

**Our Saviour's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 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.*



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## Pre-Annual Budget Review Forums

January 19th & 26th, 2014

9:45 am - Room 11E

Saturday, January 25th @ 6:30 PM

## Annual Meeting

January 26, 2014

Noon - Sanctuary



## **EPIPHANY EVENT** **JANUARY 5, 2014**

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**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 12**  
**9:00 - 11:30 AM at OSLC**  
**(Come for coffee at 8:30)**

## SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Topic: Unleashing God's Power

Into our lives            Into the church            Into the world

Please indicate your intention to attend on a signup sheet in the narthex  
which will enable us to provide appropriate seating and material.

Pastor Fred



## Pastor's Page



*Matthew 5:16--In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (our January memory verse!)*



You are the light of the world, you are the light of the world. So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are the light of the world.

The above is one of my favorite scripture songs and it goes on to remind us that we are candles in the dark, cities on a hill, salt of the earth--all words from Jesus in Matthew chapter 5. This will be our focus for the season of Epiphany, and the time after, before we approach Lent--how the light that has come into the world through Jesus is also the light that shines through us and with us at all times. To be reminded that we have light and that we are light is a gift to our souls, our purpose and our outlook on a new year. To have light is to know that even when that darkness is overwhelming Christ's light promises to break through. To BE light is to know that our own actions in our daily lives reflect the light of Christ and communicate God's purpose and love. In this season of light we are reminded and assured of this hope, promise, and calling. January brings on the desire to approach the new year with resolutions, good intentions, and new goals. Some of these will come to fruition and some will not! One thing I like to do is pick a guiding word for the year--just one word or short phrase that will walk with me, sit with me, and remind me of a way to focus for the year. As I write this, (in Advent, pre Christmas!) I have not yet picked my word but when you read this I will have one and you can feel free to ask me! Some words that others I know have picked have been words like "peace", "let", "embrace", "move", "be" and these words have pulled them back to themselves and their center at times when they needed it and these words have motivated them forward in new pursuits and goals. I encourage you to pick a word as well--write out a few that come to mind and try them on for a few days. Let them be with you. You may connect with a word immediately so go with that! Or you may need a few days to ponder. But see if you can find something that connects with your spirit and your heart in this new year. Share it with others and see how the Spirit of God and light move within you and among you! As we walk this year together let us know that we are walking in the light of God together. That even in the dark, even on the rough paths, even facing the unknown that we do not face it alone. We are a community called to light with and for one another and God is with us every step of the way.

On the Journey in the Light with You,

+Pastor Leta Behrens

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### Why Spirituality?

Isn't it enough that we learn all we can about God and the plan of salvation which includes Jesus as God's response to the broken world and our own broken lives?

That, of course, is a typical misconceived notion which demonstrates the way we short circuit God's plan for us. There is so much more that is critical. Faith is not 'what' or 'how much' we know 'about' God but about actually 'knowing' God.

To counteract this prevalent misconception it helps to go back in our thinking to the Biblical story of God's original plan and action as depicted in the story of Adam and Eve. What exactly is the message there?

Clearly the story reveals that God's intent was (and is) to create a close and viable relationship with those persons who had been created in God's own image as differentiated from the rest of creation. That from all evidence was why humankind was created - relationship.

We know all too well the outcome of that story as it appears in Genesis as well as it shows up in our own lives. It is not a pretty picture. God's original intent, however, was to have a loving relationship that would bring joy to both God and humankind.

That relationship is what spirituality is all about. It is not about meditation or stillness or listening to the direction of the Holy Spirit. These acts are 'functions' of spirituality. They are important ways to pursue a spiritual journey with God. Nevertheless, the significance of spirituality itself lies within the journey with the Holy One. It is becoming more and more 'aware' of living close to God every moment of every day.

We are certainly called to love and serve our neighbors. That is the way we serve and please God making the world a better place. The inspiration, energy and direction for that piece, however, come from the dynamics of our relationship with the Holy One.

For us to please God by serving our neighbor, we must first nourish the original relationship God has established with us - remembering the Genesis story, and why we are here in the first place. If the strength of our relationship with God is compromised by our inattention, we then become less effective in all else that we do, and the world suffers the loss. God has established a life-giving relationship with us. It is our responsibility to nourish it.

It is exactly the same as losing oxygen on an airline flight and our putting on our own oxygen mask first, before we attempt to help anyone else.

