

October Newsletter



Chapel

Chapel Begins September 29 & 30!

We are excited to begin chapel for the school year! Chapel typically takes place on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for Family of Christ Preschool classes and children attending Family of Christ Childcare.

All Parents:

We would love to have you join us for our 20–25 minute chapel time! We also understand that schedules don't always allow parents to stay, and that is perfectly fine.

Family of Christ Childcare Families:

Childcare chapel will take place on Wednesdays. Children from the Apples, Ducks, Bunnies, and Monkeys classrooms will attend together.

Family of Christ Preschool Families:

After signing your child in for the day:

- If you are staying for chapel, you may bring your child directly to the Worship Center and sit together.
- If you need to leave, simply let the assistant teacher know. She will be waiting near the classroom and will bring your child to chapel to sit with their class.

Chapel Offering

This year, our chapel offerings will support The Dwelling Place's new childcare program. We are excited for our children to learn how their gifts can make a difference in the lives of others!

If you would like to learn more about The Dwelling Place or explore ways to help, visit <https://www.tdpmn.org>.

You may also connect with Family of Christ member and The Dwelling Place Board Member Bethany Poppinga at rpoppinga@msn.com.



School Picture Day

Family of Christ Childcare - October 7

Family of Christ Preschool - October 7 & 8

- We will have non-messy art on picture days and let the younger classes get their pictures taken first.
- You can also choose a background color for your child's "School Photo." Please return the form on picture day to ensure your background color choice. There will also be a Christmas background.
- Children in both Family of Christ Preschool and Family of Christ Childcare will be getting their pictures taken during their school day.
- **Siblings Pictures for Family of Christ Childcare or Family of Christ Preschool Families - If you are wanting sibling pictures, bring all your children into room 100 starting at 8:00 am on Wednesday or Thursday. Please sign up at the sign-in cart.**
- When you order pictures, also know that Family of Christ Child Development Center earns a percentage from every order that helps meet our fundraising goal.
- **Staff** - Staff pictures are needed for all staff. Time for staff pictures is 8:30 - 9 am.



Coming Soon!

Rad Zoo - Stay at School Field Trip

Rad Zoo will be bringing turtles, lizards, snakes, and other small interesting creatures. At the end of the presentation, students will be able to touch a live tortoise and a snake if they want.

This field trip is for all Family of Christ Preschool students and Family of Christ Childcare toddlers & preschoolers. Please return your permission forms by October 6 & 7. Payment may be made with cash, check, or with Tuition Express.



It is requested that everyone wear orange!

Family of Christ Childcare - Thursday & Friday, October 29 & 30

Family of Christ Preschool - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, October 28, 29, & 30

The Harvest Parties will be celebrating fall with fall themed learning activities.

On Friday, October 30, children in Family of Christ Childcare's Apple, Duck, & Bunny classrooms, and Classes 7 & 8 will visit the church office for a few small treats and prizes to celebrate fall.

Thank you for wearing orange to celebrate fall with us!

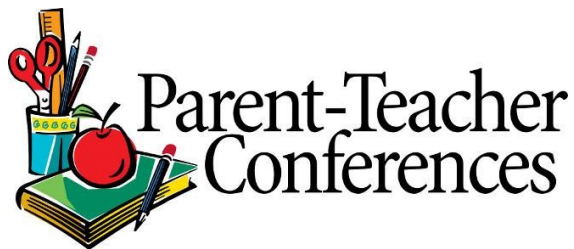


Book Orders

Book orders for October are due on Thursday, October 8.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/home>

Class Activation Code: GPVPL



Reserve Space on your Calendars!

Family of Christ Childcare Families: Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 25 from 7:10 am - 3:30 pm. There will be no childcare on that day, but your children can play with assistant teachers and aides while you attend your child's conference.

Family of Christ Preschool Families: Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 23, 24, & 25 between 8 am - 3:30 pm. Care is available so that parents can attend conferences "child free." There will be NO PRESCHOOL on conference days.



Reserve Space on your Calendars!

