

## SIGNAL

#### Mission Statement

"Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes all to the love of Christ through Worshipping, Learning, and Serving."

#### Welcome Statement

We are a Christian community committed to ministry in Fort Collins and the world. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged our lives and the ministry we share in Christ, and we invite all to participate in Word and Sacrament without discrimination due to race, creed, sexual orientation, or financial status.



# Ever Changing Church Culture: A Conversation with Nadia-Bolz Weber

Saturday October 19th 2PM-4PM Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2000 South Lemay, Fort Collins, CO



Lutheran Campus Ministry Chili Cookoff: 4-5:30PM
Nadia preaches at OSLC: Saturday October 19th 5:30PM
Sunday, October 20th 8:30AM & 11:00AM

"Nadia Bolz-Weber has probably done more than any other pastor in recent times to poke therapeutic un at the misdemeanors and flaws of overly-churched Christianity and Christians. The passion behind her words, however, is as deeply pastoral as it is God-drenched and liberating...thus the affection as well as the respect that attend her and her work wherever she goes."

Phylis Tickle, author of "The Great Emergence".

See page 5 for more information about Nadia's book & the Chili Cookoff



There is much joy in the world. This month we seek to bring more and recognize the joy that is already around us.

The story goes that Mother Theresa was caring for an HIV patient in India with large open sores and a reporter said to another reporter, "You know I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Mother Theresa overhearing this remark looked at him and said, "You know, I wouldn't either!"

And in Mother Theresa there are countless stories of how she inspired others in their faith. Can we be so influential? One doesn't need to travel to India to work on doing so. One can actively engage their faith right here in Fort Collins. We can also encourage others.

So how are you nurturing your faith? How are you fully living out the word? These are questions that I hope you are thinking about right now...We are asking them in our services and encouraging you to ask them around your dinner table. More importantly how are you finding ways to engage your faith through action. As we enter October we are encouraging you to put your faith into action throughout our community. Help us fill out our bulletin board in the hallway between the fellowship hall and the narthex with the service that you are doing in our community. We will have several opportunities that you can join in throughout our month as a community together, but we also want to highlight all the ways that our community members serve others each and every day. Please share this information and let us celebrate together how God gives us purpose.

But there is more than simply action; consider how you might be able to weave your service and your faith together. For your own growth, ask yourself what motivates and inspires you to work for the sake of others. For the sake of those you encounter ask yourself (and your friends of faith) what words you might use to help others see service in action as a testament to faith.

Finally be an encourager this month of those that you see doing God's work in the world. We have note cards at church available, take one or two and write a letter of encouragement to somebody you see sharing God's kindness and grace. Remember the Holy Spirit works through you. Can we take this Gift and spread more Joy? Absolutely.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Michael

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### What's It All About?

Birthdays are anniversaries that measure the time we have been blessed to live on this earth and experience the awesome wonders all around us. The gift of life is unique and worthy of our contemplation. Above all else we have been given the golden opportunity of encountering God and interacting with the Holy One.

Whenever we become reflective about our lives we might find ourselves asking the one big question. As is true of everything in life, learning to formulate the right questions is of paramount importance and the key to all understanding.

One candidate question for us might be: "Is my life only or even primarily about me and my family, or is there something much larger going on in which I am inherently a significant player?" The image of an ant colony comes to mind? Don't hang up yet.

As we learn about the natural world we become more aware that we are a very special part of it. We are connected to it not only interdependently, but metaphorically speaking we share common genes. So integrally are we connected to the natural order that whenever we violate the integrity of the natural world, we inevitably violate ourselves.

Yet, the earth does not exist solely for us, nor are we here only to maintain the earth. We are here to act out an even more important role.

There is a spectacular drama underway! As it unfolds for each of us we get caught up in its power and its enormity. While it boggles our minds it nourishes our spirits.

Only God could present such a soul grabbing production, all the while incorporating us into it. We are crucial and at times inspired actors in this drama in which heaven clearly is nothing more nor nothing less than our being caught up in God's extravaganza.

So what is life all about? It is about being viable actors in God's far reaching extravaganza.

Enjoy the Production!!!



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# Welcoming all through worship...

## Worship & Music Corner October 2013

### Fall Worship

### FLOW - Faithfully Living Out the Word

How are you FLOWing? Throughout the month of October, we are asking that you share all the ways – through actions, activities, minutes, and hours – that you are Faithfully Living Out the Word. We will have a Response to the Word station set up where you can write, draw, or depict your FLOW, and we will add it to our bulletin board in the Narthex hallway. Let's see if we can OVER-FLOW for our neighbors, community, world, and God!

