but who also speaks of Himself as the Bread who gives life to the world.

Our Mission: God calls us to be the people through whom Jesus meets needs today.

Classroom locations:

The Gospel Project for ADULTS

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*

10:45 am classes:

Room 201: *Reg Shoesmith, Bruce McEhinney*

Room 202: *J.T. Andringa, Don Kincaid*

The Gospel Project for YOUTH

10:45 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 – FLC Nursery

1 ½ years – 5th Grade – Lower Level

Here are more classes for Adults at 10:45 am:

Fellowship Time – Room 110. Join *Pastor Brian and Tom Schuetz* for fellowship, a bit of Bible and prayer. Sept

Crazy Love – FLC Conference Room

Video series by Francis Chan, led by Amber Bush

It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself...are you listening?

Coffee & Questions Sunday, March 10th

If you're new to CFC, we know that you probably have questions about the church. Well, we want to help you get those questions answered! Join Pastor Kurt on Sunday, March 10th at 10:45. This will be an informal time in which you can ask Pastor Kurt any questions you may have about the church to help you get to know us more! This will be an open forum format, and completely driven by your questions. Donuts and of course, coffee will be provided.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Lenten Soup Suppers and devotions in the Family Life Center gym on Wednesday nights March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup, 6:30-6:45 Devotions.

We need soup and/or cookies (no nuts or peanut butter, please) and help in the kitchen and w/ tables and clean up. Soup or cookies can be dropped off anytime the day of the supper. Please bring your soup by 5:00 p.m. and have it warmed up. Sign up at the information desk.

2019 Lenten Soup Devotions

March 13 – Truth is _____?

How do you define truth? How do you live out truth?

March 20 – Physical Forgiveness

Who do you need to experience forgiveness with? What ways can you demonstrate forgiveness?

March 27 – Simple Call of Discipleship

What do you need to unplug from so you can plug into Jesus?

April 3 – Spiritual Resistance

What resistance causes you not to fully live for Jesus?

April 10 – Simple Division or Multiplication

What foundation are you building your life on? How are you fostering division in the church? How are you seeking to multiple the church?

Women's W.O.V.E.N. Program ~ Sat., March 9th

Want to learn more about Camp Shalom? Come to Woven Saturday, March 9th at 9 AM. Tom Baley, from Camp Shalom will be presenting. Camp Shalom is a Christ-centered outdoor ministry that encourages growth through relationships with God, community and nature.

Journey to the Cross ~ Sat., April 6th

Save the Date! We are excited to announce that we're trying something a little different this year in place of the Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday, April 6th from 9am-11am, we will have a pancake breakfast and take a "Journey to the Cross". This event is for all ages as we journey through some of the major events we will celebrate during Easter. More details to come. If you are interested in helping put this exciting event on, please contact Amber Bush (amberbush04@gmail.com).

Baseball Glove Drive!

For the month of March, CFC is partnering with one of our ministry partners, One Eighty, to serve at-risk kids this spring, showing them the love of Jesus through baseball. One Eighty hosts a free baseball league each spring for 90 kids in West Davenport who otherwise would have no chance to play an organized sport. These kids will learn how to swing a bat, throw a ball, persevere through trials, grow in teamwork...and that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. One Eighty provides these second and third graders with a uniform and glove so they can play. Here is where we come in. Do you have a used youth-sized baseball glove laying around your garage that you could donate? We are collecting used (or new!) youth-sized baseball gloves to help equip these kids. Bring your glove donations to the church lobby anytime from now through March 24. Contact Pastor Kurt with any questions.

Camp Scholarships

Forms available on Children's Ministry Table.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning | 4  7:00 BSF | 5 6:30 Volleyball | 6 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Choir, Middle School | 7 | 8 7:00 Men's Basketball | 9 9:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. program |
| 10 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning | 11 | 12 9 - 2 Pastor to Book Club 6:30 Volleyball | 13 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Choir, Middle School | 14 | 15 7:00 Men's Basketball | 16 |
| 17 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning 6:30 High School | 18 7:00 BSF | 19 8:00-3:00 Classis mtg. 6:30 Volleyball | 20 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Middle School, Choir | 21 6:00 Elder's mtg. 7:00 Consistory | 22 7:00-9:00 Bunco | 23 8:55-4:55 Iron Sharpens Iron Conference |
| 24 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning 3:00 Last Supper Rehearsal 6:30 High School | 25 7:00 BSF | 26 6:30 Volleyball | 27 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Middle School, Choir | 28 | 29 7:00 Men's Basketball | 30 8:30—11:30 Consistory Retreat |
| 31 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Learning, 6:30 High School | 1 7:00 BSF | 2 6:30 Volleyball | 3 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Lenten Soup supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Middle School, Choir | 4  | 5 7:00 Men's Basketball | 6 9-11 Journey to the Cross |

Prayers: **Billy Moylan** - 35 yr. old brother of Kelan, stage 4 colorectal cancer w/ metastasis to liver (intestinal cancer) begins chemo this week, long road ahead, he live in California
Bob Taylor - ruptured disc, meeting w/ surgeon
Suzy Adams - broke her knee cap
Kelly & Becky Meyers - niece of Robert Smith, lost everything in house fire, Kelly in hospital very serious condition
Michelle O'Brien - daughter –in-law of Tim & Robin Schaver, brain aneurysm in hospital for 3 weeks
Don Downing - at home recovering hip replacement
Adelina Pena - Veronica Lowther's sister, pancreatic cancer, started chemo, pray chemo shrinks cancer so they can operate, she is in a lot of pain
James Blohm - son-in-law of Shirley De Wys; in the hospital
Karen Rascher - Don Downing's sister; breast cancer, finished w/chemo
Nicole Dekuyzee - co-work of Austin Chesney, inoperable brain tumor. Radiation to shrink tumor, mother of 4 boys wife of Brian.

