

FAMILY OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

I Peter4: 8-10 “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

We are a Church Family gathered together to serve Christ. We do this because we love Him and want to serve him. One of the ways we do this at Family of Christ is to work together to see that needs are met etc. Provide care and support of congregational members in the homes – and families- Provide meals for hospitalized and grieving members -

The Fellowship areas and their Chairpersons are: **Habitat and Jubilee meals** – Peggy Buettner Chairman – and a Co -Chair is needed. **Funerals** – Co – Chairs - Nona Svoboda and Joyce Albers; **Meals to ill, new babies, etc.** Chairman – Cindy Grabenstein and Co-Chair -Barb Laursen **Lenten & Advent Pot Lucks** – (set up and take down) Jane David, Sandy Tacha, Barbara Sitzman; **Social Events** – Chair - Lois Adamson -Need a Co-Chair The Ministry Coordinator (Barb L.) will be the “Hub”. She will keep track of the Care Teams and which Team is to be called. So we have Chair and Co-Chair people for the different occasions and the Care Teams will rotate when needed

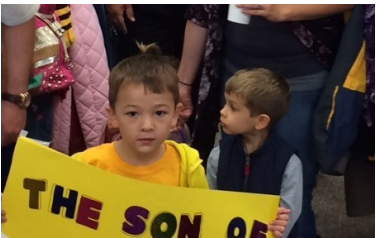
The Care Teams are not needed necessarily for the pot lucks – unless there will be a large amount of people and help is needed to serve. You certainly can respond to someone’s need if you are not on a certain team! The intention is not to limit the care response, but to broaden that care.

A Fuller report is available in the narthex, along with council minutes from October.

CARE TEAMS

<u>TEAM 1</u> Judy Gosswein Connie Fie Jane Behrhorst Colleen Brill Ruth Stewart Amy Fahnholz Denise Christensen Janet Boyd Betty Heggemeyer Toni Hill Erica Keel Trudy Kotschwar Jennifer Kotschwar Donna Voyek	<u>TEAM 2</u> Kelly Hauff Iola Fougeron Carol Dannels Lori Holmes Joni Weed Aimee Knoedler Sarah Brill Yvette Faccio Jantha Jamison Lyn Knoedler Candy Kintz Alisa Reynolds Deb Stone	<u>TEAM 3</u> Barbara Bowers Arleta Engleman Joyce Linner Elaine Anderson Jami Wulf Mitzi Gifford Kelle Hunt Laura Buehner Bekah Eckhout Patricia Journey Lorna Lane Donna Montgomery Brenda Sonnenfeld	<u>TEAM 4</u> JoAnn DeJonge Allie Nelson Patty Reifenrath Kelly Merrill Tami Frye Jill Peterson Tami Lindeman Julie Byrne Barbara Einspahr Cheryl Hedstrom Henny Larsen Kathy Morrow Jennifer Pierce Julie Tveit
<u>TEAM 5</u> Nancy DeBoer Marian Kotas Judy Tschirren Kathy Glause Erica Krull Jodi Bendfeldt Ashlea Denton Dorothea Dieken Kari Larsen Dora Martinez Margie Miller Ashley Salinas Jody Stenehjem	<u>TEAM 6</u> Polly Petersen Linda Peterson Peggy Reimers June Collison Deb Middleton RaNae Cernik Julia Gosswein Graffa Betty Luce Peggy Nelson Deanna Steier Emily Wagner Deb Wagner	<u>TEAM 7</u> Stephanie Straatmann Sarah Zulkoski Amy Wolfe Nancy Straatmann Sue Sands Buss Jill Milligan Adriane Juel Sharon Duennerman Wanda Davis Susan Grove Patricia Lux Shawna Plambeck	<u>Help at Funerals etc.</u> <u>& and “set up & take down” etc.other times</u> Tom Boyd Jeff Eckhout Layne Knoedler Steve Koenig Lanny Johnson Marshall Nelson

Our *NOISY OFFERING*



On October 23rd, the Sunday Disciples had a visit to the Jubilee Center (26th and A Ave.), and had several board members give us a courtesy tour. (Thanks, Gary!).