### FLOW - October Memory Verse

Our memory verse for the month of October is Amos 5:24

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."



# Worship Schedule October

# October 5: Holden October 6: ELW 4

Bells & Chancel Choir (8:30)
Bells, Alleluia & Jubilate Choirs (11:00)

# October 12: Holden October 13: He Is Our Peace & ELW 10

Celebration Band (8:30) Consensus Brass (11:00)

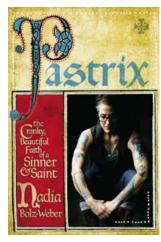
# October 19: Joyous Light October 20: With One Voice

Windstrings (8:30 & 11:00) Cherub Choir (11:00)

October 26: Holden
October 27: Now the Feast and
Celebration

Chancel, Alleluia & Jubilate Choirs (8:30 & 11:00)





#### Nadia's Book:

Outrageous, rich, and remarkable, PASTRIX turns spiritual memoir on its ear in this sardonically irreverent and beautifully honest page-turner. Nadia Bolz-Weber takes no prisoners as she reclaims the term "pastrix" (pronounced "pas-triks," a term

used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful, prayer-and-profanity laden narrative about an unconventional life of faith.

Heavily tattooed and no holds barred, Nadia, a former stand-up comic, sure as *hell* didn't consider herself to be religious leader material—until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a smoky downtown comedy club. Surrounded by fellow alcoholics, depressives, and cynics, she realized: These were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor.

Using life stories—from living in a hopeful-buthaggard commune of slackers to surviving the wobbly chairs and war stories of a group for recovering alcoholics, from her unusual but undeniable spiritual calling to pastoring a notorious con artist—Nadia uses stunning narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who is both deeply faithful *and* deeply flawed, giving hope to the rest of us along the way.

Wildly entertaining and deeply resonant, this is the book for people who hunger for a bit of hope (hope that doesn't come from vapid consumerism, or gazing at their own navel); for women who talk too loud, and guys who love chick flicks; for the gay man who loves Jesus, but who won't allow himself to be talked to like that again. In short, for people like Nadia, and for every thinking misfit who is as suspicious of institutionalized religion as they are of themselves, yet are still seeking some transcendence and mystery in their lives.

# Chili Cook Off

October 19, 2013 4-5:30 pm

Pr. Nadia Bolz-Webber Speaks 2-4 pm 5:30 pm Worship



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2000 S. Lemay Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525



Prepare your best chili recipe for the Lutheran Campus Ministry Chili Cook Off! Each chili will be displayed with samples,

Chili Categories:
-overall best
-most innovative
-best vegetarian
-best surprise ingredient

and tip jars will be by each chili.

The chili recipes with the most tips at the end of the night will win in their prospective categories.

The winners will receive a prize and bragging rights!

**Lutheran Campus Ministry** is celebrating our 4th Chili Cook Off at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (4000 S. Lemay) on October 19, 2013. Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber will speak from 2-4 pm and the Cook Off will be from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. following her speech. LCM challenges congregations to put together a cook off team from your church and bring your chili to Our Saviour's on Oct. 19. The judges will pick the best chili's from these categories: Overall best, most innovative, best vegetarian, and best surprise ingredient. Registration forms are on the LCM website: lcmcsu.org. The registration fee is \$100 per team to help financially support LCM. If you have questions, contact Pastor Connie at: pastor@lcmcsu.org or call or text her at 970-222-8394.

# Welcoming all through learning...



This fall we study the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew is not only the first book in the New Testament, but beginning in Advent, it will be the primary gospel that is read in worship for the coming year. This gospel is important for its distinctive conception of the God who comes to claim and call a people in Jesus the Messiah. It calls us to discipleship and faithful and confident following, shaping us into a new community that is constituted and lives by the forgiveness of God.

Join the Bible Study conversation on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Journey with other brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ as we are guided by the Holy Spirit and each other in our study of God's word. Please come – all are invited even if your attendance is infrequent or sporadic.

