



October 1, 2019

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## FIRST COMMUNION

Starting this fall, we will be lowering the age of First Communion. We will be instructing and communing all of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders, and then in the Spring we will be instructing and communing our 1<sup>st</sup> graders, kindergarteners, and preschoolers.

- ♦ **First Communion Instruction:** We will hold two identical instruction sessions for our 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and at least one of their parents. Children and parents need to attend only one: **Thursday, October 3, 5:00 - 8:00 PM or Sunday, October 6, 3:00 - 6:00 PM.** At these instruction sessions we will make First Communion banners, paint First Communion chalices, and make the bread for our First Communion services. Pastor Kuenzel and Kirsten will also be doing some instruction on the meaning and practice of Holy Communion. In addition, we will have children and parents do some instruction at home by completing a booklet and watching *The Prince of Egypt* movie.
- ♦ **First Communion Services:** Because of space limitations in the Sanctuary, we will be holding three identical First Communion services. Parents will need to register for one of these services in advance since we have room for only about 20-25 families per service. You are encouraged to invite other family members, Godparents, and close friends to these services. The dates and times of these services are as follows: **Sundays: October 27, November 10, and November 17 @ 3:00 PM. Please sign up by October 1 for one of the Instruction Sessions and First Communion services by [clicking here](#).**



Please contact Pastor Kuenzel or Kirsten if you have any questions or concerns.

## ONLINE MEMBER PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thank you to all who have submitted pictures or stopped by to have your picture taken to add to our online pictorial directory! Click [HERE](#) to view the directory (contact the church office if you have forgotten the password). It's starting to fill up but we have a ways to go! We still welcome your pictures so please keep sending them in so we can complete our directory! You can email your pictures to [lochrist@frontiernet.net](mailto:lochrist@frontiernet.net).



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### *The Marks of Discipleship*

Pray daily

Worship weekly

Read the Bible

Serve at or beyond Light of Christ

Relate to others for spiritual growth

Give of my time, talents and resources

## Worship Schedule

**Sundays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27:**

8:15 & 10:45 am

9:30 am education hour

**Upcoming First Communion**

**Services:** Sundays, Oct. 27,  
Nov. 10 & 17 at 3:00 pm

## CALLING ALL YOUTH SINGERS!

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade choir rehearsal begins on October 2! Join us at 5:15 for pizza and 5:30 for rehearsal. Fall rehearsals are 10/2, 10/9, and 10/23, 5:30-6:15. The first Sunday appearance is 10/27! If you are interested in joining/would like to know more, please contact Katie Kohler at [locworshipmus@gmail.com](mailto:locworshipmus@gmail.com).



## ADULT EDUCATION

"Holy Communion Today" is the topic for our Sunday morning Bible Study on October 6. We are moving to a younger age for First Communion here at Light of Christ and these sessions are an opportunity to explore the rationale for moving to an early age for First Communion. We will be taking up questions like: What does it mean to be "ready" to receive Communion? What has the church done in the past, and why? What is the theology and practice of First Communion in other churches? Why are more and more Lutheran churches moving to a younger age for First Communion? Please join us as we think, talk, and pray about the practice of Holy Communion here at Light of Christ. We meet at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



## SISTERS OF LOC OCTOBER EVENT

Join Sisters of LOC for our next event on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will meet at church at 3:00 p.m. and carpool together to Sovereign Estates Winery in Waconia for their Oktoberfest Party. You are more than welcome to drive separately if you wish. We will be at the winery from 3:30-5:30. They will have German food, wine, and beer to purchase. There is no cover charge to get in. The winery will also have live polka music. Come join other sisters from LOC for a great time celebrating Oktoberfest. Please RSVP to Jennifer Grant at 612.226.8181 or [jpconnection.jg@gmail.com](mailto:jpconnection.jg@gmail.com). See you on October 13<sup>th</sup>.



## FAITH COFFEE TALK:

### Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

Please join us for Faith Coffee Talk as we begin our fall study! This fall we will be discussing *The Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. Our group meets in the library and you can join us for one or all of the sessions! You can register for the whole semester by using the link below or just show up when you can! The cost of the book is \$14...you can pay online or bring a check/cash when you come to class the first week.

In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day.

