

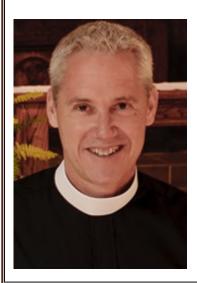
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Mission Statement

"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.





Evangelical Lutheran Church in AmericaGod's work, Our hands,

Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop James Gonia

Preaching at Our Saviour's February 8-9, 2014

NORTHERN COLORADO MISSIONAL GATHERING Saturday, February 1, 2014 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart, Fort Collins, CO 80525 God is on a mission of grace, compassion, forgiveness, and justice in the world. As the body of Christ, the church has been invited and gifted by our Creator and empowered by the Holy Spirit to join that work. During this year's Conference Gatherings, **Gifted to Grow**, we will discover together how we can join in that work by ministry from a gift based approach through asset mapping.

Please let the office know if you would like to join us. 484-3133 office@our-saviours.org

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Friends in Christ,

We want to start by saying Thank You. Your giving of time, talents and treasures over the past year to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church makes it abundantly clear how much your partnership in faith with us means to you. In the midst of a chaotic political climate that would polarize our membership, and in the midst of Christian culture that has seen mainline worship attendance drop considerably throughout the United States, we continue to provide a voice of hope and reason for a Christian Faith Community that welcomes all people. We have not only maintained our worship community, we have increased our giving to the community as well through programs such as Faith Family Hospitality, Lutheran Family Service, and other budgeted and unbudgeted gifts that you have provided.

We ask you to continue to partner with us in finding better ways to share a voice of hope through Christ Jesus. A witness to the gospel that proclaims a loving, forgiving God of mercy. In word and action we seek to partner with you in proclaiming that Grace not only in our worship space, but in our surrounding community and beyond. Our mission statement says that we welcome all people to the love of God through worshipping, learning and serving. We encourage you to consider all the ways that you can partner with us in doing just that for the coming year.

On page 15 you will find a card encouraging you to consider discerning your commitment to the ministries of our church for the coming year. Specifically we ask you to prayerfully consider your financial contributions. Together these commitments will allow us to carry on the ministry plan that we have set forth. We know that each of us are in different places in terms of finances. We are aware that some commitments will go up, and that others will go down. Most important to us is that you take time consider our partnership in ministry, that you take time to discover what we are doing as a church together, that you hear how much your contributions here matter.

We would appreciate your returning your cards to church in the box marked "commitment cards" in the Narthex over the next several weeks. If you are uncomfortable sharing details of your commitment you can simply sign a card without sharing any other details.

We seek to make Our Saviour's Lutheran Church a blessing to the entire community. We appreciate your support in making that happen.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael Stadtmueller and Pastor Leta Behrens

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

FORGIVENESS - THAT INCREDIBLE SPIRITUAL GIFT

Healthy, sustainable relationships cannot exist without forgiveness. Forgiveness is the removal of those blockages that interfere with and prevent the exchange of communication, positive feelings and acts of love. Forgiveness extracts the venom from the wound and allows healing to take place.

Forgiveness is a mystery and a miracle and always a gift - a spiritual gift in particular. Inevitably, it is a costly gift, yet is always given freely; without price.

The effect of forgiveness is freedom from the bondage of debt or sin. Our lives are filled with offensive and sinful stuff. In spite of our best attempts to avoid such attitudes and behaviors, we are forever inclined toward evil and drawn to it. That is the way it is! We are caught in its net and cannot by any means extricate ourselves from this predicament.

The only differences among us as a human population on this issue is simply a matter of degree. No one is free from this destructive entanglement. We are forever hurting others or being hurt ourselves. We disappoint and offend each other in countless ways.

Only the bestowing of this gift of forgiveness can heal the wound. That is what Jesus was all about - forgiveness - settling our account with the Holy One, of which Jesus himself was and is an integral part. How all of this happens is both a miracle and a mystery. However it happens, the result is that we who in no way deserve it, are set free and no longer have to carry the burden of our guilt. We are free and to us it comes completely free as a spiritual gift.

Forgiveness is spiritual by definition because it affects our relationship with God. It heals and restores to normalcy a relationship that has been disrupted by our choosing to live separated from God.

As we are forgiven, our relationship with the Holy One is restored and we are in turn enabled to forgive others who offend us. We cannot forgive others on our own volition, but are given the gift ourselves which we then are able to share. So this incredible gift of forgiveness unblocks the entire system. Painful? Yes! Healing? Mercifully!