David Barber





Preschoo News

We are back in session and having a very great start. Our Monday/Wednesday/ Friday class is at 12 students [8 boys and4 girls] and Nancy and I are so enjoying their enthusiasm for learning. We have already begun letter of the week and are very im-

pressed that so many of them recognize the letter A and how it sounds. Our 3 year old class [Tuesday/ Thursday] is at 7 students and they are a great group of children also. We are introducing the alphabet to this group of children also and they too are a very smart group of children. It is so nice to be back to a schedule.

Our first week we talked all about school, why we come, what we are going to do. The common theme was play and eat snack, sounds good to me! We had a tour of school and met all the staff. We searched for Owls, played ball games, water colored an apple and a school bus.

Our second week we learned all about each of our children. We found out how tall we are and how much we weigh. Come and see our wonderful self portraits by the Preschool room. We learned how to spell our names and traced ourselves outside before the rains came.

The third week we talked about our wonderful families. We found out who had brothers and sisters. We sang Finger Family song a lot both at home and in school. (I think Rob and Becky could teach the children the words to the song, they are both happy when this week is finished!) We made finger family puppets and a tree full of apples with our families names on them.

Our last week we learned all about our new friends at school. We made a friendship quilt and friendship necklaces out of Fruit Loops. My favorite activity is watching them paint side by side with a new friend outside. We also made a friendship salad, we all brought in our favorite fruit and shared them in a big salad.



Preschool News

# Preschool Flea Market DECEMBER 7th 9am—3PM

Please begin saving your items for the flea market during the Craft Fair in December which supports our preschool. We did great last year because of all your wonderful donations. (We do not take clothing.) If you can help in setting up or working a shift during the craft fair, please call Karen Wulff @ 407-1247.

# Welcoming all through serving Outside Our Walls

## WARM WINTER CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR PINE RIDGE

September 1 – October 15, 2013

The Confirmation classes are collecting <u>warm</u> winter clothes for Native Americans of all ages on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. These clothes are desperately needed by people living in a <u>very cold climate</u> in one of the poorest counties in the U.S. The collected items will be transported by some CSU staff to Pine Ridge leaders who can distribute them appropriately to needy people.

The following <u>new or gently used</u> items in sizes toddler through adult are urgently needed (clothes for elementary school students are especially needed):

- Good warm, gently used winter coats (no thin coats or jackets)
- Warm hats, gloves, mittens (no thin gloves, mittens or hats)
- Warm socks especially for grade school aged children
- Snow pants for children and youth
- Warm sleeping bags
- Warm snow boots adult and child sizes

Please do not bring items that are not on the list and clothes that are not warm. Put your donations in a PINE RIDGE tote in fellowship hall. Contact Carol or John Bisbee for more information.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER on Sunday, Oct 27, at the 9:45 forum: Julie Sullivan,** Senior Special Instructor in the Dept of Ethnic Studies at CSU, will tell us about the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and their great need for warm clothes.

A Recent "Thank You." Dear Friends, your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets+ program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares.".....On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. Sincerely, Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO [CWS's certificate honoring OSLC's donation of \$525 is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.]

OOW Gives Dictionaries to 3rd Graders. OOW donated \$250 to the Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary Club to pay for 25 dictionaries to be given to 3rd graders in the Poudre School District to own and use in their class lessons.

#### THANK-YOU TO OUR SAVIOUR'S FROM

HOMELESS GEAR: HG heartily thanks Our Saviour's for the great response to our request for back-to-school clothing and shoes. Donations included three car trunks full of things, plus 48 bags from the remainders of the youth garage sale. In addition to what we asked for, the youth supplied us with adult clothing and shoes, plus many blankets and sheets. Thanks to the youth and parents--also to Anita Hildebrand, Ruth Brown, and John Bisbee--who helped us bag up such a large donation! Your kindness will help keep many homeless people warm this fall and winter.

The need for insect repellent, flashlight batteries, and disposable razors is ongoing, so a <u>donation bin</u> for these items will remain in the fellowship hall throughout September. We could also use small sizes of men's deodorant. Thanks again!

### Serving Inside Our Walls



Our annual Fall Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, from 8an-1pm. A pizza lunch will be provided.

What is your first impression of OSLC when you drive up on Sunday morning? What is the impression visitors will have of our church home? We want to ensure it is a memorable one. With that in mind, we need your help to spruce up the building and grounds, and show a little TLC where needed. Come in your grungy clothes and prepare to get dirty as we landscape, paint and clean while having fun working together to give back to this place that has given us so much. The care and upkeep of our building and grounds is a vital form of stewardship.

