

Our Saviour's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.*



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - April 17th, 7:00 pm

*Holy Communion with Thomas Mass, Foot Washing,
and Stripping the Altar*

Good Friday - April 18th, 7:00 pm

*Tenebrae - Service of Darkness,
God's Word & Musical Depth to enrich our telling of
the Saving Story*

Saturday Easter Vigil - April 19th, 5:30 pm

(Family Friendly & Playful)

Resurrection of Our Lord- Easter, April 20th

****7:00 am**

(Sunrise Service, communion)

****9:00 & 11:00 am**

(Festive, Communion)

Boy Scout Breakfast **9:00-10:45am, Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt **10:00am

(Bring Your Own Basket)

****Please note time change from last year's schedule.**



*Help make the Palm crosses that we wear
during worship on Palm Sunday!*

**April 9th, during the Soup Supper
(5:00-6:30) in the Fellowship
Hall**

*Sylvia Daire will be there to tutor you on the
process. They are very easy to make!*

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Pastor's Page

Pastor's note:

Do you know what Christmas character I felt like at Easter last year? The Inn Keeper. At our 8:30 AM service, we were saying to way too many people, there is not enough room (in the Inn). There were people in chairs all the way down the hall to the nursery. This is a wonderful opportunity that we that we need to address, and we want your help to deal with it. We also want you to be aware of how we are trying to alleviate the crowding issue. Finally we want you to know that there is a distinct possibility that these steps simply won't alleviate the issue enough. This means that we may have to come up with some other solutions that will more greatly alter our Easter traditions in the future, but better allow us to serve the community that would like to join us on that day.

For this Easter we are moving our sunrise service to 7AM. We are hoping this later start time might assuage a few more of you to attend this service. We believe the more of you that come to this service or to our Saturday night Easter Vigil will aid the bigger problem which is the extremely high attendance at our next service. That service time will move to 9:00 AM followed by the 11:00 AM service. I realize it is an inconvenience to not go to the service time that you would prefer, but if a few of you would switch it would allow a better worship experience for our friends and visitors. This sacrifice would be appreciated by all.

Hospitality is something that we pride ourselves in as a congregation, but hospitality in worship is often thought of as largely the pastors job, or the welcome committees. I want to encourage you to take steps to help us to be more hospitable in worship.

Other things to consider include asking yourself, Who is sitting next to you in worship? Have you introduced yourselves? Look further, do you see anyone new in worship? Welcome them and invite them to ask question, or direct them to someone who can better answer them.

If we all take steps such as these we can become a more welcoming community through this hospitality.

Pastor Michael Stadtmueller
michael@our-saviours.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Life's Essential Spiritual Graces

Spirituality is a 'heart' rather than a 'head' experience. As we make our way through the forest of life, we use both 'head' and 'heart' to find our way and stay on course.

However, most of the instruction we receive along the way increases the 'head' information. We receive only a minimal amount of information that informs the 'heart'. This piece that you are now reading is a meager but deliberate attempt to augment that.

The main source of 'heart' training comes from our families. There we should experience and learn about LOVE, FORGIVENESS, GENEROSITY, CLOSENESS AND JOY. These are all truly spiritual graces - 'heart' qualities. They operate as spinal discs located between vertebra to cushion our movements throughout life. If families do not provide these spiritual cushions, living life is far more difficult and painful.

The church, called into being by God's Holy Spirit, was designed and destined to direct and assist in this process of spiritual 'heart' development and sustainment. Many of us have found significant sustenance within the church. Sadly, many have not for a variety of reasons; some the fault of the church, some the fault of the person, and some from cultural evolution.

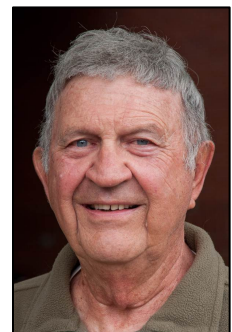
Alas, the church has not remained true to its original design to be a 'spiritual haven' for all of God's people. It must somehow recapture that role and return to its designed purpose of nurturing the spirits of all of God's people. The basic principle in architectural design can be applied here: form follows function. The function of the church is to be a spiritual oasis for God's people. Everything we do should reflect that principle.

When it comes to LOVE, FORGIVENESS, GENEROSITY AND CLOSENESS and other spiritual graces that make life more livable and joyful, these spiritual graces cannot be taught (head), but must be 'caught' - experienced (heart).

