



Special Congregational Meeting: TODAY after Worship

We are in need of addressing several facility issues that have emerged after an assessment of our space.

The Church Council would like to use up to \$25,000 for sealing and striping the parking lot, replacing countertops in the south bathrooms, replacing several broken windows in the sanctuary, and replacing concrete in the back of the building.

Since this is above \$5000 and was not part of our Annual Budget, we need to have the congregation discuss and vote in this short meeting.

Living Our Baptism: Adult Education

Martin Luther taught we are to daily renew our baptism.

We rise and say, "I am baptized into Christ."

Whether we are young or old, this daily renewal of baptism leads to a practicing of faith and deepening of discipleship. Living our Baptism describes our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ.

This year our adult ed classes will take the opportunity to engage our faith by looking at Baptism and how we can live as disciples of God in God's promises.

Sundays 10:45am-11:30am



Quarterly Maintenance Workdays

Beginning Saturday October 25th starting at 1pm,

we will begin having quarterly Maintenance Workdays.

Any volunteers that are available to join us are welcome.

We will have supplies here that you can use. These days will be for routine maintenance, as well as deep cleaning, painting, yard work, etc.

A full list of tasks will be available before the dates arrive.

Contact Brita with any questions.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

October 3rd—5th

All youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Oct. 3-5th for some time to have fun, build friendships, and grow in faith.

We will meet at church at 5:15pm on Friday, October 3rd.

We will drive the van over to Spring Lake Lodge in Rosemount.

We will return to church at 10:30am on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Registration is online. Cost is \$30.



Luther Park Workdays!

There are two more Luther Park workdays in 2025: Oct. 11 & Nov. 1.

The October work day will be the "bigger" work day of the season, they are hoping to do some bigger projects on the list.

The November work day will include a lot of "closing" down parts of camp for the winter.

Volunteers generally gather around 9am. There will be coffee and donuts/pastries to greet you in the Lodge. Lunch is provided and volunteers work until sometime in the afternoon (3pm/4pm).

Please RSVP if you plan on attending so they can make an accurate projects list and lunch count.

Sep 28, 2025



September Mission of the Month 360 Communities

360 Communities delivers safety and stability that improves lives in Dakota County. With effective and holistic

programming, they leverage community partnerships, build trusting relationships, and break cycles of violence and poverty.

Their Goals are to:

Decrease domestic and sexual violence
Reduce homelessness
Prevent child abuse and neglect
Increase high school graduation rates

Increase family stability
Increase access to healthy food
Improve early childhood development
Raise awareness of community needs

Tanzania Sunday- October 5th

Come join the celebration & learn more about Family of Christ's

Tanzania Ministries including:

our Usokami Partnership, Secondary Student Scholarships, Medical Scholarships, Dignity for Daughters and Iringa Hope Microfinance

We will also see memories of our trip to Tanzania last November.



Secondary Student Scholarships

Since 2004, Family of Christ members and friends have sponsored 415 Usokami secondary students. Providing scholarship support for these students is a great investment toward a brighter future for them, their community, Tanzania, and Africa. FOC sponsored students will be attending Lutheran private schools. The 2026 FOC scholarship goal is again to raise \$8400. The cost of room, board and education for an entire year is \$615. Any size donation will help reach the \$8400 financial goal.

Scholarship donations are due by Oct 26

Medical Scholarship

The Tanzania Medical Scholarship team is sponsoring two medical students:

- Justice Bwisco who is in his 4th year of radiography training at Makerere University in Uganda and will return to the Ilula Hospital after completion of his studies.
- Magreth Mgeyeka starting a Bachelor of Science in Midwifery.

To help support these medical scholarships, a craft sale will be held after church on Tanzania Sunday, October 5. Stop by and purchase some of our unique, one-of-a-kind craft items. The Medical Scholarship team will also participate in other area craft fairs.

Iringa Hope Micro-Finance Project

In 2019 We began to partner with Iringa Hope, an organization that raises funds and administers microfinance loans. **Iringa Hope** uses a unique model to

deliver agricultural financing, marketing, and training to smallholder farmers in Tanzania. The organization develops self-governed and self-sustaining member owned and operated cooperative societies that help to alleviate poverty and empower entrepreneurs. Microfinance loans are made to small businesses and farms with an average loan of \$300. The repayment rate of the loans is 98% so our donations continue to be loaned out year after year.

Envelopes for the Tanzania ministries are available on the Tanzania display table or from the ushers.