We were able to present our noisy change offering (\$577.77) and thanksgiving placemats. The Jubilee Center has been going through renovation and repair, and looks wonderful!

BROWN BAG BOOK BUNCH

Wednesday (2nd and 4th) at 12 noon – The *Brown Bag Book Bunch* is preparing for their next book adventure, and you can join in the choosing. We’ll be starting *Night* by Ellie Wiesel this month; a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps, Wiesel wrote a tremendous historic, social and religious insight into suffering and hopelessness. Come join us; it’s never too late to be part of the engaging discussion. *ACTUALLY – with the Thanksgiving week making life busy, we’re meeting on the 5th Wednesday in November – November 30th!!!*

HOLE-IN-THE-ROOF GANG

The guys continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 a.m. If you know of anyone (single mom, widow, handicapped, senior) who could use some assistance with a project around the house – give a call to the church: 236-7704.

Family of Christ	
Pastor	John Gosswein
Church Council	
<u>President</u>	Cheryl Hedstrom
<u>Vice President</u>	Lanny Johnson
<u>Secretary</u>	Connie Fie
<u>Treasurer</u>	Peggy Nelson
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Education	Judy Gosswein
Fellowship	Svoboda, Albers, Peterson
Evangelism	Julie Garaffa
New Properties	Brad Anderson
Church Properties	Lynn Tacha
Web Resources	Joni Weed
Youth Group	Deb Middleton
<u>Ministries Coordinator</u>	Barbara Laursen
<u>Publication Secretary</u>	Maury May
Stewardship	
Mutual Ministries	
Worship	Pr Harold Laursen

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 25th –
First Presbyterian Church
Worship at 7 p.m.

Combined choir rehearsal at 6 p.m.

What can you bring? Our offering will be monetary gifts that we can share with the Jubilee Center. *You can also bring a pie!* We’ll have a fellowship afterwards, and all extra pies will go to the community thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.



November Birthday's

Bethany Krull	11/01
Aimee Knoedler	11/01
Sarah Zulkoski	11/03
Cheryl Hedstrom	11/04
Bryan Sall	11/06
Reiley Wieland	11/06
Brad Anderson	11/07
Alicya Bailon	11/07
Gary Sitzman	11/08
Sharon Duennerman	11/09
Rachel Reimers	11/09
Tom Hedstrom	11/09
Rachel Reimers	11/09
Donna Montgomery	11/10
Dietrich Wagner	11/12
Trudy Kotschwar	11/12
Debbie Lichtenberger	11/16
Seth Brandt	11/18
Judy Gosswein	11/18
Kali Linner	11/18
Audrie Anderson	11/18
Linda Peterson	11/19
Paul Wagner	11/19
Kormick Linner	11/21
Sue Sands-Buss	11/21
Randy Skiles	11/26
Katie Nelson	11/29
Kathleen Bonnell	11/29
Dave George	11/30



November Aniversaries

Bryan and Candy Kuntz	11/12
Dave & Susan Grove	11/27

Two Sign-Ups

Vigil for Voting

Are you really tired of the election, campaigning, rhetoric? The maybe we should do the one thing Scripture invites...exhorts us to do: **pray**. If you are interested in being part of a guided prayer vigil for our government, elections and votes, sign up for a 1/2 hour slot on Saturday Nov 5—in narthex (entry). *Prayer guides will also be available for home use.*

2. For ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4/5 , 2016

Do you have a loved one who has died that you wish to remember in our listing of ‘all saints’? All Saints Sunday is a time to reflect on those whose lives have impacted us with the gifts and grace of God. More than a remembrance of those who have died, it reminds us of the ‘communion of saints’, the ongoing Body of Christ present in history and in eternity. During the service we remember those who died during this past year (from November 2015), specifically whom we remembered through our own local funerals. ***You are invited to add the names of any persons significant to you through family or friendship. Send us and email or call the church office before November 4th.*** Please spell their name.