Pastor Fred Castor, Spiritual Guide



# Welcoming all through worship...

## Worship & Music Corner, January 2014

### Epiphany Worship

#### Light of the World

Throughout the month of January, we will be focusing on the image of “light” in worship. We will begin the month with the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will continue that celebration through the Baptism of our Lord on January 12<sup>th</sup>. When we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord on the 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a chance to remember our own baptism into Christ’s all redeeming love, and we will spend time focusing on the life giving waters of baptism.

Throughout the month, we will also have sacred space and object lessons that lift up the idea/image of “light”. Our memory verse for the month of January will serve as a reminder of how we are all called to be a light for others, and that our lives may glorify our Father in heaven.

#### Light of the World – January Memory Verse

Our memory verse for the month of January is Matthew 5:12

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”*

### CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS!

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church is extremely blessed to have so many talented people that help make our Advent and Christmas services and activities so meaningful & worshipful! Heartfelt thanks needs to be given to the following:

- Our Sunday School Children and Youth for the outstanding Christmas Program, “The 12 Prayers of Christmas”. You retold the Christmas story beautifully! Thanks also to the dedicated tribe leaders and teachers. Special thanks to Carol Bisbee for her musical skills, Kendra Hanson for her directing leadership, Kara Brown for her help and support, and Chloe Halvorson for her musician-ship and help.
- Our Chancel Choir and guest musicians for the beautiful Christmas Cantata, “Sing we now of Christmas!”. Special thanks to Sheri McKelfresh and Crystal Kerr for their leadership and musical skills!
- All the various musical groups, soloists, ensembles and musicians who contributed to our 4 Christmas Eve services! Each service is a special celebration, led by wonderful musicians! Thank you for your time, dedication, and love that you put into our Christmas celebrations!



## January Worship Schedule

### January 5:

ELW 4 - EPIPHANY  
Special Music, (8:30 & 11:00)

### January 12:

He Is Our Peace & ELW 10 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
Celebration Band (8:30)  
Consensus Brass (11:00)

### January 19:

Now the Feast and Celebration  
Youth Choirs & Cherubs (8:30)  
Chancel & Bell Choirs (11:00)

### January 26:

With One Voice  
Windstrings (8:30 & 11:00)

# Welcoming all through learning...

Join the  
Conversation! 

## *Bible Studies for the New Year*

Beginning in January (January 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>), a 5-week study on the Book of Hebrews will be offered. Unlike any of the other letters in the New Testament, Hebrews is a strange and fascinating book. Rich in imagery and theological content, the contribution of this book is significant and helpful for our walk in the Christian faith.

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 For January Sundays 9:45-10:45AM**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** class will join all ages as we explore Epiphany.

**January 12<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### Preschool News

The craft fair is just a memory in our minds at this time. We want to thank everyone for your donations of baked goods, volunteering at the front table, the kitchen and the Flea Market. As always your generous support of our ministry at Our Saviour's overwhelms me and I am most grateful. We made around \$4000.00 dollars.

Our first week in December we decorated our room. We made Santa wishes, put up our beautiful tree and went on a field trip to Ft. Collins Nursery. They taught us how to make wreaths, we made our own bough to take home and they gave us a beautiful wreath to have in our classroom. Thank you to all our parents who braved the cold weather that day.

The second week we visited countries around the world. Germany first so St. Nicolas could fill our shoes with candy and oranges. Thank You to our ringing bell St. Nick. My favorite time of the year as we watch the wonderment in their sweet eyes in the Christmas magic. Next we headed to Russia learning all about Babushka. I think her message of cleaning all the time and not taking time to remember why we celebrate this season is a good lesson. Off to Mexico and the legend of the Poinsettia plant. Of course the children thought we should keep celebrating Germany to see if they would get more candy in their shoes, smart children.

The third week in December we made surprise gifts for our parents, we made bead Christmas Trees or candy canes, we made a tree with buttons glued on, a beautiful Christmas Angel and Jingle bell necklaces. We had a Christmas party and began a much needed rest before we head back in January. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season from the Preschool.

### January 2013 - Library Pages:

Look forward to a display in January of the 77 new titles we ordered which cover children's, teens, and adults. Many titles come from suggestion from our Pastors as well as guest speakers and adult ministry forums.

If you saw the note in the yellow insert you would see that we have posted a list of titles missing (checked out) that we found during our inventory this fall. Please take a look at the list and then under that couch at home. Thank you!

Please put the year down on the check out card and a phone number.



# Welcoming all through serving...

## Outside Our Walls

THANKS TO ALL who gave Christmas gifts to children in the Salvation Army's angel gift program this year. We had a record of 100 children receiving donated Christmas gifts from Our Saviour's. The Salvation Army expects to give out 900 gifts through this program. This was the third year of OSLC's partnership with the local branch of the Salvation Army. Also, thank you for about a dozen gift cards for Mosaic residents who gain dignity and independence through participation in Mosaic.