We meet every Sunday that Sunday School is in session, starting September 22<sup>nd</sup> and ending November 24<sup>th</sup>. A new session and book will start in January! Childcare available with advanced registration. Please plan on joining us! Book Cost: \$14. Questions? Contact Laura Jaunich at [kljaunich@gmail.com](mailto:kljaunich@gmail.com) or Gina Nee at [ginanee@gmail.com](mailto:ginanee@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Holy Spirit: Past, Present, and Future" is the topic again for our Women's Bible Study this year. We will continue to explore questions like "What does the Bible and Christian history teach us about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and our world today? Where is the Holy Spirit leading us as we move into a new future?" We will look at the experience and witness of the Christians mystics of the Middle Ages, the Reformers of the sixteenth century, and the modern Pentecostal movement. Come and join us for prayer, study, and conversation about the least known and least understood person of the Holy Trinity. **We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.**





# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE EVENT

On Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, our Confirmation youth and Guides went to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Chanhassen and packed meals for families in need. We packed 88 total boxes which is a total of 19,008 meals. This will feed 52 kids for a year and the supplies/food cost for these meals is about \$4,560. Our meals will be delivered to Haiti in the next few weeks. We are grateful to all of our volunteers and encourage families to serve and donate to FMSC to support their important ministry!



## CALENDAR REMINDER

Please note that there is **no Spark or Confirmation on Wednesday, October 16 or Sunday School on October 20**, due to the MEA weekend. We encourage your family to "worship where you are"... whether that's a nearby church, having family worship in your camper or joining us at Light of Christ!



## SPARK

This great after-school ministry is for grades 2-6. Busing is provided from Delano schools. Register online at least **one week** before your child's grade begins. Hope you can join us!

- **Fifth grade**, Ten Commandments (October 23, 30, November 6, 13)
- **Second grade**, Lord's Prayer (January 8, 15, 22, 29)
- **Fourth grade**, Baptism (February 5, 12, 19, 26)
- **Sixth grade**, Worship (March 4, 18, 25, April 1)

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We invite you to start shopping for Operation Christmas Child shoebox supplies! This is a great time of year to shop since school supplies are on sale. Anything non-liquid, non-perishable and non-war related is encouraged. Socks, hygiene items and school supplies are great! We will be having our event in November— Thank you!





## MONTHLY SERVICE TEAM

Members of Light of Christ are dedicated to serving the Lord by sharing, caring and loving, and do so through the work of Monthly Service Teams, serving at funerals, Sunday morning coffee time and other functions.

### October Service Team families:

Chris & Lisa Andrews  
 Penny Bailey  
 Brian & Beth Beardsley  
 Laurie Collings  
 Scott & Brenda Dallmann  
 Marcus & Carmen Hanson  
 Dave & Katie Henson  
 Janine Holter  
 Matthew & Briana Johnson  
 Carol Kocina  
 Peter & Patricia Krebsbach  
 Todd & Cherie Kuechle  
 Timothy & Cameron Leonard  
 Ellie Loux  
 Paul & Marcie Ludwig  
 Troy & Angie Malo  
 Sarah Mielke  
 Kevin & Vicki Noetzelman  
 Jeffrey & Tara Olson  
 David & Sandy Parpart  
 Jeremy & Lori Prickett  
 Diane Schmidt  
 Joe & Stacey Schramel  
 Mike & Kelli Uecker  
 Nathen & Gina Will  
 David & Heidi Wuerger

## QUILTING

The LOC Quilters meet weekly on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106 at the church. Everyone welcome! No quilting experience necessary!!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Follow the links below to sign up for any of our worship assistant opportunities!

- ♦ [Acolyte](#)
- ♦ [Children's Sermon](#)
- ♦ [Communion Assistant](#)
- ♦ [Greeters](#)
- ♦ [Lectors](#)
- ♦ [Soundboard](#)
- ♦ [Ushers](#)

## GRANT WRITER NEEDED

Light of Christ is considering application for available Grants to supplement funding for a variety of programs.

Grants are defined as

"non-repayable funds or products disbursed or given by one party, often a government department, corporation, foundation or trust, to a recipient, often a nonprofit entity, educational institution, business or an individual". In order to receive a grant, some form of "Grant Writing" often referred to as either a proposal or an application is required. If you have experience in "Grant Writing" your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office (763-972-2400) or email [locvolunteer@frontier.com](mailto:locvolunteer@frontier.com) if you can help with this initiative.



## GRACE PLACE OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ Potluck dinner & bible study – Monday, Oct. 4 @ 6pm
- ♦ Bible Stories Come Alive: Moses & the Burning Bush – Saturday, Oct. 12 @ 10am