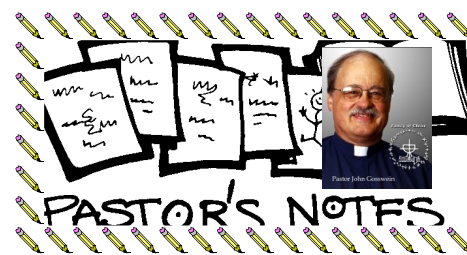
In November and December, we have traditionally allowed our *Noisy Offering* gifts to go towards Lutheran World Relief where we purchase barnyard animals for farmers in impoverished countries. Let’s see – we’ve done *water buffalo, sheep, cows, rabbits.* *What will we be sending this year?*

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!

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Nov 23st, 2016



SAINTS:

SINNERS BEING TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF GOD

“I’m no saint,” I’ve heard people say – and they continue with a mini confession to prove it. Yet as I listen to their litany of human flaws and foibles, I get this sneaking suspicion that they are using the statement as an excuse to *give up the struggle*. Sometimes it’s easier for us to throw in the towel when the battle seems to be harder than we anticipated, or when we don’t see things go our way. “**I’m no saint**” can be a way of covering our embarrassment at not being ‘perfect’, avoiding the humility of our humanity and excusing ourselves from the responsibility and task.

There are several faulty assumptions about ‘saints’.

First – that the saints are ‘more saintly’ (read ‘pure/perfect’) than us.

Dianne Bergant wrote:

Too often saints are depicted as people who are so extraordinary that we could never identify with them. Their commitment to God and virtue is unwavering, their trust in divine providence unshakable, and their unselfish service of others puts everything that we do to shame. Such a depiction is unfortunate, because someone who was not first a genuine human being would probably never grow into the kind of holiness to which we are all called.

To put that another way: these *humans* had to learn this holiness *through their own humility and humanity*. The ‘saints’ that we acknowledge on All Saints Sunday were not ‘perfect’. But we give thanks to God for their ability to *reflect an attribute of God’s grace in the midst of the tensions of life*.

The **second** mistaken impression of ‘saints’ is that they must have extraordinary courage or self-denial.

Most of the catalog of ‘saints’ would laugh that some thought they had greater character, morality, endurance, or personal character. These saints may be memorialized in stained-glass windows, or in our memories as the simple person who assisted us in our moment of need. Regardless, they would see their moment of ‘saintedness’ as one where they cooperated with the life of Jesus happening through them. They found God’s strength to be forgiving, generous, gracious, caring – all as a reflection of Jesus’ love for them.

The book of Revelation reminds us that saints are children of God who ‘washed their robes ...in the blood of the lamb’; this implies that they allowed their lives to be placed in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and they (again, Diane Bergant) “brought the fruits of their baptism to the lives they lived.”

Thus, I like the image of saints being sinners transformed by God’s love. It’s not by our work – but through our reflecting that gracious, forgiving, generous, peaceful, joyful, patient, nurturing, encouraging, compassionate love of God. In spite of our selves.

“I’m no saint”? Ah, I disagree – for I have seen the grace of God reflected in how you respond to life. I anticipate *you* can become that window of God’s work in the world.

Grace and peace!

Pastor John

SUNDAY DISCIPLES

Sunday 9:45 a.m.

*Gatherings for Ages 3-Elementary school,
Confirmation, High School, and Adult!*

We are engaging in Sunday Discipleship time – with disciples from 3 years old to 103 (and even older, if we have them!).

Especially for the young: it’s not ‘classroom’. Instead, our young “Sunday School” time will be using *music, drama, game, art and service projects* as we start up this fall, built around a theme of ***the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.*** We’re planning for a ***field trip on October 23rd to the Kearney Jubilee Center.***

Come and share in this joyful Disciples (another word for ‘students!') group: at 9:45-ish!

