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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.

What to Expect When You're Expecting... An Intern!

Here's what to expect when Diana Linden-Johnson begins her 12-month internship as a pastor-in-training in mid-August:

"Fresh eyes" for serving and growing as a community of faith

The gift of new relationships and new learning

A brand new experience for the people of Our Saviour's

Our congregation has the rare opportunity to walk alongside Diana as she completes her seminary education and prepares to serve as an ELCA pastor. Our Saviour's will be the educational setting as Diana practices preaching, teaching all ages, visiting, and working with various ministries.

If you missed the May class outlining the internship program, you have another opportunity to learn more on Sunday, June 8, at 10:15 a.m. The Internship Support Committee will take the lead with solid information, a video on ELCA internships, and plenty of time for questions. Members of the committee will also be on hand for conversation before and after Saturday worship on June 7.

How can you be involved? Pray for a fulfilling educational experience for Diana and Our Saviour's. Sign on as a volunteer. Be part of Diana's welcome in August.

Questions? Contact any member of the Internship Support Committee: Ruth Brown, Mary Miller, Wes Petersen, Eric Peterson, and Lois Samer.



L to R: Ellie (4), Diana Linden-Johnson (our intern), Michaela, Aiden (1)

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Pastor's Page

In recent Adult Forums on the emergent church this spring some very important questions have been raised regarding our church identity. Let it be clear that as we try to reach out to others we remain centered in Christ. Indeed our desire to seek new ways to be the church springs forth from our devotion to the one who has sent us. The reality is that not everybody who is searching is centered in that place, but they are still attracted to our faith community. What we are seeking today is ways to widen our road without losing our centeredness.

How do we do that? We remain committed to seeking out God's word in scripture, and holding each other accountable in God's love. In that centering we cling to the cross and the God of grace, mercy and forgiveness that gave his life for the entire world. We cling to Jesus and his commandment to love one another as we have been loved, and to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind. We trust as we reach out faithfully to a broken world and broken people that the spirit will touch the hearts of those we encounter. No, not everyone who walks through our doors is in this place of faith, but yes we will minister to them and welcome them into our community because that is what Christ would do.

Pentecost is a reminder that our diversity is a gift of the spirit. That indeed God will use our differences to strengthen us, not to divide us. As we journey along this road of faith I am comforted by the community that surrounds us. We have a stable base that is aware that effectively reaching out in today's world means a willingness to step out of one's comfort zone. I'm also comforted by the fact that this is the life Jesus urged of his disciples.

I hope you will continue to help us discover more ways that we can widen this road. Part of this process involves each and every one of us critically looking at how we are the church in our everyday life, and learning to dialogue with those people we encounter. Our church has the ability to bring many people together, and our mission field is vast. Do not fear this journey for with God all things are possible, and through Christ God is making all things new.

Peace in Christ,

Michael Stadtmueller

michael@our-saviours.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Immediacy of God

The *immediate presence of God* is a spiritual phenomenon that escapes our human understanding, but nevertheless is as real as someone we love hugging us tightly. The *immediacy* of God simply means that God is here in this moment and every moment enfolding us in those sacred arms of the Holy One.

The miracle of the closeness and availability of God is beyond our mental grasp. Yet, there is something within us that recognizes and registers this miraculous reality and responds to it, if our ever vetting minds do not intervene and block the experience.

God's closeness to us is a fixed reality. The Spirit lives and moves within us. However, our awareness of this reality and our ability to appropriate and appreciate it seem always to be on a sliding scale. Some people *get it* and others do not. Those who *get it* do not *get it* all the time and find themselves puzzled by this fluctuation.

We need to keep one thing clearly fixed in our minds. The fluctuation is within us, not in the pattern of God's presence. That's the way we are. Our own spirits are embarrassingly fickle, and certainly not always reliable in discerning the reality of God's constant presence.

How can we deal positively with our inconsistency? First, out of the gate, we need to be very thankful that our spirits have been activated by God's Holy Spirit and celebrate our spirits' discerning power whenever they work at their optimum. Then *remember* the joy of those mystical moments whenever our discerning power is functioning at a lower level.