Fred Castor Spiritual Guide

If you are struggling with any side of this troubling issue, I would be willing to help you with it. Just ask. fredcastor4@gmail.com



Welcoming all through worship.

Worship & Music Corner, February 2014 <u>Time After Epiphany Worship</u>

Blessed

Throughout the month of February we will be focusing on blessings and how we can live our lives to be a blessing for the world. We will be spending time looking at and emphasizing the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs and activities available to us.

<u>Blessed - February Memory Verse</u>

Our memory verse for the month of February is Micah 6:8:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Worship Schedule - February

February 2: ELW 4 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Chancel Choir & Bell Choir (8:30) Jubilate Choir (11:00)

February 9: He Is Our Peace & ELW 10 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Celebration Band & Cherub Choir (8:30)

Consensus Brass (11:00)

February 16: Now the Feast and Celebration – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Youth Choirs (8:30)
Chancel & Bell Choirs (11:00)

<u>February 23:</u> With One Voice Windstrings (8:30 & 11:00)



PREPARING FOR LENT

Mid-week Lenten Services

"Walk the Walk - Shoes for Your Journey"

Each of us walks through life in many different types of shoes in many and various varieties of situations in our lives. Taking time to look at all those life situations, and how God is with us in our walks, will be our focus this year in our mid-week Lenten services and throughout our shared walk through Lent 2014.

We pray your Lenten journey will be a spiritual gift for you and for us collectively as we walk toward the cross of Christ and the promise of the Resurrection! Please make the choice to walk through Lent with your sisters and brothers and attend our special mid-week Lenten worship offerings this season!

This year's mid-week worship services will be offered at 7:00 PM every Wednesday in Lent beginning on March 5 with Ash Wednesday services and continuing every Wednesday up to our wonderful worship experiences in Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebration.

Each week we will strap on a different pair of shoes and share where it is that God is with us as we wear these various shoes in our life journey.

Invitation to Lent

March 5, Ash Wednesday – 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM **Imposition of Ashes at each service

Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 12 – Slippers......God's invitation to rest and Sabbath

March 19 – Cross Trainers.....Exercising our faith

March 26 – Hiking Boots.....Adventures of faith

April 2 – Work Boots.....The Wonders of Vocation

April 9 - Dress Shoes.....Giving your best to God

Sunday Worship in Lent

"Footsteps of Faith"

We will be focusing on the Lectionary Psalms and Gospel lessons during Sunday worship during the season of Lent. These closely tie in to our Mid-Week services – with an emphasis on journey and faith.

Sunday Worship Services

March 9 – The Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4)

March 16 - Nicodemus (John 3 & Psalm 121)

March 23 – Samaritan Woman (John 4 & Psalm 95)

March 30 – Man born blind (John 9 & Psalm 23)

April 6 – The Raising of Lazarus (John 11 & Psalm 130)

Welcoming all through learning...



Bible Studies for the New Year

Our Hebrews Bible Study finishes up the first week of February (4th & 6th). Pastor Michael will lead a two week session on Ecclesiastes. The last week we will begin studying I Corinthians.

You are encouraged to 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

Adult Education on Culture Change Sundays 9:45-10:45AM

Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys two thousand years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western Culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now.

What are the implication of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next?

Phyllis Tickle is founding editor of the religion department of *Publishers Weekly* and is frequently quoted in

some of today's most popular print and electronic media as well as on blogs and websites. She is an authority on religion in America and a much sought after lecturer and workshop leader. Tickle is the author of over two dozen books in religion and spirituality.

February 23 Emergence 101

March 2 Where Now is the Authority?

March 9 The 20th Century and Emergence

March 16 The End of Christendom

March 23 Gifts from Other Times

March 30 How Then Shall We Live?

April 6 Hallmarks of Emergence

Adult Education For February, Sundays 9:45-10:45AM

January 12th – **February 16**th Bible Study on the Parables led by guest Pastor David Beety (father of member Angie McDonald). Description: There are, at least, 55 parables in the Gospel. These parables get to the very heart of Jesus teaching and proclamation. This class will explore these parables and invite those in the study to help us interpret them today. Bring your bibles.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women's Retreat Registration

YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO March 28-30, 2014

Who? All women are invited and welcome! Feel free to invite other OSLC members, friends, neighbors or family. It's a great girlfriend get-away with a spiritual emphasis—you won't want to miss it!

Where: We will return to the YMCA of the Rockies in one of their central lodge accommodations--<u>www.ymcarockies.org</u> This is a great location where we have a meeting room, outdoor space, and many free time options (everything from hiking to reading to a labyrinth to a nap! The choice is yours!)