Please bring your own rakes, tools, buckets, gloves, etc.

**Property Committee** 

### **Faith Family Hospitality**



Hospitality means the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. Our faith community has assumed the role as host for guests, visitors, or strangers who are currently seeking self sufficiency and a home of their own. What a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with no expectations.

To offer a meal and a secure night seem so simple to many of us, but in reality, any of us could be in need of those simple gestures. We have no guarantees in life. Just this week my own children found themselves homeless after the flooding in Jamestown. We are their safety net, but for those who don't have that safety net, the FFH program in Ft Collins and programs like it across the country are

in place to offer support and guidance.

May God grant you grace and love. Jodi and Lee thank you for being the spokes in the wheel that keeps FFH rolling toward the objective of having every family in a home of their own.

## **Dr. G Lee Yahnke Psy D**Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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**Faith Family Hospitality** thanks Our Saviour's for the "<u>LAPTOP DONATED BY ANONYMOUS DO-NORS</u> for use at the downtown day center! This computer will be used by staff, volunteers, and families. We are sooo excited to have this new and vital office tool. Job searches, housing searches, documentation for FFH, and communications will be tasks that this computer will be used for. Many thanks to these donors for their generosity!" Sue Peterson, Family Advocate

# Worship, learning & serving in groups.



OSLC Book Club

Date	Book	Hostess
Oct 21st	What the Dog Saw by Malcolm Gladwell	Shelly Carroll's house
Dec. 2nd	Flight behavior by Barbara Kingsolver	
Jan 20th	Brain on Fire by Susanah Cahalan	

Book Club: All are welcome to join us to discuss a book each month. We meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. Contact Diana Hutchinson for more information.



- 1. Nicaragua trip is scheduled! The HS Youth will be traveling to Nicaragua June 6 -14, 2014. If you are interested in joining the trip, please let Elisa know. There will be more information to follow.
- 2. The Pink and Purple Potty fundraiser has begun! Please pick up an order form on the table in the narthex or see Elisa for more information.
- 3. King Soopers gift cards! Purchase a reloadable King Soopers gift card for \$10 and give to the HS Youth! The \$10 card is redeemable for \$10 in merchandise at King Soopers, City Market or other Kroger stores and can be reloaded to up to \$500. 5% of all reloads benefit OSLC HS Youth. We will be using the proceeds to go towards our 2014 mission trip to Nicaragua.

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to our first concert of the 2013-2014 season. **Music of the Reformation** will be performed on Sunday, October 20, 2013, at 3 pm at **Peace Lutheran Church** 5675 Field Street, Arvada and at 7:30 pm at **Advent Lutheran Church** 7979 Meade Street, Westminster.



We will be performing music that shows our faith by referencing the Lutheran Catechism. We will be singing, "A Mighty Fortress", "We All Believe in One True God", "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above", "To Jordan Came the Christ our Lord" Etc.

Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are Adults, \$15, Seniors/Students \$12 and Family \$25. For more information feel free to call Linda Thompson at 303-666-6642 or <a href="mailto:linearing-new-norm">lthompson at 12 and Family \$25</a>. For more information feel free to call Linda Thompson at 303-666-6642 or <a href="mailto:lthompson">lthompson at 12 and Family \$25</a>. For more information feel free to call Linda Thompson at 303-666-6642 or <a href="mailto:lthompson">lthompson at 12 and Family \$25</a>.



## RESCHEDULED - OSLC Golf Outing Sunday, October 13 @ 2pm, City Park 9 Golf Course

Registered golfers – we will assume you are still planning to golf. Contact Mary in the office ASAP if your plans changed. If you couldn't make the first outing and would like to join in, also contact Mary; it's not too late to register.

Sign up by October 3. Contact information: <a href="mary@oslcfc.org">mary@oslcfc.org</a> or 484-3133.



# Matthew 22:9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

After about an eight year relationship, Joel Schwartzkopf and Rachel Koon decided to get married on September 13, 2013. They planned for months, but unfortunately, the wedding they planned washed away like a leaf in the rivers that raged that day. No, their September 13th wedding would not go off as planned, but something wonderful happened in spite of Mother Nature.

For several days prior to the wedding, the rain poured. And poured. And poured. Colorado was being pounded by record breaking rains, creating flash floods throughout the state; monumental floods that swept away anything in their path. Roads flooded and washed away. Bridges gave way to the raging waters.