Please do your best to be on time

With the weather being cold and the morning being dark, it is easy to come later to school...don't let that happen!! Regardless of which program your child attends, he/she is always learning at Family of Christ! Much of the structured learning occurs starting at 9 am. Please help us make every minute count!

Wash hands

Illness season is on the way! Parents, please monitor children's health by washing hands before coming into or upon entering classrooms at Family of Christ. Make sure that hands are washed and/or sanitized before you leave the building as well, so illness isn't brought into your home.

Coat sleeves ready

Help your child be successful by having the sleeves on their coats out so that they can easily dress themselves to go outside. Your child thanks you!

Going to be absent?

If your child is ill or will be missing school for any reason, please email the absence line by 9 am. absenceline@foclutheran.org.

Parking lot safety

Parking lots can be a source of great danger. As you walk with your child in the parking lot, always hold their hand. Do not let them run ahead or wander behind you.

As you drive through the parking lot, exercise extreme caution. Watch for wandering children and make sure you double check behind you as you back up. Please do not stand in the parking lot conversing with other parents unless your child(ren) are seated safely in your vehicles and the doors are closed. Furthermore, we encourage you to not leave your children in cars unattended.

Security system

There is a doorbell if anyone needs to enter the building outside of the stated times, however office staff are frequently in classrooms so please know the following:

Family of Christ Childcare parents have a "FOB to come and go as needed." Childcare families - please remember to bring and use the FOBs. If a FOB is lost, please notify the office. Extra FOBs are \$15.

Family of Christ Preschool parents have 10 minutes before and 15 minutes after the start and end of class to enter and exit the building. It is also extremely important that if we do not know a person, that they not be let in. Let's all work together to provide as safe a school as we can!

Thank you for your cooperation!



Childcare & Preschool Immunization Report

Family of Christ Child Development Center is required to make an immunization report to the State of MN. This report documents how many children are fully immunized, partially immunized, or conscientious objectors to vaccines and how many doses children have. It does not detail child or family names.

Many childcares and preschools use a program called MIIC (Minnesota Immunizations Information Connection) in order to complete the vaccination report. The MIIC data base would allow Family of Christ employees to look up children's vaccination records. As an added layer of privacy, Family of Christ chooses not to use MIIC to complete the immunization report.

Family of Christ depends on families to turn in immunization information to complete the report. Please turn in the health care summaries and immunization documentation if you haven't done so already. Immunization documentation and the Health Care Summary (Pink Forms.) are due at **Family of Christ Preschool** and **Family of Christ Childcare** with initial enrollment and as an infant transitions to the toddler rooms, and as a toddler transitions to a preschool classroom. Additionally as your child gets vaccines, please update the office with a print out from your doctor. Thank you!



God's Blessings on your Birthday!

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Mia Blomquist
Paisley Branville
Leah Callahan
Braylon Carlson
Killian Carlson
Kyren Carlson

Sutton Decowski
Sunny Fields
Carson Grunz
Olivia Hayden
Cashton Larson
Isla Marchuk
Vienna Miller
Ian Nelson
RiylInn Peltier
Natalie Pham
Charlotte Sly
Otto Vollmer
Thomas Wolter



Amazing Opportunities!

Sunday

Worship 9 & 10:30 am
Education for adults 9 & 10:30 am
KIDZONE Sunday School 9 am
Nursery Available 9 & 10:30 am

Tuesday

1st & 3rd Tuesday - Connected Families Small Group 10 am

Wednesday

Refresh - midweek worship @ 6:15 pm
CrossTraining 6th - 9th Grade
PowerHouse 9th-12th Grade
Young Adults
Connected Families Bible Studies

Family Worship - The last Sunday of every month

Family of Christ makes worshipping with your family fun, meaningful, and easy!

