

Family Of God  
Community Church



**September 17, 2017**

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# Welcome

I'm so glad to be a part of the family of God...and so glad that in God's family, all are welcome! We are glad that you are here today for a time of worship and praise. Today is a day when we celebrate how God is working among us, even as we prepare to start a new year of ministry and outreach! We are thankful to God for all his blessings—and we hope to be a blessing to each other and to this community! If you are visiting, please share your contact information with us. Come, let us worship . . .

## Worship Order

Gathering Song: Family of God Chorus  
Gathering Time

\*Call to Worship

\*Singing our Praise: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Giving Thanks for our Leaders, Helpers, Seed Planters

\*Prayer of Blessing

Invitation to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

\*Song of Assurance: *Bless the Lord*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time  
Prayer of Illumination

### **Today's Message:**

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: *The Blessings of Forgiveness*

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings  
Offertory  
Prayer of Dedication

\*Song of Hope: *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*

\*Blessing

\*Blessing Song: *Bless His Holy Name*

## Serving in the Family of God ~ today /next week:

Snacks/Juice: Shari Meyer, Petersons / *Snappers* / Nancy Park

Nursery: Peg Sherwood / *Margaret Faravich*

Media: Wayne Meyer / *Jim Maatman*

Hosts: Ed Nelson / *Ed Nelson*

Children in Worship: Denise Roesly / *Lyn VandenBosch*

## This week at FOGCC

### Today:

**Following worship:** Subs and Suds Kick off for the new year

### Monday:

**6:00pm:** Leadership Council meeting

### Wednesday:

**9:30am:** WOW meets at FOGCC. Join us for Bible Study and prayer.

**12:30pm:** W/W/W planning meeting

**3:30pm:** Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday starts.

**6:30pm:** Child Protection Policy training

## Birthdays This Week

Today – Lori Harmon

Monday – Judy Bowen

Friday – Heather Lam

## Announcements

**Today we celebrate the start of another year of God's blessings--**especially the blessing of those people in our midst who have committed to teach, lead and help with Women of the Word, C.A.R.E. and Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays! Surely, these ministries long to help the family of God grow "wide and deep" as we learn, study and experience God and God's love for us! As part of our celebration, **we hope you will stay following a time of fellowship for SUBS AND SUDS** (also known as subs and root beer floats)! May our time of celebration remind us how blessed we are to be part of the family of God! See you downstairs--after worship!!

**There is a Leadership Council meeting tomorrow evening, 6:00pm.** If you have a suggestion, concern or question--please speak with Pastor Barb or Jim Maatman. Please keep this council in your prayers as they attempt to discern God's preferred future for FOGCC.

**Time to sign up for FAMILY CHORES!** There is a new Responsibility List for October-December on the back table. Will you help by signing up for any of the responsibilities?

**WONDERFUL WACKY WEDNESDAY** starts this week with a carnival! Do you know kids that you could invite? Could you give them an invitation to be part of W/W/W? Please take one .. they are in our Gathering Space--or ask Shari Meyer! If you love kids and love to plant kingdom seeds--please come and help us out during Wonderful Wacky Wednesday--which meets from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Interested in being a blessing and in getting blessed? Come to W/W/W and see!

**Pastor Barb will be on vacation next week and, in her absence, Rev. Tom Boogaart will be leading our worship.** Please be with us for a time of worship and praise! We are so thankful for your support, presence and encouragement!

**Soon and very soon, our Family Night Dinners will start.** This is one of those outreach ministries that call for all of us to lend a hand! Would you wash dishes ONCE A MONTH? Would you help cook ONCE A MONTH? After all--it takes a village to feed some of our village! Please volunteer today -- see Connie Johnson or Kathy Maatman!

**Here are two very important dates for your calendars as well as a call to prayer!** The Leadership Council, along with our Pastoral Transition Team, has invited Chelsea Reinhout (graduate of Western Theological Seminary) to be considered as our next pastor. Chelsea will lead our worship on October 8; following worship, we hope you will all stay for an all church potluck and the opportunity to "meet and greet" Chelsea and Eric. Your presence and your prayers are very important for this day at FOGCC.

**On Wednesday, Oct. 11, there will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to vote on the decision to call Chelsea to be pastor. Members and friends are encouraged to come and be a part of the discussion. Members of FOGCC will be voting at this meeting on this very important decision for us. Please pray that God will continue to lead us into his emerging future! If you have questions, we ask you to speak with a member of our Pastoral Transition team (Barb Boss, Jim Maatman, Mike Snapper, Tami Kolski, Bill Nottelmann, Lori Harmon) or a member of our Leadership Council.

