



June Newsletter

FAMILY OF CHRIST

Our Mission: *"Reaching those who don't yet know Christ by strengthening and equipping those who do."*



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Greetings in Christ! I am very thankful that God has called me to serve this incredible community of faith known as Family of Christ! It is hard to believe I've already been here for a month and a half. It has really just been an incredible blessing meeting so many people, and your support has meant the world to me.

I thought for this introductory newsletter, I'd like to tell you WHY we are starting up this newsletter:

- 1) As a church, we can't communicate enough! We want you to have the WHOLE scoop.
- 2) We want everyone to have a better idea of what is happening around our lively and busy campus as well as all of the great off-campus activities available.
- 3) There is a handy-dandy "Calendar" page. We encourage you to print it out and stick it on your fridge!
- 4) To let you know what I'm thinking about and some of the big-picture items we are engaging.
- 5) Also, key events & ministries will utilize the newsletter to communicate wonderful opportunities to join in.

Other than the purpose for the newsletter, let me tell you a bit about how I approach ministry. (Apparently I like lists.)

- 1) I love being a Pastor, so my first priority is pastoral care to YOU. This means I prioritize home visits, hospital visits, and meetings in my office. I have been blessed to visit with over 100 people in my first month here. Let's go for 150 this next month!
- 2) I am a product of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod education: Grade School, High School, College, and Seminary. I highly value our doctrine and heritage, and I'm excited to see how God is calling us to serve Him and our neighbor here in this amazing place.
- 3) MISSION, MISSION, MISSION! I have a passion for outreach, mission, evangelism, and seeing how the Holy Spirit changes lives. You can expect me to encourage our church family to engage our community in new and innovative ways.
- 4) Volunteers are ESSENTIAL. The role of ministry staff is to support the work of the church but not do it all! God uses YOU to do so much for so many — whether here at church or out in the community. I value you being a partner in ministry here at FOC!
- 5) Excellence in worship is crucial. We always give God our best, and we have two different services that reflect what worship truly is: Giving thanks and praise to God and receiving forgiveness through Christ. Our Classic service will be utilizing the Lutheran Service Book hymnal, including a variety of great worship settings. Our Modern service will continue to offer powerful music and give honor to God. I know sharing a sanctuary has had its challenges, but I am committed to walking with you and overcoming those together.

I'll close by saying that I'm simply humbled and overwhelmed at the love, care, and support you've given me to make me feel welcomed. The staff here is amazing — so gifted and skilled. The laypeople that serve throughout the church and on various boards here are also incredible people of faith!

My family and I are building a home off of Baptist Road, (great commute!) and I anticipate them joining me in September when the house is ready. Please continue to pray for us!

In Christ,
Pastor Moreno

Facility Updates

Parking Lot Update: We're excited to announce that, weather permitting, the west parking lot will be replaced the week of June 3. Then the east parking lot will be sealed and striped the week of June 10.

Volunteer Opportunities: Would you like to help us spruce up the interior of the building this month — painting, patching holes, etc.? If yes, please contact Sharon Monteleone - **719.301.7096**. We could really use your help!



Calendar of Events - June 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Commissioning of Stephen Ministers Classic Service 8:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:15 am Modern Service 10:15 am IMPACT 5 pm 2	AA 6:00 pm	JEWELS Group 9:00 am Crochet Group 11:30 am Kempo Karate 6:00 pm Security Team 6:30 pm Trace 7:00 pm Bibles & Brews 7:30 pm 4	Wild Wednesday 5:00 pm	Kempo Karate 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Group 8:00 am	Men's Bible Study Group 8:00 am
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Adult Ministry

Adult Bible Study - "Being Christian in a Secular Society"

A Topical Study of Contemporary Issues

Starting June 16, join us for this new class on Sunday mornings between our worship services from 9:15 - 10:00 am.

Those attending this class will take part in important discussions about what it means to have a Christian worldview and how to discern between what the Bible says and what our culture teaches.

COORDINATOR: Ron Moody | iammoodytoo@gmail.com

Women's Ministry

JEWELS Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The JEWELS women's group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings and offers the study of God's Word in a small group setting and welcomes you to attend as often as your schedule permits.

COORDINATORS: Catherine Allen | allencltcu@falconbb.net
Tammy McLeran | tamaramcleran@yahoo.com
Christie Ramshur | jacrams67@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Women's Inductive Bible Study

Want to learn how to study the Bible inductively?