Day Care News

In like a lion and out like a lamb! Yay March! We are that much closer to spring. We had to say good-bye to a very loved teacher this past week. Ms Kayla, our lead toddler teacher, who took a job within a local factory. Ms Kayla joined our family 4 years ago as an assistant teacher in our toddler and infant room. Her love and dedication to the Lord was very clear. She is one of the kindest people I know. She has a very quiet and gentle peace about her that makes for a very loving teacher. She worked her way up the ladder to lead teacher! We will miss her dearly but understand the need to provide for her 4 daughters. Ms Megan G is going to take over for Ms Kayla. She has been with us for 1.5 years and has a kind and loving heart too. Even though our staff change sometimes and children and families come and Christ's Family Day Care is and will be forever a FAMILY!
 "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Youth Ministry

Be sure to bring your entire family for Wednesday's Ash Wednesday service to kick off Lent and the Easter season. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds to focus on God and see the glory and magnitude of Christ's sacrifice and God's love and mercy.

Both, Middle School and High School are starting new studies this month. High meets on Sunday nights, 6:30-8pm and Middle School meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8pm. If you've got questions or want to talk about ways to serve our youth, please contact Cadena Trusty, Youth Ministries Director, at (563)320-3456 or cadenatrusty@gmail.com.

Wells for Wellness

JOIN US! We are partnering with Panera to put on a fundraiser so we can drill more wells in Niger, Africa. Come on out and join us on March 19th from 4pm-8pm for delicious food and a great time. We look forward to seeing you! Bring this flyer w/ you.



HELP SUPPORT

WELLS 4 WELLNESS INC.

WHERE 3410 Elmore Avenue, Davenport, IA 52807

WHEN Tues, Mar 19th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?*

Enter "PBFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event. Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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Elayne Emmerich
c/o Bettendorf Health Care Center
2730 Crow Creek Road
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Bettendorf IA 52722

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 Sharon Andringa. We are happy to shop for you and replenish the stock room.

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.

Living Last Supper
Thurs., April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar. Invitation flyers available on the information desk.



SAVE THE DATES...VBS will be July 8-12!

IT'S TIME TO PLAN VBS FUN In The Wild!!!

Join the VBS Prayer Team and the VBS Planning Team! Sign up at the information desk to join the VBS Planning Team. To **join the prayer team**, just begin praying!

Here are our initial prayer requests:

-For disciple makers willing to be in charge of planning one of the specific parts of VBS such as Bible time, crafts, snacks, games, opening-closing worship.
-For the Holy Spirit to guide all planning and preparations...and to begin His work on the hearts of all who will come to VBS.

If you want to be on the email list for continuing prayer requests, please email Becky at bschuetz@christfamilychurch.org.

Thanks for sharing the mission to spread Jesus' amazing love to kids in our community!!!

Thank You

Thanks to all who prayed for us, expressed words of comfort, sent cards, or made the trip to Morning Sun for the services. We appreciate the loving care we received during this difficult time of my mother's passing. You have shown us the love of Jesus and we truly are thankful for our church family.

Bruce and Sharon McElhinney

Consistory Corner

Consistory Liaisons 2019

Day Care, Men's Ministry, Emergency Preparedness, Chairman of the Deacons —Ron Hessel

Finance, Nursery, Christian Ed—Sara Fossey

Fellowship, Small Groups—Steve Keller

Serving Our Community, Missions, Hospitality—Pam Lundgren

Personnel, Outreach—Don Olsen

WOVEN, Prayer Shawl, Meal Services Ministry—Mavis Wahlert

V.P., Property—Duane Truman

Worship, Youth, Women's Prayer Group—Sheryl VerMeer

Spiritual Formation—Pastor Kurt

Clerk—Carol Schipper

Welcomed Don and Pat Rheinart, Gregg and Elizabeth Wright into membership by reaffirmation of faith.

Transferred JD, Dreanna and Boaz Welander to Peace Reformed of Sioux City.

Jesse Dvorak joined Cornerstone Baptist in Eldridge and was dropped from our rolls.

Finance Committee decided to invest surplus money in the RCA Church Growth Fund which helps new church starts and remodeling projects in the RCA.

Reminder the Deacons have set up a fund for people who experience a financial need. Contact Ron Hessel, chair of the deacons for more information.

March 30, the consistory will be meeting to discuss long range goals for CFC. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 deliver your donations to Friendly House. You can bring your donations at anytime.