

Opportunities for Fellowship & Christian Service at OFLC

- **Thrivent State of the Economy Presentation: Sunday, Nov. 2:**
Join us at 10:30 a.m. on November 2 as Mark Johnson of Thrivent shares a broad view of the world's current economic condition, and details how global factors may affect your personal finances. He'll share investment strategy suggestions and answer your finance questions. This event is free and you do not need to be a Thrivent client to attend. Sponsored by the OFLC Foundation.
- **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 9:**
Join us immediately following worship on November 9 as we share a host of exciting ministry updates (what in the world happens at Family Faith Formation, anyway?!?), answer your questions, and reveal plans for the future such as Give to the Max Day, the communications transformation and much more. As always, breakfast will be served, so sit back, relax, and be inspired by all the amazing ways we are Building Christ's Community TOGETHER!
- **Blood Drive: Monday, Nov. 24, 12:30—6:30 p.m.:**
On Monday, November 24, stop by Our Father's to give the life-saving gift of a blood donation. In the minutes it takes to donate a pint of blood, you could save the lives of up to three people! According to the Red Cross, more than 41,000 blood donations are needed each day, which means your gift is greatly needed. No appointment necessary; just look for the van in the education parking lot.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

- **Thankoffering Service, Sunday, November 16:**
For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given their thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, and joyfully giving thanks for what God has first given us. At this women-led service, we will be collecting Thankofferings to fund Women of the ELCA ministries. Envelopes can be found in your bulletin and checks written to WELCA will be joyfully accepted.
- **Learn to Lefse! Saturday, Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-noon:**
Let's make lefse at church! If you haven't done it before, come and learn from the pros. The coffee pot will be on and we'll sample as we work. Lefse made on this day will be sold at the annual Cookie Walk.
- **Cookie Walk/Silent Auction/Craft Fair, Saturday, December 6:**
Once again this year, we are thrilled to be a part of the Crow River Christmas celebration featuring our Cookie Walk, Silent Auction and Craft Fair. Please consider donating home-baked cookies or a silent auction item for this festive event. We need your baked goodies, so please sign up to donate cookies on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also contact Diane to donate an auction item or reserve a craft table: 763-477-6300. This successful event funds the majority of the Women's Ministry efforts throughout the calendar year. Thank you for your support.

Give to the Max Day: Thursday, November 13

Give to the Max Day is a 24-hour online giving marathon where Minnesotans are encouraged to make donations to their favorite non-profit. Last year, your generosity resulted in more than \$4,000 that helped fund Our Father's ministries last year!

This year, we're setting our sights on a bigger goal and much bigger fun! For every thousand dollars raised, our church leaders will endure good-natured pranks and antics (think pie-in-the-face, people kissing pigs...the list goes on!) and capturing all the laughter on our Facebook page. More details about our fundraising goal and just how zany the antics will get are coming soon to your email box, including complete instructions for donating on Give to the Max Day. Stay tuned!



New women's group kicks off November 8: Join us for *Connected, INC.*

Beginning Saturday, November 8 at 9 a.m., a new women's coffee group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Connected, INC (Connected, In The Name of Christ) will begin each coffee time with a brief prayer or devotion, and then the morning will be open for conversation that is meaningful to you.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know women of all ages in our community, as well as invite friends and family.

Because the agenda is open, you are encouraged to bring topics of interest to you, share in discussions with fellow Christian women, or simply sit back with a hot cup of joe and listen. All are welcome! Come as you are and enjoy a relaxed morning with *Connected, INC.*!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

What goes in is fun. What comes out is life-changing.

Through Operation Christmas Child, a small shoebox can have a big impact. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift.

From now until Sunday, November 23, you and your family are invited to fill a shoebox to be sent around the world to children in need. Everything you need to fill a shoebox can be found in the Fellowship Hall, including an

Operation Christmas Child brochure, an "All About Me" coloring sheet for your child to share about themselves, and a bookmark and sticker for your family to keep.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Check GIRL or BOY and their age (tape the label from the brochure to the top of the box)
2. Fill a shoebox or Rubbermaid box with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc.

(You may refer to the brochure for content ideas.)

3. Include a completed envelope (in brochure) and a check for \$7 to cover postage.
4. Bring your shoebox to church before November 23.

Take a moment to [watch a heart-warming video](#) of children receiving their shoebox!

Questions?

Contact [Michelle Miller](#)



All Saints Sunday: November 2



All Saints Sunday is November 2. White carnations will be available for \$1 each before worship. During the service, carnations will be placed on the altar in memory of your loved ones, and a portion of the service will also be dedicated to commemorating those forever held in your heart.

Save the date: New children's Christmas program scheduled for December 13:

This year, we are welcoming children of all ages and faiths to be part of the 2014 Rockford Area Children's Christmas Program, "A Song of Joy." You do not need to be a member of Our Father's or registered for education to participate at this same-day rehearsal, family-friendly event. Stay tuned for your invitation coming soon.

OFLC Seeks Nursery Coordinator

Our Father's is seeking a dedicated, responsible and creative individual to join our staff as a paid Nursery Coordinator. If you are interested or know someone who might be a good fit, please [contact Glenda](#) in the church office at 763-477-6300. Job requirements available upon request.

Share your celebration in *Gather & Serve!*

[Email the church office](#) with your December birthday, anniversary, wedding or other joyous event (photo optional) and we'll share it in the next *Gather & Serve!*

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Office Hours
Monday: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Worship:
Saturday Evenings @ 5:30 p.m.
Sundays:
Family Faith Formation @ 8:30 a.m.
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Friends & Family Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

*Building Christ's Community
through Hospitality,
Relationships,
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Love, INC launches new children's birthday ministry

Love, INC is sweetening birthdays for local kids and families in need with their new birthday ministry. The program provides items such as cake mixes, party favors, gifts, decorations, etc. If you would like to help, party items can be dropped off in the Our Father's entryway next to the bedding ministry container. Contact Love, INC for more details: 763-972-6547.

Love, INC currently needs...

- Bathroom towels, new or gently used
- Queen and king comforters and quilts
- Anyone willing to help with light home repairs, please call Love, INC: 763-972-6547

RiverWorks Food Shelf October Focus:

Cereals & Hearty Soups

RiverWorks desperately needs brown paper grocery bags. If you have extras at home, please leave them in the shopping cart located in the narthex.



To view the most current edition of the church calendar, visit ourfatherschurch.org/calendar