

the Spirit



Fall at Spirit of Christ

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All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, a book by Robert Fulghum, was popular when I first got married.

Some dismiss this book of short essays as being too trite, simply irrelevant, and/or overly optimistic, but there is more than a kernel of truth to what Fulghum was trying to express.

There is a hope in the innocence of youth, there is the recognition that as adults we do, down deep, truly know what's important and want our children to learn these fundamentals too, and unfortunately there is also the bittersweet realization that as we grow older we begin to live in this tension between knowing what is right and the hypocrisy of our current existence where we ignore our own deep held and fundamental beliefs.

We are all children of God and, as such, God wants what is best for each and every one of us. And yet, for some reason we continually stumble through life ignoring the lessons that God sent his Son to teach us.

We ignore or forget that in our baptism we received the Holy Spirit and the promise that our sins are forgiven.

And we ignore or forget that the Holy Spirit remains with us today and is ever present to sustain us in our faith even as we fight the freely given gift of grace we were offered at the foot of the cross.

So, maybe Fulghum was not that far off the mark.

Maybe **“everything I really needed to know I [did] learn in kindergarten.”**

Maybe **“wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School.”**

And maybe, just maybe, we need to be constantly reminded that, **“Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”**

So let us welcome the children around us today, learn from their innocence, and begin to rediscover the youthful joy we all once knew back in kindergarten, back in Sunday school, back on the sandpile, where we gladly called on the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Durk



Calendar– September 2017

Sun October 1, 2017

10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship

Mon October 2, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tue October 3, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm CYF

Wed October 4, 2017

6:30pm Men of the choir
7:00pm Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)

Thu October 5, 2017

6:30pm N.A. (Green Room)

Fri October 6, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sun October 8, 2017

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:15am Fellowship

Mon October 9, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue October 10, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

Wed October 11, 2017

6:30pm Men of the Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu October 12, 2017

6:30pm N.A. (Green Room)
7:00pm Church Council

Fri October 13, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sat October 14, 2017

5:30am Shelter Breakfast

Sun October 15, 2017

Share the Spirit Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:15am Fellowship
1:00pm Hay Ride (Bunker Park Stables)

Mon October 16, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue October 17, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

Wed October 18, 2017

6:30pm Men of the Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu October 19, 2017

1:00pm Active Adults
6:30pm N. A. (Green Room)
7:00pm Men's Group
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Group

Fri October 20, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sat October 21, 2017

8:00am– 5:00pm Craft Fair

Sun October 22, 2017

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:15am Fellowship

Mon October 23, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue October 24, 2017

5:30pm Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm Women's AA (Nursery)

Wed October 25, 2017

6:30pm Men of the Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu October 26, 2017

6:30pm N. A. (Green Room)



Social Action Calendar – October to December 2017

October 2017

- 14 Shelter Breakfast 5:30 to 7:30am
- 15 Share the Spirit Sunday

November 2017

- 10 Shelter Supper 6:00 to 8:30pm
- 19 Share the Spirit Sunday

December 2017

- 9 Shelter Breakfast 5:30 to 7:30am
- 17 Share the Spirit Sunday

STEP Collection in October

Food donations will be taken to STEP for October. Please think about donating something for your neighbors when you are out shopping for your own family. STEP is in current need of pull-ups in larger sizes, preferably 4T and up. They are also running low on toilet paper. Thank you for all of your support!

Memorial Blood Centers Blood Drive – October 25th

The fall blood drive will be held on Wednesday, October 25th between 4:30 and 7:00pm. To reserve your donation appointment, please see Jeanne Worm at church or call 952-451- 2764. Your blood donations make a difference for so many in need.

Share the Spirit Sunday

How can you share the Spirit? While sharing can take MANY forms, one opportunity we have every 3rd Sunday of the month is to contribute to the "Share the Spirit" fund. These donations are used in many ways: to support the shelter meals, Tree-House, special requests from STEP or Bird Feeder and our 363days.org sandwich making project.

Get involved with Social Action!

The Social Action team (aka SOC SAC) welcomes everyone in the congregation to join us to plan and organize mission and social action events. This could be an ongoing activity or a one-time commitment. Talk to anyone on the Social Action Team: (Mark or Carolee Cohen, Wendi Harmsen, Pat Latvala, Deb Schmitz, Joanne Stone or Jeanne Worm) if you want to help!

Join the Choir

The Spirit of Christ Choir will soon start rehearsing for the Christmas cantata and we would like you to join us. If you have ever thought about using your musical gifts to praise God through music please come to one our practices. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings. The men start at 6:30pm and the full choir practices from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. The women's choir practices for a short time after that. If you have any questions please call the church office or contact Steve Stucki on Sunday mornings or by email at stevestucki@hotmail.com. Thank you!



ELCA Minneapolis Synod *LearnLeadLaunch Initiative*

LearnLead LAUNCH!

For the next few months our council will be taking part in an initiative that we hope will give us the time and space to take a long hard look at our congregation's many strengths, acknowledge our opportunities, and begin to develop a path in which to move forward into a rejuvenated mission for our future.

"The purpose of the ***LearnLeadLaunch Initiative*** is to zero in on what really works with congregational renewal and to equip leaders to use this knowledge to bring new vitality to your congregation. This pastor-leader partnership methodology has proven itself as a transformation tool both in the Minneapolis Area Synod and in other denominations."

Throughout this process there will be a lot of time set aside to hear from all of you be it through surveys, small group discussions, or with one on one meetings.

If at any time you have questions please feel free to contact pastor Durk (952-693-8627) or any of our dedicated council members.

Wednesday Night Drop-In Dwelling in the Word



Beginning Wednesday October 4th from 6:00-7:00 feel free to stop by the church office early each Wednesday evening as we take some time to center ourselves in the upcoming week's scripture or revisit the previous week's readings.

We will read and hear the lessons for the upcoming Sunday, ask questions, and just give the Holy Spirit the chance to speak a word of *Law and Gospel* into our daily life.

So come when you can and leave when you must.

New Member Orientation/Welcome

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will be welcoming new members into our congregation (including pastor Durk and Liz.)

If you have an interest in formally becoming a member please contact pastor Durk (952-693-8627) as we are tentatively planning an orientation after church on Sunday October 15th at 11:15 in the pastor's office.





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Add Your Event to Church Announcements!

If you would like to add something to the Sunday morning announcements, weekly email update, or monthly newsletter, please contact our office (contact info below). Weekly information must be received by Monday morning to be included in Wednesday's email and Sunday morning's announcement slides. Info for the May newsletter must be received **by the 15th of the month**. You can also contact the office if you'd like to be added to the mailing list or you can visit spiritofchristcommunity.org/newsletter to sign up for our mailing list or to view past newsletters.