## God Sighting Lorraine & Duke



What did your Mama tell you growing up? Most of us probably remember the funny things, such as put on clean underwear in case you are in an accident and have to go to the hospital...or “religious” things such as don’t sew on Sunday. Along with those teachings, our Mamas also taught us powerful things about life, faith, and giving.. Lorraine Melgosa learned well from her mama.

Chris Vanderveen of 9 News recently aired a piece on Lorraine Melgosa from Manzanola, CO.

Lorraine who also just happens to be OSLC member, Kathleen Schmidtke’s sister. Lorraine (aka “Rainy”) and Kathy’s mama always raised them to believe that whatever gift God gives you, you have to use that for the better of society.

One way that Lorraine applied those teachings to her life is through the family business, Wellington Carriage Company. Her service to fallen soldiers began in 2005 when a soldier from Manzanola was killed in the war. She offered the services of her family business on the condition that the family could not offer her one cent. Lorraine told reporter Vanderveen that it brings you to your knees to know that a stranger has died for you...and you just have to do what you can do to honor that person and try to live a life that is worthy of someone dying for you. Since then, whenever a CO soldier dies in the war, her 1867 hand carved caisson and pulling Percheron arrive to accompany the family on the soldier’s final few steps. Lorraine has done 50 funerals now and is retiring for health reasons.

Lorraine’s sister Kathleen has been active with the OSLC youth for many years. Many confirm-ands may remember the Moonlight Parties and running through the field on the Schmidtke property east of Fort Collins.

God has given each of us a gift, that when given to others, edifies the Body of Christ. Our gifts are each different, unique and each a treasure. Thank you Lorraine , Kathy and your Mama for your gifts you have shared with all of us.

The newscast is a beautiful piece, well worth taking a few moments to watch. You can also visit Lorraine on Facebook to see more pictures: .



Duke the Funeral Horse-Wellington Carriage Company

<http://www.9news.com/video/2902689603001/1/Final-journey-for-woman-devoted-to-honoring-the-fallen>

# Worship, learning & serving in groups...

## Welcome Ministry News

### *Winter Newcomers Series:*

The next newcomers series will start up at the end of this month on Sunday, January 26th. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of OSLC, please contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Leta, any Welcome Ministry team member, or the office for information or to let us know you will be attending the sessions. You may also visit the Welcome Table in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



### **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

#### **WINTER NEWCOMERS SERIES...**

For those who are interested in learning more about the life of our church

#### **Newcomers Classes in room 11E:**

Sunday, January 26 at 9:45 a.m.: Lutheran Identity  
Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45 p.m.: Church Identity  
Sunday, February 2 at 9:45 a.m.: Individual Identity

#### **Brunch for Newcomers and Sponsors:**

Sunday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

#### **New Member Reception:**

Sunday, February 23 at the 11:00 a.m. service,  
followed by a cake reception in the fellowship hall

All are Welcome!

Please contact the O.S.L.C. office if you have any questions  
or are interested in attending the series.

970-484-3133



### *Faith Groups...*

The Welcome Ministry is available to help you develop a small Faith Group for study and fellowship. Resource ideas and information on building and sustaining a group are available at the Welcome Table. Stop by and find out how you can participate with others to grow in your faith and enjoy the fellowship of friends at OSLC.

*We welcome...* new team members Sean & Becky Shelley to the Welcome Ministry! We are so happy to have the Shelleys join us!

### *OSLC Welcome Ministry Team:*

Kent Mueller, Ramona Johnson, Lisa Olsen, Linda Bury, Tracey Ebert, Debra Dunn, Larry Dunn, Mike Hoover, Peg Hoover, Kyle Nelson, Sue Samber, Sean Shelley, Becky Shelley.



## OSLC 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.

Jan 20th	<b>Brain on Fire</b> by Susannah Cahalan
Feb 3rd -	<b>Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife</b> - Eben Alexander
March 3rd	<b>My Stroke of Insight</b> - Jill Bolte Taylor

The HS Youth would like to thank all of you who came to the lasagna dinner and donated to the HS Summer Trip Fund. We raised almost \$2100. Thank you very much!

Elisa would like to thank the HS Youth, parents/guardians, and congregation members who gave their time and energy to help with the lasagna dinner. It is because of all of you that it is such a success every year. Thanks for all of your hard work!



### 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 [chirstiereimer@gmail.com](mailto:chirstiereimer@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, January 23rd at 6:45pm at the home of Barb Slattenow.