SMALL GROUPS TO CONSIDER VISITING...

(you can contact the church office for any more information!)

Aside from the Sunday School, Youth, and Adult forums on Sunday morning, there are other times you may want to consider connecting in your faith growth>

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS They meet every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., and take up tasks around the church (once in awhile they take a field trip, too!), and then gather for prayer and devotion at 10:30 in the basement. Oh, it’s not only ‘open’, they appreciate anyone coming to share!

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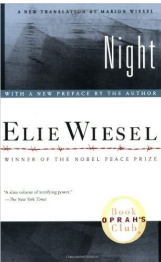
Special thanks to the Hole-in-the-roofers for helping me paint our house. Several times. Yes, “we love that color”. Pr. John

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY have their Bible study the second week of the month: Monday evening at 7 p.m. all are welcome.

COMFORT CARE uses their sewing skills to make *prayer blankets, baptismal banners and new banners for the sanctuary* (among other things!). They meet on the 2nd Saturdays at 9 in the morning (sometimes coming in early enough to share with Hole-in-the-roofers discussion and do-nuts!).

BROWN BAG

You’re always invited to share in the (*2nd and 4th*) Wednesday noontime discussion group studying some book of religious import. The book bunch meets during the lunch hour (12-12:45), some bringing their lunch, some just drinking the coffee available. We’re entering into two books: first, Annie Lamott’s *Traveling Mercies*, sharing her lively (and irreverent) faith walk. Later, we’ll engage with Elie Wiesel’s masterpiece *Night*, an autobiographical account of his teenage survival in the Nazi death camps. We are ordering the books soon, in preparation for our September 14th meeting. If you want more information, contact Kelly Hauff (293-1756) or Pr. John (293-5201).



BIBLE STUDY MOVES ...!

THURSDAY evenings

Church Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Come when you can ... don’t worry about ‘intruding’. The prayers and the study are intended to give us opportunity for fellowship and growth, and are informal!

During the summer, we met on Wednesday evenings, be we’re moving it back to our Thursday time. We are completing the Gospel of Mark – easy for you to catch up!!

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Worship Workers for Nov 2016

Nov. 5/6

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 – Barbara Sitzman

Lector:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30 Linda Peterson

11:00 Gayle Miller

Greeters:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Lois Adamson

Peggy Buettner

Communion Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Linda Peterson

11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Fougerons

11:00: Lois Adamson

Offering Counter:

Lois Adamson

Nov. 12/13

Worship Assist:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Layne Knoedler

Lector:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Vicki Schaepler

11:00 Bob Grabenstein

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Bob & Cindy

Grabenstein

Communion Assist:

Sat: Ken Petersen

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Deb Middleton

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Fougerons

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counter:

Layne Knoedler

Nov. 19/ 20

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30- Jane David

11:00 – Harold Laursen

Lector:

Sat: Laura Buehner

Sun: 8:30 – Peggy Nelson

11:00 Jantha Jamison

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Dave Wiebe

Communion Assist:

Sat: Laura Buehner

Sun: 8:30 Marshall Nelson

11:00 Nancy DeBoer

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Barbara Bowers

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counters:

Rod & Jane Behrhorst

Nov. 26/27

Worship Assist:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun: 8:30 – Jane David

11:00 – Barb Laursen

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun: 8:30 Cheryl Hedstrom

11:00 Connie Fie

Greeters:

Sat: Tom & Cheryl

Hedstrom

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Tom & Janet Boyd

Communion Assist:

Sat: Cheryl Hedstrom

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Nona Svoboda

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Fougerons

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Offering Counter:

Layne Knoedler



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(Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday: 6:00p.m. Evening Worship
(signed for the Hearing Impaired)

Sunday: 8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday Disciples
11:00am Worship



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