



October Mission of the Month Tanzania Ministries

Bega Kwa Bega is the phrase we use to describe our companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. In English, the phrase means 'shoulder to shoulder' and describes the way in which we accompany one another in a spirit of mutuality, inclusivity, and vulnerability. Through the work of this partnership and the leading of God's Holy Spirit, we envision deeper faith and fuller life, accompanying one another as participants in God's ongoing mission in both America and Tanzania.

Our partnership supports the Illula congregation, secondary school students, medical school scholarship, Dignity for Daughters, and Iringa Hope micro financing.



STEWARDSHIP

What is possible for us to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times.

Because we are made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy. We are equipped to be generous where we are. Drawn more deeply into the body of Christ, we are reminded of our belovedness, and we can respond with generosity, love, and service on behalf of our neighbors.

Look out for resources later in October.

Servant Opportunities

As the season of stewardship is upon us, it is also the time to review what your servant life looks like for 2026. We would appreciate you taking some time to prayerfully consider your time and skills and determine where you might like to serve here at Family of Christ. Once you have considered, please take the time to fill out the form and submit it to the staff in one of two ways, online or by paper form. A link will be sent in the weekly emails and by QR code in the weekly insert in the bulletins. Paper Copies are available in the Narthex and can be returned to the ushers station after worship. Or you can slip them under the door to the church office.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to Brita.

Adult Ed... Returns Sunday, October 26th

"Why Church? Living Among God's Faithful People"

Join us Sundays after worship from 10:45-11:30 as we look at what it means to be a Christian through our Lutheran tradition. Through the lens of our Baptism we will look at what it means to live among God's faithful people as a community of faith.



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.

Oct 12, 2025

Tanzania Sunday

Last Sunday we learned more about Family of Christ's Tanzania Ministries including: our Usokami Partnership, Secondary Student Scholarships, Medical Scholarships, Daughters for Dignity and Iringa Hope Microfinance



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 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.

In addition to the craft fair last week the Medical Scholarship team will also participate in area craft fairs to support this medical scholarship.

Iringa Hope Micro-Finance Project

In 2019 We began to partner with Iringa Hope, an organization that raises funds and administrates 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.

Dignity for Daughters (DfD)

Dignity for Daughters (DfD) mission is to achieve menstrual equity in Iringa, Tanzania. Sustainability will be accomplished through reproductive health education and ensuring reusable menstrual product availability by establishing local sewing ventures.

Only 1 in 5 girls in Iringa, Tanzania have access to formal menstrual health products, causing up to 5 missed days of school every month. We are dedicated to providing girls and boys with a curriculum that is otherwise absent in secondary education in Iringa. Students are also equipped with reusable pads to help them manage their health with dignity and not miss valuable days of school. We aim to empower young people with the knowledge and resources they need to break the cycle of poverty and build a healthier, brighter future.

