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Child of God Newsletter August 2019

“See how much love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called Children of God” 1 John 3:1



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A LETTER FROM PASTOR - “CROSS” CONTAMINATION

14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?” 2 Corinthians 2

Having been through the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in 2005 one really begins to appreciate and understand what the term fragrance of life and death really means.

Of course, driving past the unfortunate deer or raccoon

that lost the race against a motor vehicle one can also get the idea of the raw and harsh odor that proceeds from the slain creature.

You may also find delight in an outing to the Botanical Gardens, that is, if flowers don't make you sneeze, or you may be drawn toward the refreshing scent of a misting rain or fresh cut lawn.

As believers Paul says we have a distinct odor. We have been 'contaminated' by the Cross of Jesus.

In Jesus, we have found something that is pleasing to us; His grace, His mercy, His Love love, or His compassion.

In Jesus we move away from the pit of mud and dark-

ness and onto firm ground and freshness.

While it is true that we all may stink from time to time (I'll let you interpret that for yourself) because we have (also) been contaminated by the stench of sin and death. It is also true that we have a new breath of life in us. One that makes us alive and clean.

Many are in search of the life that we have found in Christ.

Would you join me in making Child of God a welcome “smell” that brings life and breath to a world in desperate need of freshness?

Fresh and Alive in Christ -
Pastor Gorline

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- **AUGUST 14** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- **AUGUST 25** CHURCH PICNIC/ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- **SEPTEMBER 6-8** JR HIGH CONFIRMATION RETREAT
- **SEPTEMBER 8** GOLF TOURNAMENT
- **SEPTEMBER 20** - MARY JO TERESA SCHOLARSHIP DINNER BANQUET

MEET Zillah The Comfort Dog and Sacred Groundz

There will be new ministry friends at COG this school year. Zillah and Sacred Grounds.

Zillah is a 2 year old Golden Retriever, a Immanuel St. Charles, comfort dog. She will be here for regular visits during the school year on most chapel days. When she is here she would love for you to show your kindness and pet her and help her in her training.

Psalms 57:1 is Zillah's theme verse. “Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the



shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.” (Zillah)

(Sacred Groundz Coffee)



Sacred Groundz Coffee is a

non-for-profit ministry that promotes independence and self-esteem of intellectually and developmentally disabled adults through sustainable employment.

They will be at COG most Tuesday/Thursday mornings this school year and some special events.

Meet Josh, Matt, Andrew, Cara and Alyssa as they serve up smiles, love and great cold and hot drinks. Follow them on Facebook at SacredGroundZ@sacredgroundzstl.

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“FAITHFULNESS” CHILD OF GOD SCHOOL 2019-2020



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“FAITHFULNESS”
 Proverbs 3:3

“HUMBLE
 YOURSELVES,
 THEREFORE,
 UNDER GOD’S
 MIGHTY HAND.
 THAT HE MAY
 LIFT YOU UP
 IN DUE TIME.
 1 PETER 5:6

FIRST 30 Days of Prayer

- August 14** that students, parents and teachers would not be anxious on the 1st day of school
- August 15** for the new COG students and families
- August 16** for the new faculty and staff members
- August 17** as COG grads adjust to their new schools
- August 18** for all the teachers
- August 19** for all the support staff
- August 20** for all to abound in FAITHFULNESS
- August 21** students would continue to grow and mature in Christ
- August 22** unity and encouragement among the faculty and staff
- August 23** for God to protect the ministry at COG

- August 24** that COG is a light of Christ in St. Peters
- August 25** for Church picnic and Backpack Blessing Day
- August 26** the COG family is blessed with good health
- August 27** teachers to have wisdom and discernment
- August 28** strong partnership between parents of church and school
- August 29** kindness and friendship among students
- August 30** grow in wisdom and knowledge in all subjects but especially in the truth of the Gospel
- August 31** teachers would model Christ’s love to their students
- September 1** a culture of forgiveness as mistakes are made
- September 2** COG leadership: Dr. Sandfort, Pastor Gorline, and Babs Hunt
- September 3** that the fruit of

- the Spirit would be evident in our community
- September 4** guidance for students and teachers and the academic challenges
- September 5** there would be joy in the love and grace of Jesus at COG
- September 6** willing attitude to learn the Word of God
- September 7** the hearts and minds of students would be open to the word of God
- September 8** God’s purpose would unfold at COG
- September 9** energy and zeal among the staff
- September 10** for the parents of the students
- September 11** for the PFG group and their leading
- September 12** Thankfulness for the 20th Year of COG

Prayers

- Chris Conkling** - who installed in the holy ministry on July 28th in Trinity, Mequon, Wisconsin
- Alice Dunn** - cousin of Darlene Pedroley who is recovering from a stroke.
- Johnny Savisky** - concerned about the total loss of his vision.
- Sandra Thompson** - recurring health problems
- Laura Frankenbach** - recovery after back surgery
- Clinton Frankenbach** - who has on-going symptoms of Meniere’s disease
- Luke Favazza** - 2nd Grade COG student for ongoing health issues
- Erica Buff** – a friend of Mary & Ryan Martin, who was diagnosed with breast cancer the 2nd time.
- Brennan Schulte** – a 7-year-old with brain cancer
- Ulla Weiss** - Stephanie Ridley’s aunt who has a brain tumor
- Thomas Lemish** - Stephanie Wojcik’s dad, treated for stage 3 lung cancer.
- Paul Grave** – friend of the Dyke Family; who has a terminal inoperable brain stem tumor, Prayers also for his 3 small children.
- Jean Elliott** – Colleen Wilhelm’s mom for strength & health
- Zane Morgan** – 1st Year Seminarian.

