

# 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.*

Happy Spring!

I saw on social media recently a picture of a cell phone battery charged to 100% and a person kneeling with his spiritual battery at 10%. It went on to say that we need to charge our souls with prayer everyday like we make sure our cell phones are fully charged.

So then, I have heard a lot of talk of the annoyance of the traffic delays due to the bridge construction and the flooding.

That along with a book I recently started reading called "Praying with eyes wide open" got me to thinking about how we could combine all of these to put ourselves in a place where we see God moving.

So, as you are delayed in traffic, I am asking you to use that time to pray with your eyes wide open. Pray for the construction workers and pray that the work will be done ahead of schedule. Pray for the people that are deeply affected by the flooding.

Then, begin praying for our church. Pray for Pastor Brian, Pastor Kurt, and the staff of our church. Pray for their protection from the enemy. Pray they seek God's guidance as they lead. Pray for their families. Pray for the consistory to lead with godly wisdom and discernment. Pray for our Sunday worship and Sunday learning hour. Pray that more people take advantage of the opportunities to worship. Pray people are brought to a closer relationship with Jesus because they spent time in our church. Pray that what we hear on Sunday, we put into practice during our week. Pray for all the events that are coming up with Easter and summer, like VBS and the mission trip. Pray for CFC to know how to best reach out in our community.

Next, pray for your neighborhood. Pray you would have the opportunity to share your faith with your neighbors. Pray for the Quad Cities. Pray for your employer, your boss, your co-workers.

Pray for your family.

Let the Holy Spirit help you know what to pray.

In 1 Thess.5:17 it says "Pray Continually." A quote from the book says "It is not that we **have** to pray continually; it is that we **get** to pray continually."

And, when you see answers to your prayers, please share them with me or someone. It is such an encouragement to hear how God is moving, even when we are stuck in traffic.

~ Sheryl VerMeer, Elder



### Kids will be singing on Palm Sunday!

Palm Sunday is April 14 – the perfect time for kids to sing praises to Jesus! We will be learning our song after worship, during Sunday Discipleship 4 Kids. Parents: if you

did not get an email with the song we are singing please contact Becky at [beckyschuetz6@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuetz6@gmail.com).

**We will also wave palm branches at the beginning of worship!** Meet in the lobby for instructions at 9:20...we are doing the waving a little differently this year



**ALL kids are invited to play bells on Easter Sunday!** Bring your friends to take part in a truly joyful celebration...HE IS RISEN!

### March 31 - April 6

<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Devotion
	6:45 p.m.	Jr. High, Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Journey to the Cross

### April 7 - 13

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Devotion
	6:45 p.m.	Jr. High, Choir
<b>Friday</b>		Terri off
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's W.O.V.E.N. program

### April 14 - 20

<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Living Last Supper
<b>Friday</b>		Office Closed

### 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

### 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.

	February	YTD Feb.
<b>General Fund Offerings and Other Income*</b>	77,093	135,351
<b>Total General Fund Actual Expenses</b>	54,998	81,557
<b>Total Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	22,095	53,794
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	57,598	115,195

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

## Sunday Learning...

### Grow as a disciple of Jesus

*Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12 HCSB*



As Paul pointed out in his letter to the church at Philippi - disciples of Jesus are never done growing! We have discipleship classes on Sunday

morning for ALL ages and stages of life. Come check it out this week...you can jump into a class at any point, because each week's lesson stands on its own.

Here's what's coming up in April:

#### The Gospel Project

*All ages study the same Bible passage/topic on age appropriate levels:*

#### **April 7: Jesus Walks on Water – Matthew 14:22-33**

In the Christian life we face various struggles and circumstances that test us. However, because we are Christians, we know we don't face them alone. Jesus—the Son of God—is sovereign over all things, and He calls us to a place of deep comfort and courage as we face struggles in this life.

*Our Mission:* Jesus is sovereign even over the wind and the waves, so we can worship Him no matter what and call others to do the same.

#### **April 14: Dying and Rising With the Messiah – Matthew 16:13-28**

Peter understood Jesus' identity as the long-awaited Messiah for Israel, but he misunderstood what being Messiah would mean. Rather than conquering Israel's enemies through violence, Jesus conquered sin, death, and Satan through His suffering on the cross and resurrection from the dead.

*Our Mission:* As Christians, we confess that Jesus is the Son of God who died for us and rose again. God calls us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, to die to ourselves so that we may live.