We learn them by experiencing them. In turn, we learn to share them. They become the way we do life. They cushion life against the hard knocks that occur without fail along the way.

Spiritual graces are not optional but absolutely essential for our survival and the survival of all of humanity. They are divinely designed and unequivocally mandated to get us safely through life.

Pastor Fred Castor, Spiritual Guide



Welcoming all through worship...

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 6 - With One Voice
8:30 & 11:00- Windstrings

April 13- PALM SUNDAY-
He Is Our Peace
8:30 & 11:00 - Celebration Band

April 17- Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM - Bell Choir

April 18 - Good Friday
7:00 PM - All choirs and various musicians

April 19 - Easter Vigil
7:00 PM - Celebration Band

April 20- Easter Sunday
7:00 AM - Accoustic Celebration
9:00 & 11:00 AM - Festive Celebration - All choirs, Brass, & Percussion

April 27 - ELW 10 - with Consensus Brass
8:30 AM - CCC Singers
11:00 AM - Consensus Brass

HOLY WEEK - Follow Christ's Footprints through the Stations of the Cross

Throughout Holy Week, you will have the opportunity to follow Christ on His journey through the Stations of the Cross. These stations- of art, action, and prayer- will be set up in our Sunday School wing, for you to follow at your leisure during the week. There will also be a short service and walk through, led by Pastor Michael and Pastor Leta, at noon on Good Friday. Please consider taking time to join in and reflect on this long time Christian Holy Week tradition.

Easter Memory Verse – Jesus said to the disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” (John 14:1)

**CELEBRATING JESUS' RESURRECTION WITH FLOWERS
FOR THE EASTER GARDEN**

The Altar Guild is ordering Flowers for the Easter Garden again this year to decorate the church. If you would like to order flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please sign below and return to the church office with a check for **\$13.00 payable to OSLC**. Please fill out a separate form for each plant ordered. Orders are **due by Monday, April 14th**. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 am Easter Service. *Please place in offering plate or turn in to the church office.*

Your Name: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Specify: Lily _____ Spring Bulb Plant _____

Please check one: Check _____ Cash _____

I will pick up my flowers: Yes _____ No _____



March 9-April 13: Lent- No Flowers
April 20-Easter Lilies & Spring Flowers
(Order Form Above)
April 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.



Jack Means; Margaret Means; Dorothy Pederson
(Matt's mother); **Johanna Carpine** (friend of Ann & Ste-
Story); all service men & women
God bless our praying.

Pray Without Ceasing _____

Welcoming all through learning...



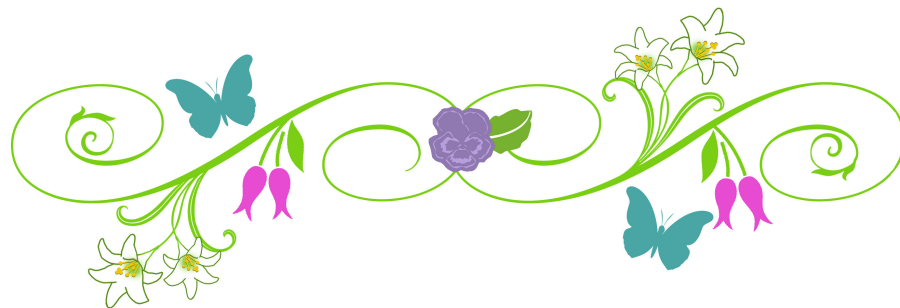
Our first week we studied our five senses. We smelled lots of fun smells, well I thought they were fun some children didn't quite agree with me. They were amazed at the fact that they could feel in a bag and figure out what they had without actually seeing the object. Having your feet painted, walking through it and stepping in warm water was a great way to experience the sense of touch. We figured out all of our senses at once with an air popper and popcorn. I left the lid off and we watched it pop all over the room. Eating it after was the best.

The second week we studied all about Ocean. We made Oceans in a bag, Jelly fish, a Rainbow fish, a shell collage and everyone's favorite sand castle art. They love to say stop with each different color of sand and explain to their parents not to shake their bottle and mess up their sand pattern.

The third week was a well needed spring break and we hope everyone comes back well rested and ready to finish out the year.