This Bible Study is taking a break for the month of June, but we look forward to seeing you in July! You're invited you to learn the basics of Inductive Bible Study (observation, interpretation, and application) weekly on Saturday mornings in the (North) Kitchen Cafe from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

COORDINATOR: Cris Bonser | crisbonser@foccs.net

Men's Ministry

Men's Tuesday Night Study: Bibles & Brews

This group of men meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the *Bourbon Brothers Library Room* from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Buy a brew or any other drink or appetizer you'd like and study God's word with some other guys!

COORDINATOR: Wayne Pittman | pwpittman@hotmail.com

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

This group of men meets weekly at the *Village Inn* in Monument on Friday mornings at 8:00 am to enjoy fellowship, spend time in prayer and discuss God's Word and the impact it has on their lives.

COORDINATOR: Tim Henry | both4845@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

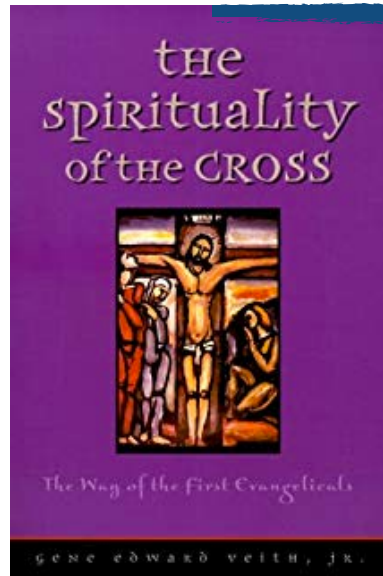
This group is based on Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Every Saturday morning at 8:00 am, join the men of Family of Christ as they meet in the *Cafe* next to the *South Sanctuary* to discuss the Word, God's impact on their lives, and how they as men can become the "MEN" that God has truly intended them to be. Their door is always open for more men to join! (Coffee and pastries are provided.)

COORDINATOR: John Harris | johnwharris31@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Pastor's Bible Study



Starting Sunday, June 23, join Pastor Moreno as he leads a Bible Study on the book "Spirituality of the Cross" by Gene Edward Veith.

This book provides an insightful look into how distinct the Lutheran faith is, especially in our current context.

The church has copies you can borrow, or you can buy your own. Please sign up!

This great class will meet weekly on Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

New Member Class

So you've been with us for a while, and you're considering becoming a member of Family of Christ Lutheran Church... What does that even mean? Well, to put it simply, it means that you are putting down roots and choosing to plug into our community by serving, giving, supporting, and participating in life together. You are choosing us, and we are choosing and welcoming you!

Whether you are a lifelong church-goer, new to knowing and loving Jesus, or you just want to know more about "who we are," you are invited to join us in a few "next steps" in order to discover more! Here's where to go from here: Our next New Member Class will be offered in July! The class will run for four weeks and two of the same session will be offered each week.

Our first class will be held on Sunday, July 21, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. The same session will also take place that week on Wednesday, July 24, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for those who are unable to make it on Sunday.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Family of Christ, or would like more information, please let us know by contacting the Church Office - office@foccs.net or 719.481.2255.

Outreach and Missions Committee

Do you have a passion to seek and save the lost? Do you think we can partner with community groups to make a difference? Are you excited to see us get involved in the community? If so, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Moreno - markmoreno@foccs.net to take part in an emerging committee that will help FOC become an active ministry throughout Monument and Colorado Springs!

Family Life Sunday

Everyone is invited to our Family Life Sunday celebration on Sunday, June 30! We'll have one worship service at 10:15 am (there will not be an 8:00 am service.) Please join us for a potluck lunch after worship. FOC will provide the main course and beverages; we're just asking you to bring sides or desserts. See you there!



Ministry Updates

Greetings from the Board of Directors!

It has been an eventful Spring at FOC, capped by the arrival of Pastor Moreno. The Board is delighted to begin working in ministry with our new Senior Pastor; what a great blessing from God it is to have him here with us! We continue to meet on a monthly basis, to work with the FOC Staff and Board of Elders to monitor our operational plans and needs so as to make appropriate decisions regarding the use of the resources God provides. As we begin this new season at our church, the Board will be devoting more attention to the development of a long-range vision for Family of Christ. This effort is just beginning and will take some time to complete, but we hope to engage all of you with this work as it progresses.