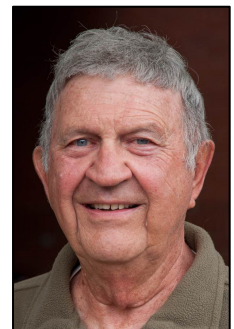
Memory is a tremendous spiritual gift that carries us safely across the deserts in our lives. *Memory* enables us to envision the Holy Presence we have felt and experienced at an earlier moment. In turn, the *memory* carries us until we are once again gifted with that startling and miraculous awareness that we are clearly in the *immediate presence* of the Holy One.

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion we have been given an obvious *reminder* that God is *immediately present* to us. Jesus, the Christ, is *truly present* and engages us in this visible, tangible enactment.

If the *presence* of God seems to elude you, use this Sacrament to reestablish the focus of your perception. God has given us this Sacrament to be a visible signpost to remind us that this Holy Presence is real. It is like writing it on a white board: "I am not a figment of your imagination; I am real and I am here with you."

Pastor Fred Castor, Spiritual Guide

(See page 6 for information regarding Fred's book about spirituality)



Welcoming all through worship...



Summer Worship

We embark on a journey of the Spirit this summer as we engage in word, sacrament, deep breathing and living our faith. You are invited to take this journey whole heartedly and engage in how the Holy Spirit is grounding you and setting you free to soar at the same time.

We begin in Pentecost with the breath of God rushing in like a mighty wind and a strong flame and we continue throughout the summer to hear stories of how we are called to be deeply grounded in scripture and prayer and community as we are also sent by the Holy Spirit to live this out in ways that are caught up by the breath and wind of the Holy Spirit.

Worship Schedule: June & July 2014

Saturday, May 31, 2014: Holden

Sunday, June 1, 2014: ELW 4

Saturday, June 7, 2014: Pentecost, Holden

Sunday, June 8, 2014: Pentecost, He is Our Peace

Saturday, June 14, 2014: Joyous Light

Sunday, June 15, 2014: Now the Feast

Saturday, June 21, 2014: Holden

Sunday June 22, 2014: Now the Feast with Brass

Saturday, June 28, 2014: Holden

Sunday, June 29, 2014: ELW 4

Saturday, July 5, 2014: Holden

Sunday, July 6, 2014: Now the Feast with Brass

Saturday, July 13, 2014: Holden

Sunday, July 14, 2014: He is Our Peace

Saturday, July 19, 2014: Joyous Light

Sunday, July 20, 2014: ELW 4

Saturday, July 26, 2014: Holden

Sunday, July 27, 2014: Now the Feast



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 4501 S. Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins, CO
Saturday, June 7 at 5:30pm.

Kid's Carnival Games, Food and Music, BBQ, coleslaw, chips, dessert (vegetarian and gluten-free available).

Tickets: \$12 (age 5 and over) or \$30 (family) - under age 5 free.

Live Music By: Lost Sheep and Jerusalem Road
(Proceeds Benefit Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp)

Flowers for June/July

June 1

June 8 Duane & Sylvia Daire; Sam & Anita Dahlquist for the Dahlquist's and the Daire's 49th Anniversary and for the Logan's 48th

Anniversary

June 15-Holzworth's-Ben's 16th birthday

June 22-Anita & John Bleem

June 29

July 6-Judy Lantry

July 13-Wes & Sharon Petersen

July 20-Kent & Mary Lou Sorenson

July 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.

Long Term Prayers

Jack Means; Margaret Means;

Dorothy Pederson
 (Matt's mother);

Johanna Carpine
 (friend of Ann & Steve Story); all service men & women

God bless our praying.

Welcoming all through learning...

Men's Bible Study

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will not meet in June or July. We will begin again August 13th and continue at 6:45AM every Wednesday Morning.



We just blessed our graduates and sent them on their journey.

