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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.

Recently in The Gospel Project, we got to take a closer look at one of my favorite (and most convicting) object lessons... Jesus washing the feet of His disciples:

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. John 13:3-5

Only the lowest of servants would get the job of washing dirty feet that had been stepping in...well, who knows what! Yet here was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords bending low to perform that undignified and disgusting service for His disciples. Judas, His betrayer, included. Think about that one!

When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. John 13:12-17

I love how John Piper boils it down to this: *The point of Jesus' foot washing is that none of His disciples would ever say of any act of service, "That is beneath me."* John 13:15 – John Piper

We are Jesus' disciples. So what do we do with this object lesson? What does it look like to take to heart Jesus' admonition *"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them"*? You know = you do. What we do doesn't have to be a big, involved project. Washing stinky feet was a simple act. It was humble. It did not gain public attention.

I am praying to have eyes to see and a heart that responds to the needs of others without holding back because it's too messy to get involved or it conflicts with my agenda and schedule...or because I don't think it's deserved because of some injury or slight that I think was done to me. I know that I can no longer wait to see if someone else will do it.

There are so many ways we can serve our neighbors, serve our church (just check out some of the ways in this newsletter), and serve those who struggle to find hope. Lord please give us open eyes and willing hands!

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.' Matthew 25:40

~Becky Schuetz, Director of Christian Education

October 6 - 12

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. - 8 :00 p.m. Voting in the lobby
Tuesday– Monday PB vacation
Thursday 12:00 p.m. Backpacks returned
Friday Terri vacation

October 13 - 19

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. PB to all day Classis mtg.
 Praying the Word
 Finance Committee mtg.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. GAP
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
Saturday 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

October 20 - 26

Monday - Friday Pastor Kurt to Seminary
Tuesday Personnel mtg.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. Backpacks returned
 6:00 p.m. Elder's mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Consistory
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Celebrate Fall & Much S'more

October 27 - November 2

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Praying the Word
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. GAP
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
 Trunk or Treat

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship
Monday - 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner, 6:30 Worship, Prayer, Circle of Friends
 6:45 Choir, Middle School
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

	August	YTD August
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	52,551	419,883
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	49,184	425,534
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	3,367	(5,651)
Total Budgeted Expenses	57,848	462,782

- 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**

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 fall! **Here's what is coming up this month...**

Oct. 13: The Savior is Raised— Matthew 28:1-15

On Easter Sunday, God vindicated His Son's perfect sacrifice by raising Him from the dead and beginning the new creation He had long promised His people. Through faith, we are united to Christ, we are part of His new creation, and we share in the promise of being resurrected in His likeness. Sin's curse has been removed, death has been defeated, and we are assured of everlasting life with God.

His Mission, Our Mission: God calls us to go and tell others the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death, calling people to trust in Jesus and receive resurrection life.

Oct. 20: The Risen King on the Emmaus Road – Luke 24:13-35

After His resurrection, King Jesus joined two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. In their interchange we learn that the risen King draws near to His people in times of sorrow and confusion. We also see how all of Scripture is a testimony to Jesus Christ, who reveals Himself to those who trust Him. As witnesses of the risen King, we proclaim the Bible's grand story.

His Mission, Our Mission: God calls us to read and interpret the Scriptures in light of Christ's death and resurrection.

Oct. 27: The Risen King Sends His People – John 20:19-23

The instructions Jesus gave to His disciples after His resurrection reflect the mission of God that drives the storyline of the Bible. God the Father sends His Son, God the Son sends His people into the world, and the Father and the Son send the Spirit to empower us for mission. As Christians, we are a sent people who are being formed in the image of our sending God and our suffering Savior.

His Mission, Our Mission: God calls us to represent Jesus in mission as we offer His forgiveness to the world.

Nov. 3: The Risen King and the Doubter – John 20:24-29

In the reality of the struggle between doubt and faith, Jesus responds to those whose faith may waver. As we look at different kinds of doubt and different kinds of faith, we come to understand that faith is "the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen" (Heb. 11:1). As believers, we are called to trust God with our own doubts and questions as well as strengthen the faith of others.

His Mission, Our Mission: God calls us to be patient with doubters as we bear witness to His Son, whom we have seen only with the eyes of faith.

WHERE WILL 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 & Toddlers – FLC Nursery

Preschool – 5th Grade – Lower Level

Additional Sunday Discipleship class for Adults:

The Heidelberg Catechism

10:45 am – Check your bulletin for location

Come check out the richness and beauty of the Heidelberg, one of the foundational catechisms that has helped shape and maintain our reformed tradition.

Weekly Fellowship group for Adults:

Fellowship & Prayer Group

10:45 am – FLC Room 110 (Lower Level)

This group meets to share conversation and prayer.

Praying the Word

A new team of women from Christ's Family has begun gathering to pray for this church. We do not pray personal requests or specific ministry requests; we simply pray Scripture, God's purposes from His very Word! Each comes prepared with passages from the Bible to pray.