Our last week we will wear ear plugs as we celebrate Music week. A favorite of our children and a bit loud for Ms. Nancy and me. We will paint to music, make music shakers, and a Rat-ta-tat-tat. We will visit Boomer's Music store and learn a bit more about instruments.

Enrollment for 2015=2016 is moving along very nicely. We have 8 spots open in M-W-F am class, 14 M-W-F pm class, and 11 in our T/Th class. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in a loving, wonderful, fun Preschool give us a call at 484-7412.



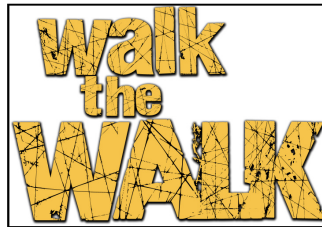
All-Church Lenten Events



Join us for crafts, piñata making, egg dying, and a service project for Nicaragua at the Palm Sunday Event on Sunday, April 13th at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.

WE NEED HARD BOILED EGGS to dye, so please bring them with you to church that morning. Thanks!

Contact Kristen Reese: reesemk2000@comcast.net or [970-282-0525](tel:970-282-0525) if you would like to help.



Walk the Walk and then join us for food and fellowship at Fossil Creek Park. Sunday April 13th starting at 4:30PM

On Palm Sunday we will be connecting our Lenten Theme of Journeying by Walking the Walk. Join us by walking or biking to Fossil Creek Parks Picnic Pavilion. We will join with Zion in Loveland who has joined in this Lenten Theme. Please bring Potluck side dishes and we will provide the meat for a grill out. You can choose how far you walk or bike, but a group of us will leave from the church on bikes at 4:00PM. We also will have a walking group leave from Kruse Elementary at the same time.

Our High School Youth are building houses in Nicaragua with cinder block and rebar. The cost for the houses total \$5,000 dollars. Thrivent Choice dollars will match every dollar you give towards their goal. We are asking you to sponsor all walker bikers collectively towards our maximum goal of 200 miles walked/biked the park. So for instance a sponsoring of 50 cents per mile would be a commitment of 100 dollars towards the house if we reach our goal. You can sign up to sponsor this event at church.

Welcoming all through serving...

Outside Our Walls

Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Suppers will continue in April for two weeks. Listed below are the host groups. **Each supper starts at 5:15 and ends at 6:30 p.m.** Soup in crock pots may be brought during the day (ask office to help plug in). **Please sign up at the table in the Narthex.**

Soup Suppers



Date:

April 2: Confirmation Students, Parents and Mentors

April 9: High School Youth, Stephen Ministers, and Leah Circle

Host groups are asked to bring soup, bread and crackers and set up, attend the serving table and clean up the supper. Set up begins at 4:00.

The recipients of the Soup Supper donations will be shared equally between The Food Bank of Larimer County and ELCA World Hunger.

Supporting Other Ministries

Lutheran Family Services is having a luncheon on Thursday April 10th from Noon to 1:15PM at the Drake Centre . This is their annual fundraiser, but also a great opportunity to find out more about the organization. Donations can be made to LFS directly through the church. We encourage this as we use these donations to sponsor this event. We also like to encourage you to attend if you'd like to know more about this great organization. Please call the office if you would like to join our luncheon no later than April 2nd to reserve a spot at the luncheon

Faith Family Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Please join us for our FFH Volunteer Recognition Dinner
Friday, April 4, 2014, at 6:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E Stuart Street.

This gathering will be a way to celebrate our many volunteers, without whom the Faith Family Hospitality program couldn't exist!



Faith Family Hospitality

We are always wondering what more we can do and how our guest families are going to move forward to meet their goals. Sue Peterson has a "program" in which families need to meet with her regularly to keep her up to date on their plans. Another less obvious need, but equally important, is making a healthy supportive relationship between families in the program and families in our congregation. Lets consider, as a faith community, how we can help foster supportive relationships.

Sometimes, families are for various reasons unable to work her program and that is when she has to make the difficult decision about participating in our program. Her decision to remove a family is difficult and sometimes sad, but our program needs to remain strong and supportive for everyone.

Families

This week Lori and her son left the program and we will have another family joining us in their place. For the families still in the program these times of transition can be challenging as the dynamics change and they adjust. For those who are new there are many uncertainties, and new things to learn, so please be mindful of this when helping them settle in.