Family Worship includes:

- Children's messages
- Pictures of the Bible readings
- Dancing and musical instruments for kids
- Students reading scripture
- "The Playground" for the youngest worshippers

Baptism & Membership Classes - Call the office to sign up!
(763)434-7337 or check the website www.foclutheran.org

Family of Christ Child Development Center Three Month Glance

October 2026

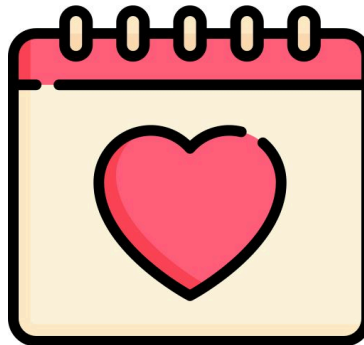
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4 9 am Worship 9 am KIDZONE 10:30 am Worship Online or In Person	5	6 School Pictures Childcare Preschool Staff Meeting 2:15pm	7 School Pictures Preschool Fire Drill	8 School Pictures Preschool Fire Drill	9 Fire Drill	10
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18 9 am Worship 9 am KIDZONE 10:30 am Worship Online or In Person	19	20	21 Rad Zoo Stay at School Field Trip Class 1& 2 @ 9:10 am Apples & Ducks @ 10:05 am Class 3 @ 11 am	22 Rad Zoo Stay at School Field Trip Toddlers @ 9:10 am Class 4 & 5 @ 9:45 am Class 6 & 7 @ 10:45 am	23	24
25 9 am Family Worship 10:30 am Family Worship Online or In Person	26 No Anoka Hennepin Child Development Center in Session	27 Conference Sign Ups Go Out	28 Preschool Harvest Party Wear Orange	29 Preschool and Childcare Harvest Party Wear Orange	30 Trick or Treat at the Church Office	31

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1 9 am Worship 9 am KIDZONE 10:30 am Worship Online or In Person	2	3 Family of Christ Preschool Chapel 9 am Fire Drill	4 Family of Christ Childcare & Family of Christ Preschool Chapel 9 am Fire Drill	5	6 Fire Drill	7
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December 2026

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Family of Christ Childcare Closed Holidays

2026 Childcare Closed Holidays

November 25 – Parent Teacher Conferences
 November 26 – Thanksgiving
 November 27 – Thanksgiving Break
 December 24 – Christmas Break
 December 25 - Christmas
 December 31 – New Year's Eve
 January 1 – New Year's Day
 January 4 - Childcare Resumes

2027 Childcare Closed Holidays

January 1 – New Year's Day
 January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – Staff Development Day
 February 15 – President's Day – Staff Development Day & Cleaning

March 5 – No Preschool or Childcare – Staff Development Day
March 26 – Closed - Parent Teacher Conferences
March 29 – Closed Easter Monday
May 28 – Childcare Closed - Childcare Curriculum Planning
May 31 – Memorial Day
July 5 – Independence Day Observed
September 3 – Closed Childcare Curriculum Planning & Cleaning
September 7 – Labor Day
November 24 – Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25 – Thanksgiving
November 26 – Thanksgiving Break
December 24 – Christmas Break
December 25 - Christmas
December 31 – New Year's Eve
January 1 – New Year's Day
January 3 - Childcare Resumes

Family of Christ Preschool Calendar

September 8, 9, & 10, 2026	Parent Child Half Days
September 11, 14, 15, 2026	First Day of Preschool
October 15 & 16, 2026	MEA— <i>No School</i>
November 23, 24, & 25, 2026	Parent Teacher Conferences <i>No School—Parents Attend</i>
November 26 & 27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break— <i>No School</i>
December 16 & 17, 2026	Christmas Programs
December 22, 2026- January 1, 2027	Christmas Break— <i>No School</i>
January 4, 2027	Classes Resume
January 18 & 19, 2027	MLK Day & Teacher In Service— <i>No School</i>
February 15 & 16, 2027	President's Day-Teacher In Service <i>No School</i>
March 4 & 5, 2027	MN Early Educator's Conference <i>No School</i>
March 10 & 15	<i>District Days Off</i> <i>No School</i>
March 23, 24, & 25, 2027	Parent Teacher Conferences <i>No School—Parents Attend</i>
March 29— April 2, 2027	Spring & Easter Break <i>No School</i>
May 15, 19, & 20, 2027	<i>Last Days of Preschool</i>



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