A.W. Tozer best sums up our prayer focus for Christ's Family, "...to become individuals whose heart desires have all been reduced to one, knowing and pleasing Him (Colossians 1:10-18) in such a way that Christ might come to have first place in everything."

'Praying the Word' meets biweekly on Tuesday afternoons in the sanctuary. We welcome more women to join us! Please contact Diane Patterson for more information. dipatt17@gmail.com

"O Lord, I need you, I come seeking you and needing help. Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of the word."
Psalm 119:18

IGNITE! Join us **Saturday, November 9th** anytime between 8am-1pm for a time of individual prayer as we pray for the church and our surrounding communities. Bring the kids and pray with them. Allow the Holy Spirit to IGNITE in you and your family a desire to grow deeper with your relationship with God. Questions, please contact Amber Bush (amberbush04@gmail.com).

Fellowship Event

Celebrate Fall & Much S-more! **Saturday 10/26/2019, 4:30-8:30pm**

Join us around the bonfire for food, fun, singing & s'mores! ALL are welcome! Hot dogs & fixings, chips, baked beans, bottled water, and s'mores will be provided. After dinner, Mike Franzman will strum and lead us in singing Camp Shalom songs around the bonfire! All you need to bring is lawn chairs to sit around the fire. **Please sign up at the information desk to help us estimate amount of food needed.

The bonfire & "much s'more" will be held at Greg and Sandy VerMeer's home, 3726 Kathleen Way, Davenport. If you have questions, call Greg VerMeer 563-940-2626.

Trunk or Treat!



We want to invite you and your family to join us for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday October 30, starting at 5:30. It's back this year, and better than ever! We want this to be a safe place for you, your family, and your friends and neighbors to come together and trunk or treat while remembering that Jesus is King of all aspects of our lives! Starting at 5:30 we'll be sharing a FREE meal together, then at 6:30 we'll all go outside together to trunk or treat. After the trunk or treating is finished, plan to stick around for a hot cocoa bar and some fellowship back inside the gym. There will be activities for kids of all ages from 5:30 to 6:30! Remember, this event is completely FREE and open to everyone, so please invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. If you'd like to decorate a trunk and try to win the trunk contest, sign up at the info desk on Sunday or contact the office. If you'd like to volunteer to help on the night of the event, sign up at the info desk or contact the office. We also need a good deal of candy for the event too, if you're willing to donate bags of individually wrapped candy, you can drop it off at the office anytime during the week. And NEW this year, we'll be having our first annual costume contest for all the adults! If you'd like to sign up to win that prestigious award, sign yourself up at the info desk or contact the office. We look forward to a great night together! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kurt.

Hope at the Brick House Banquet

Monday, October 28th

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Door open at 5:30

Rogalski Center St. Ambrose University

Theme: if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Evening includes:

Silent Auction & hors d' oeuvres

Complimentary Buffet Meal

Program includes testimonies & ministry updates

Opportunity to make a financial contribution

RSVP to 563-322-0382 or ptank.hbh@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Discipleship	30	1 2:00 Praying the Word 6:30 Volleyball	2 9:00 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Family Meal 6:30 Circle of Friends, Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School, Adult class	3 5:45 BSF Leader's mtg.	4  7:00 Men's Basketball	5
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Prayers:

PRAYERS:

Ed Hanssen - for less pain & healing in his knee

Kohen Moylan - recovery from surgery on elbow

Pastor Brian - pinched nerve in his back, Mayo appt. Nov. 6 & 7

Rosemarie Bohn - fell, slight fracture of her hip, she is in the Kahl Home room N216

Bomi - Steve & Ellen Keller's granddaughter, nerves not working in her intestines

Phil Akker - Pastor Brian's cousin under hospice care

LaJuan Gault - recovery from fractured hip at Kahl Home N208

Billy Moylan - 35-yr.-old brother of Kelan; stage 4 colorectal cancer w/ metastasis to liver (intestinal cancer); moved to Quad Cities to be near family, continuing chemo in Iowa City

James Blohm - Shirley De Wy's son-in-law, doing infusions and physical therapy, getting around better, nerve pain in torso and legs

PRAISES:

Day Care News

This past week seemed to have lasted longer than 5 working days. I had to be reminded today by a 4 year old why I "work" here. As I was struggling to make it to Friday, this Friday morning was, well lets just say "trying". I was working with a group of various ages in our "centers area" and all before 7 AM. Two children were arguing over blocks, two were arguing over the kitchen center while I was reading to one 4 year old. I told the 4 year old to hold the book open to the page we were on and I would return in a moment after I redirected the others. The 4 year old turns to me to say, "Mrs Debi, I will wait. Sometimes my friends need extra help but, that's ok because you are the best reader ever!" That's right, I'm the best reader ever. And just like that my week got better, my morning was great and confirmation once again on why I work with children. I was once told by a friend, before I worked in child care, that my gift was working with children. I literally laughed out loud when she said that. I was teaching Sunday School at the time, so Yes I could handle five 4 year olds for an hour on Sunday morning, but work with children 5 days a week for 8 or more hours a day um no. Now that I've been here for 14 years, I can say with confidence, my gift from God is working with children.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1:17

Youth Ministry

On October 9th, our Middle School is joining Kids Learning to Serve in making care bags for those experiencing homelessness.