UPDATE ON DAY CENTER

We still need people with construction experience who can help volunteer some time to help with the shower conversion project at the Mennonite Fellowship (Oak and Mathews) over the next month. If you know people in your congregation who would enjoy this opportunity to contribute to the work of FFH in a different way please put them in touch with me. (daycenterffh@gmail.com).

Don't forget to contact Lee at GLYahnke@Gmail.com if you are coming to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 4, 2014, 6pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E Stuart Street.



Worship, learning & serving in groups...

FAITH GROUPS

A small group is a great way to build friendships, grow in faith and support one another and the community. The Welcome Ministry would like to encourage members to consider developing a Faith Group with others at Our Saviour's. The Welcome Ministry Team, Library Committee Members and our Pastors can provide additional resource ideas and guidance for getting started.

Small Group Format:

- Small group of up to 12 people meeting for fellowship, support and learning.
- Groups can be based on common interests, life situation, etc.
- Group decides frequency, time and length of gatherings
- (Ex: 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings – 6:00 – 8:30 - break for the summer)
- Rotating host homes (or other setting) – Devotion / light refreshments provided by host

Agenda Ideas:

- Community time – visit and catch up as people arrive
- Devotion – Opening Prayer
- Discussion of current book or other resource material / topic chosen by the group
- Closing prayer (share thoughts / joys / concerns – host can give or start a prayer)
- Fellowship time / light refreshments

New to the Church? Spring Newcomer Classes

Our Saviour's will be hosting New Member Orientation Classes - this is a great opportunity to learn more and ask questions. The classes meet in Room 11E - the dates and times:

Sunday, April 27th, 9:45 Lutheran Identity

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 Church Identity

Sunday, May 4th, 9:45 Individual Identity

Sunday May 18th, 11:00am Welcome Brunch with your sponsors

Sunday, June 1st, 11:00 New Member Reception

Please visit the Welcome Table or with the Pastors if you have questions. If possible, please call the church office at (970) 484-3133 to let us know if you plan to attend. All are welcome and nursery is provided.



OSLC Book Club:

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

There are copies of the book for March in the church library. Feel free to borrow a copy - just write your name on the book roster in the book club kit bin. We meet 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:

Date	Book - Author	Hostess
Apr 7	Benediction - Kent Haruf	Wanda Knauer & Robin Castor – church library
May 5	My Stroke of Insight - Jill Bolte Taylor	Bill & Sally Withers
Jun 2	We are all completely beside ourselves - Karen Joy Fowler	Diana Hutchinson
Jul 7	Let the Great World Spin - Colum McCann Fort Collins Reads 2014 community book	
Aug 4	Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend - Matthew Dicks	



Small Groups

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

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on April 24th 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.

OSLC SCRAPBOOK CIRCLE - Are you a scrapbooker, stamper, or otherwise "crafty"? The OSCL Scrapbook Circle hosts a monthly crop night, usually on a Friday night. Please join us on April 4th from 6:00 to midnight at the church. If you would like to join the group, please contact Stephanie Selig at csselig@comcast.net or 204-1910 for more information and to be added to the email invitation list.

Stewardship of our resources...

LFS has a NEW NAME! Visit our website for more information.



Lutheran Family Services (LFS) is proud of its Lutheran heritage in community service. We have been extending a healing hand to people for 66 years. We believe that all people, from the newborn infant to the most elderly person, deserve to be valued in our community.

Below are several upcoming events we would love to have you join us for:

1. **Taste of Weld County:** The Taste of Weld County will be held NEXT Thursday, March 20th from 5-8:00pm at the Island Grove Exhibition Center in Greeley. There will be food from 36 different restaurants as well as some country music from the Walker Williams Band. Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$22 at the door), \$15 for students/seniors, \$5 for children 6-12, and kids 0-5 are FREE. Please visit www.lfsrm.org/events for more information.
2. **New Beginnings Luncheon:** The Lutheran Family Services "New Beginnings" Luncheon is Thursday, April 10th from 12:00-1:15 p.m. at the Drake Centre in Ft. Collins. Join LFS for this complimentary lunch hosted by 9News Anchor, Kim Christiansen, and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. Please contact Molly at [970.232.1170](tel:970.232.1170) or molly.ford@lfsrm.org. Please visit www.lfsrm.org/events for more information.
3. **LFS Annual Gala:** Join Lutheran Family Services at a "Masked Ball at the Ritz" on Saturday, May 3rd for comedy, dinner and dancing! The event strengthens our community by maintaining our programs to assist vulnerable individuals, children and families. Please visit www.lfsrm.org/events for more information.

