

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.

Why do you take the teens abroad? There is plenty to do here.

I agree there is plenty of need in our community. It is around every corner and we tend to choose to not look at it square in the eyes and recognize it or we push it away with reasons we are too busy, or reasons and possible excuses that explain why the person finds themselves in that predicament. I think it is important to leave our corner of the world and see others, other's needs, successes and joys. It helps put our lives and communities' needs into perspective. It is often stated that we grow accustomed to what is in our backyard until we leave it, for a time, and come back; then we see it in a new light, with fresh eyes.

We need to step back once in a while and realize that the world is broken, the entire world. All of God's creation suffers because of our selfish self-centered interests. To live out love in true community is to recognize the larger church, the universal church. To praise God in a room with people that share your beliefs, but in their own tongue, is exhilarating and a window into the worship we will experience in Heaven. Every tribe, every tongue will sing His praises.

We go away every other year, so that we can experience God in a new way, in a new light, with a new perspective. To recognize our own shortcomings in recognizing all that God has given us, and that we are called to give beyond ourselves. We are called to pour out God's goodness to others, through love, service, sharing and prayer.

This year 17 people are going to Costa Rica, we are stepping outside of our respective comfort zones, relying fully on God, for an opportunity to serve and love the universal church. Please join us in prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds to serve and see God working in this foreign community. May we go with servant hearts, knowing that we do not come with solutions to their problems outside of the goodness and love of our Lord, Comforter, Prince of Peace and Holy One. Pray that when we return we will better see the need around us and recognize the Holy Spirit's prompts to help and God's call to love and serve unconditionally, with nothing expected in return.

Cadena Trusty, Director of Youth Ministries



VBS FUN NEEDS TO BE PLANNED!!!

We need help to plan a wildly fun VBS adventure! **We are looking for leaders for several key stations:**

- Pre-K Bible Time and Pre-K Games need leaders
- Snack Organizer to help plan and oversee the snacks
- Worship rally leaders and skit performers.

Another important way to serve is leading small groups of kids around VBS.

PLEASE COVER OUR VBS MISSION IN PRAYER!

To join the prayer team, just begin praying! **Here are our current prayer requests:**

- For station leaders excited about planning Bible time, snacks, games, opening-closing worship rally.
- For the Holy Spirit to lead and guide all planning and preparations
- For God to begin His work on the hearts of all who will come to VBS.
- For wisdom on where the best locations would be for the various stations.

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

May 5 - 11

Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Middle School, Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Missions mtg. @ Baxter's
Saturday	9 - 12	Youth Car Wash Fund Raiser
	10:00 a.m.	Women's W.O.V.E.N. to Crossroads DeWitt IA

May 12 - 18

Monday - Friday		Pastor Kurt to Seminary
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m.	Choir, Middle School Celebration
Saturday	11:00-2:00	Jane Ackerman luncheon

May 19 - 25

Sunday		Graduation Sunday
	10:45 a.m.	Last Sunday Discipleship
May 23 - 26		Cadena vacation

May 26 - June 1

Monday		Office Closed
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Day Care Graduation

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship, 6:30 High School Youth
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 6:30 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.

	March	YTD March
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	45,798	181,149
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	57,487	139,044
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(11,689)	42,105
53,794		
Total Budgeted Expenses	57,848	173,543

* - Year to date General Fund Offerings include \$22,101 of donations received as a restricted gift designated for 2019 expenses

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

Sunday Discipleship...

Grow as a disciple of Jesus

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 May:



The Gospel Project

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

May 12: Jesus Heals a Woman and Raises a Girl – Mark 5:21-43

In Jesus' healing of a sick woman and His raising of Jairus' daughter, we see the power of God on display – a power that overcomes sickness, shame and even death. As Christians, we minister to those who suffer from sickness and shame with the faith that God is mighty to save and to heal.

Our Mission: God calls us to proclaim Jesus as the Savior who takes away our shame and makes us pure and holy in God's sight.

May 19: Jesus Raises Lazarus – John 11:1-44

Jesus demonstrated His power over death by raising His friend, Lazarus, from the dead. This miracle story reveals the goodness and sovereignty of God, the curse of death and the power of resurrection, as well as Christ's compassion toward those in pain. As we trust in Jesus – our powerful Friend who conquers death – we bring glory to Him in the midst of terrible circumstances. *Our Mission:* calls us to glorify Him in sickness and death, trusting in His power to raise us from the dead.

May 26: NO CLASSES...Summer Discipleship classes begin on June 2.

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 – 5th Grade – Lower Level

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ADULTS:

8:15 am – The Gospel of Mark

In this video series, author and speaker Francis Chan invites us to walk with him along the ancient ways of the Master. Tracing the steps of Jesus and the Twelve through Israel, Francis explores the major themes of the Gospel of Mark, and asks: Are we willing to take this journey to embrace discipleship?