It is now time for us to lift our eyes to the future and what God has in store for us to accomplish here in this place. I'm excited about this work and the opportunity to work together with all of you and with Pastor Moreno. We will hold our mid-year Voters Assembly soon, on June 30, 2019. The meeting will be combined with Family Life Sunday this year and will be held at a new time: 9:00 am. Please plan to attend!

Finally, please join me in welcoming our newest Board member, Allan Rowe, who has recently been appointed to the role of Secretary. Allan steps into the vacant position formerly held by Kristen Merrell, who did not seek a second term last November. Welcome Allan, and thank you for your service to FOC!

Bill Schulze, President of FOC

Board of Elders

The BOE is very excited to have started working closely with Pastor Mark on the next steps for FOC. To have a Senior Pastor on staff who believes in Mission and Outreach and then starts putting things into place is refreshing. The BOE are 100% behind the direction that Pastor Mark has started walking us through. Over the next few weeks/months, we will be involved in many of the new programs that Pastor Mark holds near and dear to his heart. Please continue to pray for the BOE as we work to reach out to all of the families that we're assigned to and strive to develop those relationships that truly make us the "Family of Christ."

John Harris, Head Elder at FOC

Ministry Support

Habitat for Humanity – June 15 (More opportunities will be coming throughout the summer!)

FOC is partnering with Habitat for Humanity through Thrivent Financial Services to help build decent and affordable homes here in Colorado Springs. This ministry gives families in need a good place to call home! Habitat homebuyers help build their own homes alongside volunteers — thus allowing them an affordable mortgage. If you have a heart for this ministry, please prayerfully consider joining the team led by FOC Member, Greg Baldwin - Gregory.Baldwin@Thrivent.com.

Coming in July! 2019 July 4th Parade — Theme: "Pioneer Days" "The Lutheran Church on Baptist Road" has been a great tag-line for many of the years that we at Family of Christ have participated in the Fourth of July parade in Monument. This year is no different. Come and be a part of the "monumental" fun and fellowship as we hand out popsicles to the THOUSANDS of people from our community! To find out more about how you can help with this event, feel free to contact Allan Rowe - avidhacker@yahoo.com.

Family of Christ has been Celebrating for 25 years! God has blessed Family of Christ in so many ways, and we need your help to relive the moments from the past years by sharing your photos, memories, and videos (if you have those) for our Silver Anniversary celebration coming up this October!

If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for our 25th Anniversary, or if you have ideas/questions regarding these Ministry Support events, please reach out to Cris - crisbonser@foccs.net.



Ministry Updates

Worship Arts

Join Our Worship Team: Come join the fun and help us jam for Jesus! Worship Arts is looking for gifted musicians and vocalists who would like to serve in the area of leading worship during our 10:15 am service. Please contact Shannon - shannonadducci@foccs.net to find out how you can get involved in this meaningful ministry on Sunday mornings!

Tech Team: Our amazing Tech Team is a great bunch of folks who are in need of more volunteers to help keep our services running smoothly. We will train you to help with lyric slides, video, live stream, and more. Reach out to Michael - michaelcullinane@foccs.net for more info.

Summer Special Music: Attention Musicians! We're blessing our Classic worship service with another season of Summer Special Music! If you sing or play an instrument and would like to share your gifts with our church family this summer, contact Katy Mariotti - katymariotti@foccs.net. Please include the following information: Your name - What instrument you play/part you sing - If you would prefer solo or small group - Any songs you have in mind to perform. (Having a song in mind is encouraged but not necessary.) We look forward to enjoying this wonderful time together!

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry helps kids and their families connect to God, find their place in HIS big story and respond to HIM through the power of the Holy Spirit. Here are a few happenings this summer:

2019 Vacation Bible School: Get ready to ROAR at VBS: June 24 - 28! Participant Registration is FULL. However, the more Crew Leader volunteers we have, the more children who will be able to experience our VBS. Get in on the fun this year! Sign up to volunteer at www.foccs.net, or at the *South Cafe* kiosk.

Children's Ministry Summer Schedule: Beginning Sunday, June 2, our Children's Ministry will move to an alternative schedule for the summer. Nursery care will continue to be available during both worship services for children ages 0-3. During our Modern service, Children's Church will be offered for kids Preschool through 4th grade. We're always looking for more amazing volunteers for this ministry!