Habitat Stone Soup Build

The Habitat Stone Soup Build has now started. The Wall Raising was March 21st (weather permitting) and Our Saviour's work day is Thursday, April 3. As in the folktale "Stone Soup" where villagers join together to make delicious soup, Thrivent and several community faith organizations are coming together to build a home for the Pullen family. The house will be in the Rigden Farm neighborhood.

We are expected to have 15 volunteers on our work day. All volunteers need to register with Habitat.

To volunteer Habitat asks that everyone registers online at www.fortcollinshabitat.org. Select the "Volunteer Up" button and continue following directions. (The online tutorial is helpful.) Be sure to check "Stone Soup Supporter" along with any other affiliations, i.e. Our Saviour's, Thrivent member. If unable to register online, please contact Joyce Jobson at jmjobs@hotmail.com or 970-490-1640. If interested in helping, but cannot work the whole day, there are also days which need someone to provide lunch. Please contact Habitat directly if you wish to provide lunch.



Homes built in the Fort Collins area:

54

Homes built internationally:

139

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Focus on Small Groups...

Carol Ann Bear said the most important part of this interview was to emphasize that, for her, gardening is a way to talk to God. Any of us who garden would probably agree as the sweetly, pungent smell of freshly turned soil awakens us each time we dig into the earth.

Carol Ann started her gardening “career” when she was a child. Her mother, an avid gardener, turned her sandbox into a garden and taught Carol Ann to garden while she cultivated her small sandbox and helped with her mother’s huge garden. From those childhood roots grew a lifelong love and expertise of flowers and gardening. Her biggest teachers were experience, trial/error and membership in garden clubs both in Fort Collins and back in Madison, WI.

Carol Ann and her husband, Doug, moved from Madison to Windsor around 2006 and joined Our Saviour’s in June, 2007. Doug is Carol Ann’s number one helper, followed closely by Rob Watson and Sam Dahlquist. Carol Ann and OSLC thank all three gentlemen for helping out with the heavier tasks of the OSLC gardens, such as branch trimming, dragging hoses, spading, and lifting.

Carol Ann will soon orchestrate the Easter “miracle” of flowers appearing in the sanctuary for Easter worship services. The beautiful altar flowers for Easter and Christmas are just one aspect Carol Ann’s ministry at OSLC. Her ministry began with the church planters at Bethel Lutheran in Wisconsin, and has evolved to include our planters in front of the church, the iris garden by the shed, the patio gardens that grace our picnics, and the rose garden in front. Carol Ann also manages the flower chart for weekly flowers, helps with funerals, and is a member of the Property Committee. You might also have noticed the beautiful displays she creates atop the altar and in the narthex. Are you tired yet? Carol Ann also sings in the OSLC Chancel Choir and played the organ at Bethel Lutheran in Wisconsin.

Carol Ann donates a huge amount of time and energy to create a beautiful environment in which we enjoy worship. If gardening is your “thing”, she would love to have volunteers to help pull weeds, maintain the gardens and water during the summer. She would also be grateful to have a few strong people to help her with the heavier physical aspects of this ministry. If you would like to volunteer for this meaningful ministry at Our Saviour’s, call Carol Ann at 970-226-874 or meet with her.

Sam Dahlquist recently stepped back from many years of faithful service as garden helper and OSLC’s “Mr. Fixit”. Tad McDonald has stepped up to help manage the property repairs. Carol Ann, along with OSLC would like to say: “Thank you, Sam, for your ministry that meant being there whenever the faucets dripped, the water faucets needed turning on, a branch needed sawing, and a variety of tasks too numerous to mention.

Robert Watson has also helped OSLC for many years, tending to anything on the property or the building that needed some TLC. Thanks Robert!

Doug and Carol Ann, thank you so much for the love and care you share with OSLC through the soothing beauty and joy of flowers.

“God is the first, the best, and the eternal gardener. Viewed biblically, the day God ceases to garden is also the day we all perish. I have never heard a preacher say that, but it is true.”



(read the complete article: “Gardening with God” by Norman Wirzba, Huffington Post, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/norman-wirzba/gardening-with-god_b_643479.html)



Thanksgiving 2013



Doug & Carol Ann Bear



2012 Christmas Poinsettias

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