On the morning of their wedding, Fort Collins had been cut off from anyone wanting to travel into or out of the city. Joel and Rachel also faced a few other challenges. Rachel's dress and many of the guests were on the other side of I-25. The cake was in Johnstown. The best man was in Wyoming, the maid of honor and the photographer were in south Denver. The guests...a few were here but those coming from out of state had to turn around and go home. In spite of it all, Joel & Rachel felt sure they still wanted to have the wedding.

Pastor Leta was doing the ceremony and talked with Joel throughout the day. Rachel's dad literally drove through hell and high water to get his daughter's dress. The cake was on it's way. The best man was on a canoe headed south to Fort Collins. The maid of honor and the photographer paddled their way north. Yes, Rachel and Joel would have the wedding but were sad that there would only be a handful of people who could come

to celebrate with them. That's when the wheels in Leta's brain stated clicking.

Pastor Leta, almost mischievously, said to Joel, "If you want people, I can get them." After some thought and discussion, Joel and Rachel decided to open themselves up to the possibility. As soon as the couple said "Yes", the word spread faster than the Poudre River was running.

Pastor Leta chatted with Pastor Michael. Texts went out. The invite went out on Facebook. Those of you who know Michael can visualize the cloud of witnesses he was planning in his mind. He wanted to go to King Soopers and get on the PA system to invite store customers to the wedding. Leta pulled back the reins on that, but Michael did cruise the houses neighboring the church to invite people to the wedding.

And come they did. Within a half an hour before the wedding OSLC friends, neighbors, and strangers started to trickle in the doors. They came just as they were; dressed in Superman t-shirts, sandals and jeans. Joel beamed as he stood in the Narthex to greet all of these "others", giving each of them a hug or a handshake. "Hi, I'm the groom. Who are you?"

This motley bunch sat in a group, joyful, laughing, introducing themselves, happy to be there, excited just to celebrate a joyful occasion in the midst of all the chaos and tragedy. Some brought gifts. OSLC card stock was passed out to the "cloud of witnesses" (aka "others") so that they could write well wishes to the couple. Some stuffed in small monetary gift.

Joel was discussing the new invites with his dad and his dad commented that it reminded him of Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Banquet. (Matthew 22: 1 ...The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son...) Yes, for all of those strangers and "others", we did get a small foretaste of the kingdom of heaven through the joy of celebrating your love and your marriage.

Joel and Rachel, thank you for opening yourselves to a change of plans. In your act of sharing, the love you have as a young couple getting married exploded into others. The love multiplied and then grew. Those of us who were lucky enough to partake will never forget the experience!

(Joel & Rachel joined OSLC on April 28, 2013)

Congratulations Joel & Rachel!

# stewardship of our resources...



The Finance Committee is happy to welcome Adrienne Thomas to the team as Receipts Accountant. Adrienne is starting immediately and is currently training with our retiring member Marva Nass. Please be sure to welcome Adrienne to her new position and also to thank Marva for her years of service.

#### **GIVING TO GOD; LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE**

Beginning November 3 OSLC will be conducting a three week book study on GIVING TO GOD, by Mark Allan Powell. The book presents generosity as an act of worship, an expression of faith, and a discipline for spiritual growth. Books will be available the first week of October in the church office. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend the three studies, November 3, 10, 17, between services during adult education. There will also be a stewardship committee member available during Wednesday Night dinners to answer questions or discuss the book.

Pastor Michael Stadtmueller michael@our-saviours.org



#### **GOD SIGHTINGS!**

## <u>Prayer Shawls on the end of the pews on Sunday, August 26th.</u>

Matthew 6:6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Prayer Shawls were scattered on the end of the pews August 26. Pastor Michael shared a Sabbatical experience that involved prayer shawls and our shawls were placed out for their subsequent blessing during Open Space. Right after the sermon and the days following we had numerous requests for these comforting shawls.

For those unfamiliar with this ministry, these shawls are all made by volunteers (anyone who can knit or crochet). The intent of the shawls is best portrayed by Maxine Fechner's thank you note (p. 13).

Those making the shawls "go into their rooms and shut the door" as they create and pray for this individual who will receive their shawl; a person they may not even know. The creators of the shawls may leave their name on the shawl, but many give anonymously. ANYONE can knit/crochet or receive a shawl, regardless of OSLC membership. Call the office or Ruth Brown for a simple pattern or you can use your own! Prayer Shawls are always welcome! (*More about prayer shawls on p. 13*)

#### **Volunteers Having a Great Time in 11E.**

Jesus said, "When two or more are gathered in my name there I am also."