On Wednesday evenings we enjoy dinner, as a church, starting at 5:30pm and then we have group 6:45pm-8pm.

If you have any questions or need information regarding Youth Ministry at CFC you can reach Cadena Trusty at cadenatrusty@yahoo.com, (563)320-3456. Be sure you are on REMIND for updates and schedule information. Text the phone number 81010 with the message @25c57b.



WE HAVE NEW FAMILY TABLE TALKERS FOR OCTOBER!
The Table Talker theme for October is **FRIENDSHIP**.

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!!**



Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. John 6:27

Children's Ministry is a great way to give your time to food that will not spoil!

Opportunities to SERVE

Nursery: (Sundays during worship service, once every 3 months) Share Jesus' love with His youngest as you play with and care for babies through 3 year olds while their parents worship. Contact Erica Odegaard 563-370-7935 to get on the rotating schedule.

Teach CFC Kids to WORSHIP: (Sundays during worship service) Help kids in 1st-2nd grades read through the Bible passage we are using in the worship service in a kid-friendly Bible and explore it in an age appropriate way. *You can sign up to lead this time once or twice...or join a rotating schedule.*

Here is a link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA4AA2DAAF85-teaching>

Young Children & Worship: (Sundays during worship service) Help 3 ½ year old – Kindergarten age kids learn to worship using a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. *You can sign up to lead this time once or twice...or join a rotating schedule.*

Here is a link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA4AA2DAAF85-young>

Sunday Discipleship 4 Kids: (As needed on Sundays from 10:45-11:45 am) Get your feet wet as a substitute leader on Sunday morning as we seek to help kids grow as disciples of Jesus! Contact Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com.

W.O.V.E.N.

Women of Virtue, Encouragement, and Nurturing

Our current goal is develop and strengthen personal relationships and sense of community among the women of Christ's Family Church, as well as increase the understanding of God's word.

With that in mind, W.O.V.E.N. is taking a brief hiatus. We will be using this time to focus on accomplishing our mission by engaging the women of CFC.

At the end of October we will hand out a short survey to better understand the interests of CFC women.

Our women's ministry is a very important part of our spiritual growth. With God's help, it is our prayer that a program be designed to be beneficial to the women of CFC.

College and Career enjoys a hosted lunch each month and an offsite activity. These are meant to be times to relax, get out of the house or dorm, meet new people and share lunch. Please check the website and bulletins regularly for host addresses.

This month Phil and Lisa Sepanski are hosting lunch on October 27th, after Sunday Discipleship, around 12:15pm. Join them at 2755 Chesterfield Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Also, mark your calendar for Friday, October 19th, for a trip to the Pride of the Wapsi Corn Maze, 14600 305th St, Long Grove, IA 52756. We will meet at the church to carpool at 10:30am! Touch base with Cadena to better plan for who is going! cadenatrusty@gmail.com and (563)320-3456

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped at the sign-in table for pictures. Your time spent helping is greatly appreciated.

Consistory Corner

Andrea VanderArk has transferred her membership to Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Pella.

Worship Committee has decided to stop doing Service in the Park and look at an event around VBS time or at the kickoff of the fall programs.

Deacons are looking into starting a grief share program at CFC.

The consistory decided to set the time between being reelected to consistory to one year instead of two. The consistory also voted to increase the number on consistory to 5 elders and 5 deacons. This year we will vote for 3 elders – 2 to serve for 3 years and 1 to serve for 2 years and 2 deacons to serve for 3 years.



Lowell and Mary Doerder have a new grandson! Calvin Lowell Doerder was born September 30 weighing 7 lbs 1 oz and measuring 19 inches long. He is also welcomed by his parents Aaron and Joanna Doerder and big brothers Simon and Elliott. Praises to God for a healthy baby and mom.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rod Grage & Kim Rojas on their marriage.

Tom & Becky Schuetz no longer have a *landline*
Tom - 563-940-3504
Becky - 563-940-7605



Carol Schipper's e-mail - carolschipper2@gmail.com

Underwear Because We Care

Many needy and homeless people have no underwear or have to wear what they have for extended periods. Underwear Because We Care provides underwear for the needy and homeless of the Quad Cities. Christian Care is proud to be both a collection site and a receiving agency for this important need! If you are willing, please bring donations of men's underwear to Christian Care anytime between 8am-7pm throughout October. Thank you for anything you can do to help!