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

**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.

Thank You to everyone who helped out with the College Care Packages in November. They were a big hit and helped share the love and let them know that they are being thought of from everyone at OSLC.

Thanks,  
Jeremy Still

# Stewardship of our resources...

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

### Recycle Glass by taking to City drop-off site

Most glass put in curb-side recycle bins does not get recycled; it is often used to make asphalt or ends up in the land-fill. To make sure waste glass is recycled, you need to take it to the City's Recycling Drop-off site at 1702 Riverside Avenue, and place it in the glass recycle bin.



**Recycle**

Hospitality is such a major theme in the Bible. Hospitality is also a HUGE theme for Lutheran Campus Ministry. We welcome new people most every Sunday and many at the beginning of each semester. One way that we get to know people is at our dinners after worship on Sundays and at our dinner on Thursdays during our "Thoughts on Faith" program. Eating around a table and sharing about our week is a great way to get to know each other.

You can help us make a difference in the lives of college students by bringing food for a Sunday night dinner. You can sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFAE2DA6F85-sunday>

You can also send us a grocery gift card so that LCM has money to buy food for Sunday nights and for our Thursday night meals. Grocery gift cards from any grocery are appreciated and can be sent to: Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU, 805 South Shields, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

If you have questions, you can call LCM at [970-482-2160](tel:970-482-2160).

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## Ring in the New Year with financial resolutions

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are four financial resolutions to help you get started:

**Establish a budget** based on what you spent last year, taking into account the variable prices of gas, heating and food.

**Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50 a month to your mortgage payment.

**Prioritize major purchases** you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.

**Meet with a legal professional to review your will or estate plan** to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2014 financial strategy, contact Jeff Losh, Financial Consultant, FIC at (970) 744-4629 or [jeff.losh@thrivent.com](mailto:jeff.losh@thrivent.com) today or visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).

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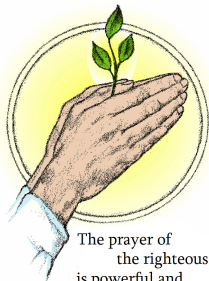




**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP**

- January 5
- January 12
- January 19
- January 26

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.



The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

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

*God bless our praying.*

**Another Version of the Roots of The Twelve Days of Christmas (December 2013 Signal, p. 15):** "In 1979, a Canadian hymnologist, Hugh D. McKellar, published an article, "How to Decode the Twelve Days of Christmas", claiming that "The Twelve Days of Christmas" lyrics were intended as a catechism song to help young Catholics learn their faith, at a time when practising Catholicism was criminalized in England (1558 until 1829). McKellar offered no evidence for his claim and subsequently admitted that the purported associations were his own invention.<sup>[27]</sup> The idea was further popularized by a Catholic priest, Fr. Hal Stockert, in an article he wrote in 1982 and posted online in 1995.<sup>[28][29][30]</sup> None of the enumerated items would distinguish Catholics from Protestants, and so would hardly need to be secretly encoded.<sup>[31]</sup>"

Contributed by Shelley Arneson.

## A RESOLVE

For Every Morning of the New Year

**I** will this day try to live  
 a simple & sincere and  
 serene life & repelling  
 promptly every thought of  
 discontent, anxiety, discouragement,  
 impurity and self-seeking & cultivating  
 cheerfulness & magnanimity, charity,  
 and the habit of holy silence & exercising  
 economy in expenditure, carefulness  
 in conversation diligence in appointed  
 service, fidelity to every trust  
 and a child-like trust in God

 From a Calendar by Bishop John H. Vincent

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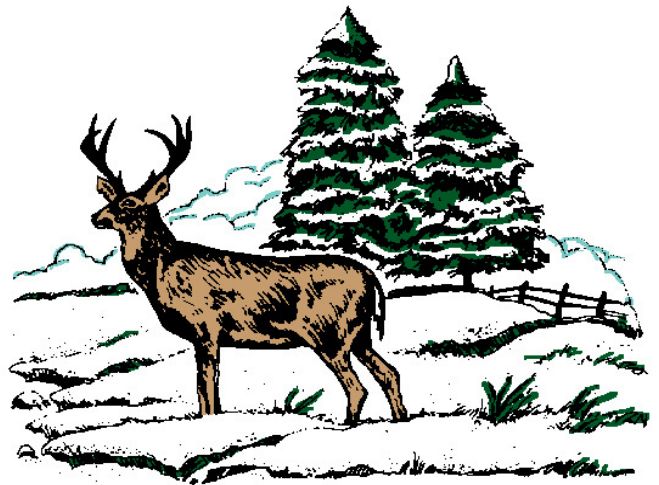
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