Student Ministry

At Family of Christ, we are passionate about helping students grow closer to Jesus by equipping them to live out their faith intentionally in their everyday lives. Check out how your students can get involved!

Wild Wednesdays are back! Junior High and High School students are invited to take part in a variety of awesome activities throughout the summer. Here's what's going on this month: **June 5** - Ice Blocking • **June 12** - Mini Glow Golf • **June 19** - Brown Bag Movie & Picnic • **June 26** - Pizza & Ice Cream Sundae Social

Junior High Service Week: June 17-21, our students will spend an incredible week together sharing God's love through acts of service! Each morning they will meet at Family of Christ and then travel to different locations in the Colorado Springs and Denver communities where they will be serving! Contact Jeremy - jeremyhetzel@foccs.net for more information and to sign up!

Quote for Thought: "Faith is the opposite of seeking control. It is surrendering control. It embraces the truth that control is an illusion—we never had it and we never will. Rather than trying to overcome our fears by seeking more control, the solution offered by LIFE WITH GOD is precisely the opposite—we overcome fear by surrendering control."

— Skye Jethani, *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God*



Ministry Updates

Men's Ministry

Join the men of Family of Christ as they work together to deepen their relationship with God through intentional connection with each other.

Band of Brothers USA – Colorado Springs Outpost ONE King, ONE Kingdom, ONE Force of Men

“**Suit Up**” is the theme for 2019 and was introduced this Spring at our incredible Men's Retreat in May. **Suit Up** is a call to men, a challenge to be part of a community of men who are warriors and disciples of Christ... for our families...as a single man...in our workplace...in our communities.

A couple of upcoming opportunities to “Suit Up” are: 1) End of June (date TBD) a men's dinner with a speaker, 2) Band of Brother's Peak Challenge: July 25-29. Join about 150 men from across the United States for a weekend in the mountains of Colorado. The weekend “peaks” with a climb up 1 or 2 14er's. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.site.peakchallenge.net/>. Spots are filling up fast!

FOC Men's Ministry,
John Harris - Brian Wanamaker - Scott Miller - Jordan Hengst - Tom Keithley

Women's Ministry

As women, we are deeply in need of genuine connection with other women. Our Women's Ministry at Family of Christ helps create opportunities for women to spend time connecting with each other, so we can walk hand in hand and grow together in our relationship with the Lord. In addition to our Bible studies, here are some ways you can be part of our Women's Ministry:

Mary's Home Women's Clinic: Be a part of the incredible community in Colorado Springs that helps women and children break free from the cycles of poverty and homelessness. Our support helps those who would otherwise have no support-system, enabling them to feel safe and help get/keep them off the streets. To support Mary's Home, we are seeking donations of feminine hygiene products for the month of June. Please drop your donations in the “Mary's Home” donation box.

Women's Guild: Do you have fun ideas for fellowship and serving? Be sure to watch for and plan to join the kick-off meeting for FOC's Women's Guild in the coming months.

Stephen Ministry

God never intended for us to go through difficult experiences alone! We have a Stephen Ministry here at Family of Christ to augment Pastoral and Elder Care by meeting additional care needs of those in our congregation and community. Stephen Ministry has been around since 1975. FOC's first Stephen Leader was trained in 2014 and our first class of Stephen Ministers was trained and commissioned in 2015. Our amazing team of Stephen Ministers offer **high-quality, confidential, one-to-one Christian care** to people going through tough times — grief, divorce, job loss, illness, relocation, separation, and more.

Stephen Ministry Commissioning: To serve with this ministry, each Stephen Minister completes ~50 hours of Christ-centered training. On Sunday, June 2, we're excited to commission two new Stephen Ministers during our Classic & Modern worship services. Welcome Peggy Bohn & Cindy Lamb!