Cost: The cost is dependent on your room choice (single, double, or triple—see prices below) The room price includes all of your retreat expenses, beginning with your Saturday morning breakfast, lunch & supper meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Topic: "Insights to Spirituality" This year we will have a guest presenter for part of the retreat—Rev. Margot Wright who is a spiritual director and wonderful women's leader! Her website is www.clearlyyouconsulting.com. We will have more details as we get closer to the retreat.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Leta (leta@our-saviours.org or 484-3133) or Jody Schult (schult78@comcast.net or 226-4974) or Andrea Jones (aiji jones22@yahoo.com or (402) 540-8859) Confidential scholarship assistance is available by contacting Pastor Leta. We don't want anyone to miss because of the cost!

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Welcoming all through serving

Outside Our Walls

A thank you note from Homelessness Prevention Initiative was received thanking those who attended the Community Thanksgiving service for donating \$3811.00 this year. These funds will be used to help families in our community stay in their homes.

Outside Our Walls recently contributed \$200 to help International Health Partners meet a challenge grant to get a container of medical equipment and supplies to the Children's Hospital at Zinga, Tanzania. A thank you note to the congregation was received from Dr. Dennis and Paula Lofstrom of IHP for this generous donation.

Outside Our Walls is always welcoming new members. Our mission is to provide the congregation the avenue to donate supplies and economic support for non-profit organizations of the ELCA, the City of Fort Collins and other organizations here and world wide. We welcome new ideas of organizations for us to help. We meet the first Tuesday of every month except July. We honor everyone's busy lives by limiting our meetings to one hour. Please consider joining this committee.

For December and the first week of January, OSLC congregation donated 109 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Larimer County. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Food Bank.







As FFH begins its second full calendar year of operation, we give thanks for the 19 families that we sheltered and fed this past year. By taking away the worry of immediate housing and food, we gave them precious time and resources to focus their energy on achieving self-sufficiency. Thanks be to God for the devoted care of so many at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Worship, learning & serving in groups.



Faith-based Caregiver Support Group: Are you stressed out or overwhelmed with caring for an aging parent, your spouse or friend? Need some support, direction and hope? You are not alone! **Starting on January 20th** let's get together on **Mondays from 12:30 - 1:30pm in the "Faithfulness" room** to support each other by sharing our challenges, tactics and hope. The group will be facilitated by a Stephen Minister who is also a caregiver. No registration necessary. Open to the public. Contact Colleen at (970) 214-2894 for more information or if you desire to meet on a different time or day.

Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers Is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced Class Leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take te "tools" you choose and put them into action for your life.

You will receive a book, *The Caregiver Helpbook*, developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defreay the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

Classes will be held at **OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN**, 2000 S. Lemay Ave, Ft. Collins from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Sessions are held every Thursday and **begin FEBRUARY 27TH**. For more information or **to register**, **call COLLEEN at 970-214-2894**, **or email Colleen@SrLifeSolutionsLLC.com**. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.



OSLC Book Club:

All are welcome at the OSLC Book Club. Read some new books, make connections with interesting people, and enjoy lively discussions.

We are now meeting on the first Monday of each month, 7-8:30 pm.

If you have a good book to recommend, would like to host a meeting, or have any questions please contact Diana Hutchinson.

Upcoming Schedule (subject to change)

Z	Føb 3rd -	Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife - Chen Alexander; host Ruth Brown				
1	March 3rd	My Stroke of Insight - Jill Bolte Taylor				
	April 7	Benediction - Kent Haruf				



Winterfest

February 21-23, 2014 YMCA. Estes Park

\$240/family

Join us for family fun in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

If you are interested, please contact
Christie Reimer
at christiereimer@gmail.com or
(970)225-0532. \$100 deposit due to reserve room.

Small Groups

BIBLE STUDY SERIES-Tuesdays, 7PM-8:30PM or Thursdays 9:30-11:00AM

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on Thursday, February 27th at 6:45pm at the home of Barb Slattenow.

QUILTING GROUP - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

KINDRED KWILTERS-meet 3rd Thursdays, 9:30am-4pm; Mary Huwa contact person

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Thursdays, 6:45am @ Village Inn.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT- welcomes all to bring their scrapbooking or other craft projects for the evening. Fruits of the Spirit will be meeting to work on your individual scrapbooking, stamping, or other craft projects.

VALENTINE'S JOY LUNCH: Thursday, February 6, 2014: Social starting at 11:30 am; lunch served at noon. We will have love songs presented by Trinity's own 2 very talented members, Tyler Borkowski, accompanied by Marcia Yernberg. The menu for this special luncheon is Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salad, Veggie Medley, Mushroom Rice, Dinner Roll, Valentine Dessert, and Beverages, prepared by our favorite Chef Joe Ayres. Please call Mary Wolpert at 420-3591 by Monday, February 3rd to sign up and advise of any dietary restrictions.