For those serving in the military and police force - Andrew Chema, Kyle Fischer, Paul Price, Bella Hoffer, David Weinhold, Pastor Gorline.

CALLED TO SERVE - TARYN LINKE and HANNAH WORRAL

We are blessed to welcome new teachers this year.

Miss Taryn Linke - Taryn will be the 1st grade teacher. She is an UMSL graduate. She has a beagle named Molly. She enjoys, singing, baking, bowling and baseball.

Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of this

world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Mrs. Hannah Worrall - Is a first year teacher from Concordia Seward, Nebraska.

Her husband Caleb is a seminary student at Concor-

dia, St. Louis.

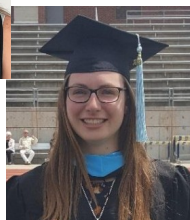
Hannah enjoys reading, running, hiking and camping.

Her favorite Bible verse is, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

We are so pleased to have you as part of the ministry and family at COG.



Taryn Linke



Hannah Worrall

C.O.G. UPCOMING EVENTS

FUSION—YOUTH

GROUP AUGUST 18 -

End of Summer BBQ Party at Gorline's 6PM-9PM.

CHURCH PICNIC/ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - AUGUST

25 following the worship service. Stay for fun and fellowship.

COG/HOLY CROSS GOLF SCRAMBLE - SEP-

TEMBER 8 at The Links at Dardenne Golf Club.

4-person scramble with shotgun start at 1:30pm. Any skill level is welcome. Scrambles are a great way for new golfers to gain experience! Sign up as a team or individual and meet other Child of God members. Feel free to invite friends too.

The \$85 registration fee includes 18 holes, unlim-

ited drinks, dinner, and prizes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kyle Dibler at kyle.dibler@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP BAN-

QUET - Sept 20. @ COG 7-9 PM. Top Chef and Guest Speaker. Mary Jo Teresa Scholarship Fund.



FAMILY CONNECTIONS at COG -

This year we will focus on ways we can all stay connected to God's word and each other. Child of God Lutheran Church and School wants to help your family as they grow in all aspects of their lives. Most Connections opportunities are an hour or less because we know today's families are busy and want to stop life, if just for a short time, and connect with each other. We will communicate actual events via the Shield., church Bulletin, Facebook, email and text **Family Connections** happens once a month on Saturday. It will begin with a family devotion followed by a short

activity. Each time we will also give you resources so you can lead your own family devotions at home.

Bible Connections: Monday mornings from 8:15- 9:00 am in the school library. This is a bible study for both church and school parents and grandparents.

Little Lambs Connections: Tuesday mornings in the school library from 8:15-9:00 am. This is designed for our littlest of learners, birth to 3 years olds, and their parents or grandparents. There will be an age appropriate devotion with songs and actions in a playgroup setting.

Coffee Connections: Thurs-

day mornings before chapel from 8:15 - 8:30 am. Pastor and Dr. Sandfort enjoy spending time getting to know both parents and grandparents.

Parent Connections will happen several times during the school year. We will partner with PFG, Parent and Friends Group, and offer a series of speakers to help support the needs of today's family.

Community Connection- Wednesdays: 9:00 - 10:00 am is an open gym for the church, school or community.

If you have questions please contact Mrs. Hunt (Babs) at bhunt@coglcs.com.

“WHAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO BE FRIENDS IS THAT THEY SEE THE SAME TRUTH. THEY SHARE IT.”

— C. S. Lewis

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS - HOLY HABITS

Schedule Adjustments and Holy Habits!

This month you are probably adjusting to the school schedule with some consistent patterns and habits such as wake up times, morning school, routine, commuting, sports dinner and bed times. As we establish patterns and routines it is good to include some holy habits!

Families, like airplane flights, have important events

we might refer to as “takeoffs and landings”. Praying together as you head out door, at meals and bedtime are great ways to remember the Lord is with us always! Taking time to feed on God's Word in the Bible daily nurtures our soul.

Another important habit is committing to be in weekly worship with fellow Christians where we glorify God. His Word renews us and we en-

courage one another!

Free gift card if you mention this phrase to Pastor Gorline, “Holy Habits are Habits for Eternity”

Finally, a God-blessed habit is to find ways to help others and contribute to the ministry and mission at Child of God which reflects Christ in us to the church, the St. Peter's community and even to the ends of the world!

Wholly Yours In Christ - The Stewardship Committee.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9 AM Bible Study 10 AM Worship	5 6 AM Men's Bible Study @ IHOP HWY K	6 7 PM Mission-Board	7 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	8 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	9 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	10 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study
11 9 AM Bible Study 10 AM Worship	12 6 AM Men's Bible Study @ IHOP HWY K	13 7 PM Mission-Board	14 1st Day of School 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	15 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	16 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	17 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel
18 9 AM Sunday School Kick-off. 10 AM Worship 6 PM Fusion BBQ	19 6 AM Men's Bible Study @ IHOP HWY K 8:15 Morning Bible Study	20 7 PM Mission-Board	21 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	22 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	23 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	24 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel
25 9 AM Bible Study, Children, Jr/Sr High and Adult 10 AM Worship 11 AM COG Picnic/Blessing of the Backpacks	26 6 AM Men's Bible Study @ IHOP HWY K 8:15 Morning Bible Study	27 7 PM Mission-Board	28 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study	29 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	30 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel	31 8:00-8:30 Pastor and Principal Coffee Talk 8:35 Chapel