Our Stephen Ministry offers HELP, HOPE, & HEALING. If you're interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or learning about receiving confidential care, contact our *Senior Stephen Leader*, CJ Bohn - recumbentcj@icloud.com



Birthdays

- 1 Maverick Morales
- 2 Rollie Corneliusen, Kyle Cloppas, Raquel Moreno
- 4 Derek Fay, Carol Pope
- 5 Lisa Barnes, David Errickson, Tammy Jagels, Roger Kuhlmann, Sandi Lehmpuhl, Andrew Pulis
- 6 Emily Delwiche, Tom Kocian, Seger Lage, Olivia Schwerin
- 7 Nicole Sandal
- 8 Michael Johnson
- 9 Christian Stilwell
- 10 Tami Gallogly, Maggie Kline, Noreta Schuelke, Doug Shatto
- 11 Phyllis Hager, Susan Johnson, Daniel Klahn
- 12 Glenn Austin, Gavin Long, Colin Mcgettigan
- 13 Bill Dahl, Nicole Pittman, John Tansey
- 14 Carol Masters, Aimee Morley, Al Schuelke
- 15 Rae Berg, Joseph Skarda
- 16 Alayna Brown, Aiden McKinney, Isla Kranz, Austin Miller, Bill Schulze, Scott Stilwell, Brooke Walulik
- 18 Jack Burkel, Sofia Cawthern
- 19 Jay Carson, June Laib, Connie Lawson, Shay Ratchford, Jacob Stadjuhar
- 20 Hayden Porter
- 21 Kira Anderson, Joseph Hengst, Kenzie Naranjo, Del Wilson
- 22 Michael Croak, Matt Morley, Roy Nici
- 23 Brendan Andrews, Mikayla Kohls, Matt McGettigan, Abigail Rowe
- 24 Braden Colgate, Madison Willis
- 25 Dale Szumigala, Linda Thede
- 26 Renae Batt, Mickey Curl
- 27 Aly Fry
- 28 Samuel Austin, Kevin Collison
- 29 Anna Arnholt, Cara Cloppas, Kate Henneman, Jeff Merrell, Jillian Myers
- 30 Benjamin Corneliusen, Betty Henry, Emily Klahn, Kevin Rosenberger

Anniversaries

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| 1 Kevin & Jennifer David
6 years | 10 Dave & Tammy McLeran
41 years | 22 Matthew & Tracey Naranjo
17 years |
| 1 Gary & Holly Millar
16 years | 10 Chris & Sharon Rosenberger
15 years | 22 Michael & Nancy Riebau
45 years |
| 1 Steve & Lisa Shurgot
28 years | 12 Luis & Michelle Nunez
20 years | 23 Leland & Sarah Fay
18 years |
| 1 Curtis & Stacy Sonchar
19 years | 13 Ben & Amy Campbell
4 years | 23 Tom & Deborah Keithley
40 years |
| 2 Dave & Nicole Myers
18 years | 14 Dave & Anne LaFave
44 years | 24 John & Christie Ramshur
52 years |
| 2 Steve & Angie Johnson
19 years | 14 Matt & Aimee Morley
7 years | 24 Ben & Kristen Washburn
24 years |
| 4 Mark & Pam Anderson
31 years | 15 Dale & Lisa Szumigala
28 years | 25 Jon & Lorie Casbon
42 years |
| 4 Quentin & Sonja Genke
25 years | 16 John & Lynne Becker
46 years | 25 Aaron & Elen Gorrell
25 years |
| 4 Corey & Tiffany Hopkins
7 years | 17 Eric & Jennifer Miller
8 years | 25 Jerry & Phyllis Hager
53 years |
| 4 Rosario & Mary Jane Nici
42 years | 17 Robert & Lisa Weeres
30 years | 25 Brian & Judy Sampaio
31 years |
| 5 Chelsey & Steven Rice
9 years | 18 Mike & Cathy Stark
36 years | 26 Leland & Delores Brinkman
60 years |
| 7 Lance & Ginger Cameron
33 years | 18 Scott & Catherine Vrba
14 years | 28 Ron & Renae Batt
33 years |
| 7 David & Diane Neumann
45 years | 19 Jordan & Karissa Hengst
15 years | 28 Allen & Jannette Meyer
38 years |
| 7 Christopher & Angela Pruneski
22 years | 20 Andy & Susann Garton
27 years | 29 Cole & Carley Gehler
34 years |
| 9 Gregory & Patrica Lehmann
30 years | 20 Daniel & Lesa Lindgren
32 years | 29 Chuck & Carmen Smith
34 years |
| 10 Jay & Kathy Janisse
47 years | 20 Ron & Karen Moody
27 years | |
| | 21 Richard & Melinda Geddes
22 years | |
| | 22 Ed & Becky Hoden
34 years | |



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