Thanks!

Jennifer Meyer-Salazar, Director of Communications and Publications

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stewardship of our resources...

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE								
	2013							
[DEC		YEAR TO DATE					
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET				
TOTAL GIVING	86,928	52,694	590,979	632,326				
LESS EXPENSES	52,623	52,694	571,590	632,326				
CASH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	34,304		19,389					

From the Environmental Stewardship Committee:

Take back. Manufacturers continue to work with governments and retailers to expand take-back options for consumers' unwanted medications, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, mattresses and more. Find regional listings of locations at <u>takeitbacknetwork.org</u> and <u>takebackyourmeds.org</u>.

Recycle

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity Housewarming Party

Saturday, January 25, 2014
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Event Venue
The Moot House
2626 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80525



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Get a financial check-up and breathe a sigh of relief

We schedule time for annual checkups for our health and cars, but what about finances? When was the last time you met with your financial professional? If you haven't reviewed your financial strategy recently, it's time for a check-up.

Even minor changes can affect your financial health

Changes in your life, the economy and markets can affect your goals and the path you take to reach them. That's why it's important to review your financial strategy at least once a year so you can stay on track with your goals.

A financial check-up gives you and your financial professional the opportunity to look at where you are now, where you want to go and how you can get there. If you find some adjustments are needed, you can discuss options to help you stay financially healthy.

Get a free financial checkup

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FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

February 2

February 9

February 16

February 23

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.



Dorothy Pederson (Matt's mother); **Johanna Carpine** (friend of Ann & Steve Story); all service men & women

God bless our praying.

2014 Annual Music Workshop for all Singers

WHO/WHAT

A yearly event presented to the public by The Lutheran Chorale, a nonprofit and SCFD supported organization.

The Chorale and guest singers will perform Lee Holdridge's 'Hymns Triumphant Part I'. Lee combines 42 of our world-wide favorite hymns in a glorious arrangement.

HOW

Please tell to everyone you know, announce it to your choir and visit your neighborhood churches. E-mail this announcement to everyone, too.

Contact the Chorale directly to register: thelutheranchorale@comcast.net

or contact me (Linda Blandin) at e-mail lin-60@hotmail.com My phone number is 303-973-1161.

We would simply need the names of singers the week before but it is not a problem to have walk-ins. And, we are not limited to just church choirs - all singers are invited.

WHEN/WHERE:

Saturday, Feb. 8th: 9:00am Registration and breakfast

The Lee Holdridge piece 'Hymns Triumphant' is the core of the workshop. We also break for sessions such as breathing, voice training, the aging voice, etc We'll break for lunch - also at no cost to our attendees.

Sunday, February 9th: all singers are invited to join us in the performance of this piece the following day (Sunday, Feb 9) at a3:00 concert.

This year we are at St. Philip Lutheran Church

7531 South Kendall St., Littleton, CO 80127

WHY:

'He who sings, prays twice' (St. Augustine)

We will not be selling tickets to the concert but will ask for 'donations' to be given to an as yet to be determined nonprofit organization.

For more information visit our website is www.thelutheranchorale.org

SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS HIRING!

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Fort Collins is currently seeking applicants to fill a part time Office Assistant position. The position is 20 hours per week, Tuesday through Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM. A detailed job description which includes responsibilities, qualifications and compensation is available by email at nancy@sojoyfc.org with 'Office Assistant Job Description' as your subject line or pick up a copy from the church office at 4501 S. Lemay, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Application deadline is February 16. You may email your resume with a cover letter to nancy@sojoyfc.org or deliver it to the Spirit of Joy office. If you require additional information, please contact Nancy McNair at 223-5303/nancy@sojoyfc.org

"WE ARE AN OFFERING" my/our Christian faithand trust in the mission of Christ In response to God's love and as an expression of my/ This is my/our plan for giving and affirming ou may cut this portion off and keep for our faith in Christ and His Church, I/we plan to give as through Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. follows: Our Saviour's LUTHERAN CHURCH **MY/OUR COMMITMENT IS TO GIVE \$** COMMITMENT CARD per month our own records. or I am committed to giving to the ministries of OSLC, but am uncertain of the amount. Amount Name (Optional) This plan may be revised or canceled at any time by my request. Please take your completed card to the table in the narthex during worship or place it in the commitment box by the end of February.

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