**C.A.R.E.--yes, we care!** And we hope you do too! C.A.R.E. (children and adult religious education) happens every Sunday (well, almost) and there are classes for all ages! C.A.R.E. offers us a chance to gather in small groups and grow in our faith -- in community with the family of God. Classes start at 11:30 and finish at 12:10. Would you give it a try -- it starts next Sunday, September 24. Here's what we can offer you and yours:

**TEEN thru Adult C.A.R.E.**-- taught by Jim Maatman--using the DVD series "That the World May Know." It's excellent -- and a great way to experience where Jesus walked and how he taught! This class meets in the Meeting Room down at the end of the Education Wing.

**Youth C.A.R.E.**--this multi-age class will be taught by Bill Nottelmann and will meet in the Youth Room (downstairs). Come and spend some time caring about faith issues...and life!

**Children in Worship**--for kids age 4 through 3rd grade. These kids leave worship (after the Children's time) and continue to worship in their Worship Center. They will join us for snack and then, return to their worship center for more experience of God and God's word for them. Leaders are Kathy Maatman, Sue Ellen McCreary, Denise Roesly, Melissa Painter, Lyn VandenBosch. Helpers (age 4th grade and up are needed!)

Independent Bank is sponsoring an “Invest in Communities” contest to give \$5,000 to organizations that provide housing assistance in their banking area. Hope 101 Ministry has applied for these funds. The winner will be based on the number of votes received. An individual may vote once a day starting on Friday, September 15. The voting ends on September 29. You must have a valid Facebook account to vote. PLEASE VOTE EVERY DAY and PLEASE GET ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO VOTE EVERY DAY TOO. Thank you!!!! Vote using the link <https://www.IndependentBank.com/Investing>

**Redeemer Lutheran Church of Fremont and the Shack, White Cloud,** invite you to: “A Visit with Katharina Luther,” a one-woman theatrical presentation by Alicia Winget. The presentation will be held today, Sunday, September 17, at 2:30pm, at The Shack (2263 W. 14th Street, White Cloud). Admission is free!

**Newaygo County International Day of Peace.** Citizens from all walks of life are invited to come together and celebrate International Day of Peace on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Peace Pole in front of the Newaygo Area District Library on M-37, from 11am – noon. At a time when hate, divisiveness, violence and tragedy seem like an avalanche, this event will focus on a renewed commitment to peacemaking, to demonstrating love for everyone the world over and to creating a culture of Joy-filled living. Participants will join in songs, prayers, poems and information on actions that promote love in our world. *In solidarity with the blue sky we all share, people are encouraged to wear a light blue scarf, tie or shirt.*

**Frankenmuth/Bronner’s trip has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017.** The cost, which will include your lunch at Zehnders and cost of transportation, is \$45.00. We will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. We will use the FOGCC van and personal cars as needed. Please ask all your friends and relatives to join in on the fun. And be sure to get it on your calendar. There is a sign-up sheet in the back.

A quick reminder that **the CROP Walk to stamp out hunger will be on Oct. 1.** Please mark that on your calendars and plan to participate. We will begin sign-ups in a couple of weeks - so start thinking about who you will ask to sponsor your walk.

### Future dates to note

**Monday, October 9**

4:00pm: Outreach Team meeting

**Wednesday, October 11,**

7:00pm: Congregational meeting

**Thursday, October 12:**

10:00am: Logistics Team meeting

12:00pm: CRT Team meeting

3:00pm: Hope 101 Board of Directors meeting

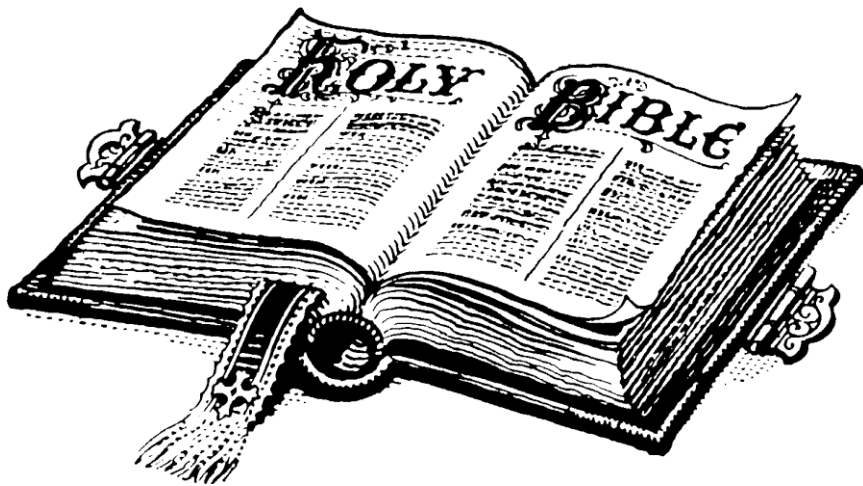
**Tuesday, October 17**

4:00pm: Education Team meeting

**Monday, October 23:**

6:00pm: Leadership Council meeting

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name.*



If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please share it with us.

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