#### **TGP 4 KIDS: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection – Matthew 26:36 – 28:10; John 18:1 – 20:18**

#### **April 21: NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!**

#### **April 28: The Greater Miracle of Forgiveness– Mark 2:1-12**

Through His healing of the paralyzed man, Jesus demonstrated His authority over human suffering and His authority to forgive sins. By claiming to forgive sins, Jesus was putting Himself on par with God—the only One who can command disease and wipe away our wickedness.

*Our Mission:* God calls us to be active in bringing people to Jesus—the only One who has the power to heal our physical infirmities and forgive our sins.

#### **May 5: Jesus Has Power Over Evil/The Gadarene Demoniac– Mark 5:1-20**

Jesus Christ has power and authority over evil spirits. Jesus showed His care and concern for a man who was isolated from society and controlled by evil spirits. After delivering the man from his bondage, Jesus called him to testify to the goodness of God.

*Our Mission:* As those who trust in the authority and power of Jesus and who have been delivered from our bondage to sin, we too are called to testify to the goodness of God.

#### WHERE DO CLASSES MEET?

#### **The Gospel Project for ADULTS**

8:15 am class - Room 202

10:45 am classes – Room 201 & 202

#### **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

**Toddlers** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lower Level



#### Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Lenten Soup Suppers and devotions in the Family Life Center gym on Wednesday nights 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

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?

#### 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](mailto:amberbush04@gmail.com)).

#### WOVEN 9:00 A.M. Saturday, April 13, 2019

Women's Choice Center

Offers confidential and non-judgmental care, pregnancy counseling and support that's needed to make informed decisions. *Please bring a package of diapers!*

## Fellowship Event

#### Family Movie Night, Saturday 4/27/2019

Doors open at 5:30pm, movie starts at 6:00pm. Join us for fellowship, pizza, popcorn and the family friendly movie "Smallfoot" in the Family Life Center. Pizza and popcorn will be available at no cost during intermission. Bottled water will be provided, or bring your own drinks. Bring blankets to watch from the floor or lawn chairs if you'd like something more comfortable than table chairs. If you have questions, contact Sue Kvach or Kim Gravert. Hope to see you all there!



#### **WE HAVE NEW FAMILY TABLE TALKERS FOR APRIL!**

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.

#### **THE TABLE TALKER THEME FOR APRIL: GENTLENESS**

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

#### Camp Scholarships

Forms available on Children's Ministry Table.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b> 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning	<b>1</b> 5-8 Hope at the Brick House Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser 7:00 BSF	<b>2</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>3</b> 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45Choir, Middle School	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 7:00 Men's Basketball	<b>6</b> 9 - 11 Journey to the Cross
<b>7</b> 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning	<b>8</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>9</b> 9 - 2 Pastor to Book Club 6:30 Volleyball	<b>10</b> 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Devotion 6:45 Choir, Middle School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Terri off 7:00 Men's Basketball	<b>13</b> 9:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. program
<b>14</b> 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning 3:00 Last Supper rehearsal 6:30 High School	<b>15</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>16</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>17</b> 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Middle School, Choir 7:30 Last Supper rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7:30 Last Supper	<b>19</b> Good Friday Office Closed	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Easter 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship, Communion	<b>22</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>23</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 Elder's mtg. 7:00 Consistory	<b>26</b> 7:00 Men's Basketball	<b>27</b> 5:30-8:30 Movie Night
<b>28</b> 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Learning, 6:30 High School	<b>29</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>30</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>1</b> 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Middle School, Choir	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 7:00 Men's Basketball	<b>4</b> Car Wash

Cadena to conference

**Prayers:**

**PRAYERS:**

- Nancy Kaseman**—Jackie Baumgarten's mother passed away on Thursday
- Judy Getting's** - Uncle John passed away
- Phil Akker**—recovery and healing for Pastor Brian's cousin who had tumor removed from his brain
- Suzy Adams** - broken knee cap
- Bob Taylor** - ruptured disc
- Rose Anne Smith** - sister of Richard Madsen passed away
- Billy Moylan** - 35 yr. old brother of Kelan, stage 4 colorectal cancer w/ metastasis to liver (intestinal cancer) chemo this week, long road ahead, he lives in California
- Kelly & Becky Meyers** - niece of Robert Smith, lost everything in house fire, Kelly in hospital very serious condition
- Adelina Pena** - Veronica Lowther's sister, pancreatic cancer, 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; saw a specialist at University of Michigan checking different avenues of treatment
- Karen Rascher** - Don Downing's sister; breast cancer, finished w/chemo