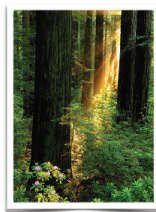
Wouldn't it be nice if we could wrap our future graduates in a lap sized quilt during their blessing? We are currently brainstorming the possibility of making that happen.

Are you a quilter, a sewer (of any skill level), somebody who can tie a knot or someone who just wants to be involved? We would like to involve anyone who is interested, at whatever skill level they can contribute. There will be a class (or classes as needed) for learning basic sewing techniques needed to make an easy quilt block.. Watch for details as this project comes together. If you would like to participate in this energetic project, contact:

Mary Jane (maryjane@our-saviours.org) or Pastor Leta (leta@our-saviour.org)..

PASTOR FRED CASTOR'S BOOK ON SPIRITUALITY will be on display in the Narthex on June 8th. A copy will be placed in the church library and will be available to be checked out. The loose leaf book contains Fred's writings over the past fifteen years. Please take a moment to look at it. Fred has generously shared his "divinely inspired " thoughts, prayers and inspirations with all who are interested in delving more deeply into their spirituality.

A Handbook for Spiritual Growth



by Frederick Castor

Fred's Handbook for Spiritual Growth is on display (paper copy booklet) on the table in the Narthex. You are welcome to take a copy.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our first week of May we celebrated our wonderful Moms. We made them adorable pictures of ourselves and a very wonderful everlasting handprint. We had our Mother's Day Tea and sang them some songs and enjoyed coffee cake with them.

The second week we studied all different types of Transportation. We made paper airplanes and painted with wheels. Our week was highlighted by our field trip on the city bus and ice-cream at Kilwins. We took class and individual pictures and had our Year end Pot luck at City park. A very busy week at school.

The third week we celebrated the end of our Preschool journey. We had water day, chalk day and Bike day. It is always a very hard day for me to say good bye to our big kids. I am happy they are moving on to the big world of Kindergarten but I will miss them a lot.

We would like to thank Pastors Michael and Leta for Chapel through out the year. The children enjoy all their stories and the new songs they learn. It is such an important part of our program and we are most thankful to our Pastors for their support of this mission.

We also would like to say a very big Thank You to Linda Carlson for being our Preschool board President. She has stepped down from this position. Her support of our program and me personally has been such a blessing. I will miss her but I know we have her continued support as we will support her on her new adventures. We love you Linda!

preschool registration



Enrollment is at 11 M-W-F morning, 1 M-W-F afternoons, and 6 T/Th. If you are interested in Preschool for the fall please let Nancy or I know or call us at 484-7412.



Happy Fourth of July!

Welcoming all through serving...

Outside Our Walls

OOW SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION THIS SUMMER:

Outside Our Walls will be collecting school supplies from mid-July through mid-August this year. Please consider buying a few extra items when you shop for your children. Your gifts will go directly to the Poudre School District Teachers' Closet. You may check the supply lists in local stores, but the following are especially welcome:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Liquid glue
- Pouches

Please, no backpacks or three-ring binders

Bins for donations will be in the fellowship hall starting July 12. And donations of money will be gratefully received. Thank you for your help!

SAVE THOSE SCHOOL CLOTHES, PLEASE!

When you clean out your kids' closets this spring, please consider the needy children who would love to receive your items. Outside Our Walls will be sponsoring a back-to-school clothing drive from July 12 through August 16. Your donations will be given to Homeless Gear for their September Children in Need distribution. New or gently used items in size 5 and up will be appreciated.

Especially needed:

- slacks and jeans
- hoodies and sweatshirts
- tennis shoes
- rain jackets, wind-breakers
- socks (new only, please)
- underwear (new only, please)

Bins will be available in the fellowship hall starting Sunday, July 12. Thanks for whatever you can bring!

Thank You for another year of graciously welcoming the CCC youth and staff to your church home. Our organization depends on community support to aide in our mission

.....to provide quality music education with the goal of attaining artistic excellence in choral music performance. The Centennial Children's Chorus endeavors to enrich the lives of youth from all religious, racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds. The program strives to foster the personal and social growth of tis members and to promote their sense of self-esteem, discipline, accomplishment, and pride.