10:45 am – Don't Waste Your Life

Amber Bush will lead a study using John Piper's book, *Don't Waste Your Life*. Piper has a passionate message for followers of Christ: Life is short---make yours count! Be challenged and learn to be daring as you live for the "great and glorious things that matter"---taking risks in relationships for the sake of righteousness, in financial decisions for the cause of the gospel, and in witnessing to the truth and beauty of Christ.

CFC KIDS:

During Worship – Children's Ministry area in the Lower Level

Kids will begin by worshipping with their families in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, they will be escorted downstairs for discipleship classes. This summer we will be looking at the importance of *Making Connections* and discovering how *God Can Help*. There will be one class for children ages 3 – kindergarten (in the fall), and one class for elementary ages (1st-6th grade).

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to lead a class for a week or a few. If we do not have two leaders signed up for each class we will have to cancel class for that week.

May Women's W.O.V.E.N. Program

WOVEN's is making a road trip for their last meeting on May 11th. Join us, for a fun experience, at Crossroads in DeWitt, IA, at 10 AM. Bring your mom, your daughter and your friends. Carpool from church at 9:00 AM or meet us there: Crossroads - corner of 6th Avenue & 10th Street. Contact Barb Miller 563-359-6187 by Wednesday, May 8th. Menu: quiche, fruit, muffins and beverage. Cost \$11.00 per person.

Fellowship Event

Baseball at the Quad City River Bandits, 6/9/2019

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us **Sunday, June 9** for "Faith and Fellowship Night" at The Quad City River Bandits baseball game against the Kane County Cougars.

The game is sponsored by Chick-fil-a and Moody Radio. Gates open at 3:30pm. Special events include: meeting the players for pregame autographs, pregame devotion at 3:45, pregame concert by the group J53 at 4:15, and kids will have the opportunity to run the bases. The game will begin at 5:15.

A block of tickets is being purchased so we can sit together. Ticket prices to follow. Mark your calendars, sign up at the desk in the narthex and join us for this family friendly event! Questions about "Faith and Fellowship Night"? See Bill Carter or Sue Kvach.

Camp Scholarships

Forms available on Children's Ministry Table.

Women's Choice Center

Come join us in the Women's Choice Center Chapel (2740 Happy Joe Dr., Bettendorf, IA) on the first Friday of each month, starting on Monday, May 6th, 2019.

The Chapel will be open from 5-7 PM with structured prayer/reflection from 6:00-6:30 PM.

Each month, a different Pastor from local church supporters will be leading that evening's prayer.

Volunteers Needed

Coffee makers are needed for the 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month.

We also need coffee clean up for the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month. If you can help w/ either of these, please contact the church office 359-3765.



Wycliffe Bible Translators

One of the missionary families that our church supports is Angi and Rémy Ngumbu with their daughters, Chloé and Clara. They serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo as a bridge between the hundreds of Bibleless people groups in the Congo Basin region and donors in the United States. Angi is working with 38 people groups, helping them design and manage their translation projects. Rémy then gives training and mentorship to the partner organizations in finance so that they can manage their projects well and properly account for the funds they've received. Angi also sometimes works with language groups to help them figure out how to write their language. This year, our church is supporting them with a donation of \$4,000.

~Kristen Andringa, missions committee member



WE HAVE NEW FAMILY TABLE TALKERS FOR MAY!

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 May is PEACE.

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!!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship	6 Newsletter 7:00 BSF	7 6:30 Volleyball	8 9:30 Safety mtg. 6:30Choir, Middle School	9  7:00 Mission mtg. at Baxter's	10 7:00 Men's Basketball	11 9 - 12 Youth Car Wash Fund raiser 10:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. Crossroads DeWitt IA
12 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship	13 Kurt to Seminary	14 9 - 2 Pastor to Book Club 6:30 Volleyball	15 9:00 - 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Middle School Celebration, Choir	16	17 7:00 Men's Basketball	18 12-2 Jane Ackerman luncheon
19 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship 6:30 High School Celebration	20	21 6:30 Volleyball	22	23 10:00 Medicaid made clear 6:00 Elder's mtg. 7:00 Consistory Cadena vacation	24	25
26 9:30 Worship, Communion	27 Office Closed	28 6:30 Volleyball	29	30 7:00 Day Care Graduation	31 7:00 Men's Basketball	1
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Prayers:

Randy Schipper - heart attack, home recovering
Ginger Cox - knee surgery May 20th
Bev Rice - osteoporosis and arthritis in the back, dealing w/ a lot of pain, can't stand for very long
Penni Rohm - foot surgery in Iowa City on Wednesday, May 8th
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
James Blohm - son-in-law of Shirley De Wys; saw a specialist at University of Michigan checking different avenues of treatment

PRAISES:

Michelle O'Brien - daughter in law of Tim & Robin Schaver, healing and recovery from brain surgery 2 months ago

Day Care News

Hello month of May. We love May here at the day care. Mother's day, preschool graduation, flowers, warmer weather, and all the fun Bible Stories. The first church to Paul's journeys. Our preschool graduation ceremony is scheduled for Thursday May 30th at 7:00 PM. Anyone and everyone is invited. It's a fun time to hear songs, listen to the Bible verses they have memorized and fellowship afterwards with cookies and punch. We have several projects going for mother's day gifts started. The children love making gifts for their family. Our summer school age program will be starting in a month, enrollment is almost full.