**Day Care News**

The day care has gotten a new bus!! Our old bus has gotten tired and worn out. The new bus seats the same number of passengers but is much newer. We are excited to show it off once it gets the signage put on it. It'll be very nice driving the new bus this summer to all the field trips with the summer school aged children. We are now accepting applications for our summer school age program. We anticipate a big class this year and space is limited, so if you or someone you know is interested in our program please contact the day care office soon. Our summer school age program is geared for children who have completed a year of kindergarten and up to 10 years of age. Ms Lindsey is the lead teacher. She plans 2 to 3 field trips a week depending on the number of children. Some of the wonderful field trips include: mini golf, bowling, going to various parks, the movies, swimming, roller skating. Lindsey also does a Bible lesson with them each week. The program runs from the day school lets out until the day school starts! Summer really is coming. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverb 22:6

# Youth Ministry

Be sure to bring your entire family to the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Journey to the Cross. Easter is upon us and we can celebrate the season with the Journey to the cross, the following weekend will be Palm Sunday and then Easter Sunday. What a great month to zero in on our faith, Christ's sacrifice and God's desire to reconcile with His creation. Make sure your calendars are marked for High School's Sunday night meetings and Middle School Wednesday night meetings, 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](mailto:cadenatrusty@gmail.com).



Mark & Jackie Baumgarten  
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## VBS FUN NEEDS TO BE PLANNED!!!



We need help to plan a wildly fun adventure! **Come to the next VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, April 7 at Noon in Room 202.** Lunch will be provided!

To join the prayer team, just begin praying! **Prayer requests:**

- For station leaders 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@christsfamilychurch.org](mailto:bschuetz@christsfamilychurch.org).

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

## SAVE THE DATES...

**VBS is July 8-12!**

**Registration is up and running for participants and volunteers on the CFC website: <http://www.christsfamilychurch.org/vacation-bible-school/>**



**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.**

## Thank You

Dear Christ's Family,  
Words cannot express how I have felt these past few weeks after I broke my kneecap earlier this month. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and support. I can't thank you enough for your prayers, uplifting words through phone calls, texts and beautiful cards, a gorgeous prayer shawl, and delicious meals. I am looking forward to coming back to church soon!  
In Christ's Love,  
Suzy Adams

Thank you for your prayers, words of kindness and encouragement and the beautiful sympathy cards sent during the time of Nancy's Mom's passing. We are so grateful for such a wonderful, caring Church family.  
Glenn and Nancy Zylstra

Thank you,  
Nancy

Thank you from Rock and Judy Getting!  
God bless each of you and thanks for the prayers, cards, encouraging words we have received during Rock's brief hospital stay and my Uncle John's death. We were so blessed with God's timing and your loving support. We appreciate Christ's Family and the love you share.

### Costa Rica Mission Trip

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:4-16)

We are so excited to invite everyone to join 17 Christ's Family Church family members into prayer and preparation for their journey, this summer, to join the body of believers in Belin, Costa Rica. We will be serving alongside Pastor Espinoza as he serves his community with the message of Christ, God's love and the assurance of life everlasting. We are, also, joining a church, from North Carolina on this journey! What a testament to believers coming together as one body to worship, learn and grow into the "stature of the fullness of Christ." Serving in places outside of our community helps us grown spiritually, by exposing us to God on a global level; to worship with others, in their language, but in the same scripture helps remind us of God's scope, creation and treasure of all people, and His desire to reconcile everyone to Him, together. We are stretched in maturity and understanding when we step away from our comforts of life and language. When we step away from our distractions and planned lives we allow space for God to work in our lives and hearts, to bring us closer to Him and our brothers in sisters in Christ and all of creation. We were not made to be comfortable, we were made to surrender our lives to God's will and purpose. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for this opportunity and experience to encourage Pastor Espinoza, fellow believers, and to share the message of the Gospel with all we encounter. Those going on the trip Don & Debbie Kincaid, Bruce & Sheryl VerMeer, Jim & Becky Meurs, Jessie Madden, Cadena Trusty, Terri Fox, Denise Bohr, Joslyn Schafer, Logan Van Itallie, Allie & Alina Sepanski, Breanna VerMeer, Emma Minnich, Grace Schuetz