Jesus must be having a good time with this group! These volunteers fold and prepare the Signal for bulk mailing. This is a dedicated bunch but while doing their job they have a great time catching up, laughing, and sometimes indulging in homemade goodies. Jesus thanks you and so do we: Curtis Halvorson, Fran Logan and her little dog Moo, Phyllis and Vern Reichert, Gary and Alice Faye Richardson, Mavis Yontz, Don and Nancy Williams, Sylvia Daire, and Sam and Anita Dahlquist.

### About Prayer Shawls..

Shawl

In 1998, Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut gave

birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality under the direction of Professor Miriam Therese Winter, MMS. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch.

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

(\*The shawls can also be crocheted, quilted, woven or machine knitted as well!)

#### Some uses for the shawl...

Shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; leading ritual; first menses or croning rites of passage; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, holiday gifts; or just socializing...there are endless possibilities!

To make a shawl personal, the giver or the recipient may want to adorn the shawl with beads, shells, feathers and charms. A blessing or ritual maybe offered when the gift is presented.

Taken from http://www.shawlministry.com/

#### THANK YOU FROM MAXINE

TO: QUE SINOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRAYER SHAWL LADIES
FROM! MAXINE FECHNER
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2013
THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULCNESS IN PREPARING THE
BEAUTIFUL PRAYER SHAWL,
WHICH PASTOR LETA DELIVERED
TO ME.

THEISHAWL HAS ALREDY BROVERT THE GMEORIT, LOVE, HOPE AND WARMIN THAT YOU INTENDED, AND

THE LOVE AND PRAYERS
CAPTURED THEREIN COME
TO MIND AS SOON AS |
WITHPILL IT.

THANK YOU KINDLY FOR
THE SHAWL AND MAY
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR
EFFORTS, LOUE,

MAXUNE FECHNER



#### FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

October 6 Judy Lantry

October 13 Jerry & Lorna Reeves

October 20 October 27 Flower procedure—You may use flowers from your garden or a florist. Please place the flowers in the Sanctuary prior to Saturday evening service (5:30 pm). They can be picked up after the Sunday service. The Flower Chart is posted on the wall in the Narthex.



God bless our praying.

### A Tribute to the Late Jeff Smith

Jeff joined Our Saviour's on March 23, 1996. From the start of his membership, Jeff jumped into the activities with both feet. He adored Sunday morning fellowship, greeting everyone and especially listening to how things were going with anyone having any kind of a problem, and finding out if there was anything that he could do to help.

Jeff and his wife, Sherry, loved being a part of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church hiking group for many years. Jeff's first question to me upon joining was "Do you know a good place to stop for pie?"

Jeff, along with several others cofounded Stephen Ministry at OSLC. Jeff was a Stephen Minister at his former church and felt this ministry would add so much to the service of our church. He gave hours upon hours interviewing church members to find potential Stephen Ministers as well as finding members in need of a Stephen Minister. One of Jeff's gifts was being able to match the personalities of Stephen Ministers with the people they would care for.

Our deepest sympathy to Sherry, Jeff's 94-year old mother, Bette, and to his children and grandchildren. Jeff, thank you for all that you gave to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!

Eva Sug Littleton

We've Lost a Friend



# 7 Prayer Requests for Colorado Flooding Victims

Heavy rain has caused flooding around Boulder, Colorado, resulting in the evacuation of thousands and three deaths.

According to USA Today, "Boulder saw more than 7 inches of rain in 24 hours, shattering the town's 95-year record for rainfall."

The National Weather Service released this warning: "Major flooding/flash flooding event underway at this time with biblical rainfall amounts reported in many areas in/near the foothills."

The Associated Press reports that mudslides have hindered rescue operations.

## Prayer List

- 1. Pray that if anyone is still trapped by the flooding, that they will be rescued.
- 2. Pray for the flooding to begin receding.
- 3. Pray for the safety of rescue personnel as they work in risky conditions.
- 4. Pray for Christian disaster relief personnel and churches to have opportunities to meet the needs of the flooding victims.
- 5. Pray for housing for the homeless.
- 6. Pray for government officials to have wisdom in making decisions regarding the flooding victims.
- Pray that God would be glorified in the midst of this tragedy.

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