"Use the gift that God has given you to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10b

Youth Ministry

We are finishing out another year with the teens at Christ's Family Church. We will be moving into our summer calendar soon. Be sure that you are signed up for REMIND, the texting feature, so you are aware of all that is happening with our teens. Also, be sure to RSVP to events so we are always ready and prepared to have fun.

High School is going to Costa Rica for their service trip this year. We are still actively fundraising for this trip, if you would like to contribute to the cost of the trip just mention Costa Rica in the memo line of your checks made out to Christ's Family Church.

Middle School is heading to Waupun, Wisconsin, for a time of serving the Union, a community hang out space for teens in the Waupun area. We will be building up and beautifying their outdoor space. Be sure to sign up with Cadena ASAP.

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.

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/>

It takes over 60 volunteers to staff the VBS week. We have a job to fit your gifts and talents! **Please join us In The Wild...sign up online, at the information desk or by contacting Becky.**



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.

Consistory Corner

The consistory thanks Bev Rice for her years of helping prep for communion. She is stepping down due to back problems.

Parking lot will be sealed and restriped sometime this summer.

Emergency Preparedness Committee is meeting with Davenport Police department to go over safety suggestions for our building. This was last done soon after the addition was done.

Gift of \$12,500, from surplus money that has built up over the past few years, will be given to help Renewing Life (a new RCA church plant in Ferguson, Mo.) to purchase an additional building for youth. Pastor Brian, Greg and Pam Lundgren went to visit the church and experience the ministry going on. Consistory is also exploring other opportunities to give a gift to help the building of God's kingdom.

Consistory is focusing on prayer for where God is leading us in growing His Kingdom. The consistory invites the congregation to join us in prayer as we seek God's will.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in allowing us to have a drop box to collect baseball gloves at your church. Because of your congregation, nearly 90 kids will be outfitted with a gloves in our league. We are so excited for them to learn about baseball, team work and God's love for them. Thank you for helping make that possible.

Sincerely,
The One Eighty Family

Dear Friends,
Winter has finally passed and spring is here! Friendly House food pantry continued to remain busy during the winter months. However, we are quickly approaching the busiest time of the year for our pantry: the summer months. Kids whom are receiving breakfast and lunch daily will now be eating at home. When school is out, the monthly grocery bill goes up. We are proud to be a resource for our neighbors as they find ways to make ends meet.

Because of donations like yours, we are able to keep our shelves stocked! Recently, we have added weekly orders of milk, butter and eggs that each family we serve through our pantry will receive, one more way we can help families with the basics of preparing a nutritious meal for their family.

Thank you once again for supporting Friendly House through your consistent donations that helps our food pantry continue to serve those in need.

Best regards,
Jodi Stock, LMSW
Family & Senior Services Supervisor



We honor selflessness as you bravely set aside your own wants and needs, to defend those who could not defend themselves. Your acts of sacrifice upheld hope, opportunity, and freedom, for generations to come. You have built a bright future for our children and our children's children. We honor you!

We honor your courage, as you proudly fought for our country and all that it stands for. You faced the fear and you stood tall, holding true to the convictions of this great nation, never backing down, or admitting defeat. You were an example of strength, as you marched forward with certainty, heads high, hearts full and ready to handle any obstacle ahead. We honor you!

We honor leadership, as you demonstrated excellence for all of us to follow. The strength and passion inspires you a nation to achieve, not only in service but in our daily lives. Resiliency, determination and fortitude are just a few of the qualities you've shown us. We honor you!

We honor camaraderie, as you never left a fellow brother or sister behind. Others lives, were as important to you as your own. At risk to yourself and without a second thought, you ran dauntlessly into the field of battle to pull your brother or sister from the trenches to carry them to safety. We honor you!

We honor humility, as through your strength you still showed gentleness, never boasting or prideful, but humble in service and in character, showing us that true heroes are not self proclaimed, but silently seen. We honor you!

We honor greatness, as today we remember the many men and women, who gave their lives in service to this nation. They are fathers, mothers, husbands, neighbors, sons, cousins, daughters, brothers, friends, and heroes. We honor you!