We do believe it takes a whole village to raise a child. Please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your ongoing support and belief in our program.

All my best,
Sheri McKelfresh
Artistic Director

Beat the Summer Slide!

Written by Margaret Posted: May 16, 2014



Schools and families have long been contending with the loss of academic proficiency following summer break. This phenomenon called the “summer slide” has frustrated not only adults but also our kids. Schools have to play catch up right before going on-to winter break. If we could all be more thoughtful about developing a “personalized summer program” for our children, it would benefit not only the children and families but also the schools and community as a whole.

A good personalized summer program should include not only recreational activities but cultural and educational activities as well. The summer slide is a reality for many children, so encouraging time in a library with a reading mentor, or a fun story teller should be part of the plan.

United Way 2-1-1 has put together a **Summer Resource Guide** for families living in Larimer County who are interested in exploring summer opportunities for children, youth, and families. We are fortunate to live in an area where community engagement and volunteerism are promoted, you can look just about anywhere and find an activity to do as an individual, group or family. This Resource Guide is cool tool to refer to.

Download the 2-1-1 Summer Resource Guide

<http://uwaylc.org/get-help/seasonal-resources/>



Worship, learning & serving in groups...

Welcome Ministry News

Please welcome our new members who join OSLC on June 1st -

Emily Moore - (Husband Dr. Joseph Prows, son Jasper and new baby - due at the time of this writing!)

Paula and Rob Petterson - two sons, Alex 23 and William 18

Thor Forseth - wife Chris and children Alex 20, Annie 13 and Taylor 13

Ken and Eileen Thomas- 4 grown children and 5 grandsons

Enjoy the new Benches at the front entrance - The Welcome Ministry has placed new benches outside our front entrance in order to welcome people as they arrive or wait for transportation. Thanks to all who helped with this effort to greet our members and guests!

Faith Groups - how do you start a small fellowship / study group? - We have found that all it takes is to invite a few friends or acquaintances to your home for a "planning session". Enjoy a time of fellowship, snacks and discuss ideas for beginning a regular time of study. Explore ideas for study (the Welcome Committee and Pastors can help you with topics / resources). Stop by the Welcome Table to get more information on a format for your group. Sharing the hosting and leadership of your meetings can make this an enjoyable way to grow in faith and build friendships to walk with you through the joys and challenges of life.

Glad you Popped In! Please encourage guests to stop by the Welcome Table - we would love to greet them, answer questions, provide information and share a small gift. A creative member of our team made a fun gift to share - stop by to see!

Next New Members Series - The next series will begin September 14th - be watching for details later this summer. As members - we are committed to a community - growing and encouraging one another in faith, as well as, guiding the action, vision, direction of our church as we work in efforts for justice and peace locally and around the world.

Join us for a eleven day motor coach trip with guided tour of Lancaster and historic tour of Philadelphia. See 'MOSES" one of the world's largest live performance stages. Lodging, 18 meals, and much, much more for \$899. October 17-27, 2014. For more information call Glenda Evans at 226-1203.



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 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
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	Eva Sue Littleton
Aug 4	Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend - Matthew Dicks	Shelly Carroll
Sep 1	The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow - Rita Leganski	
Oct 6	Me Before You - Jojo Moyes	

Small Groups

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

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 19 at 6 p.m. for a summer potluck or eat out.

Leah Circle will meet on Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m. for light supper and games at the home of Barb Slattenow.

Leah Circle will meet on Thursday, August 28 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Barb Slattenow for the beginning of a new year of lessons.

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 Wednesdays, 6:45am @ OSLC. Suggested donation for breakfast is \$10.

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.

Congratulations Class of 2014

Ashley Abbott:

Graduating from Fort Collins High School
Attending CSU

Fun Fact: *music has made a major impact on her life*

Marc Bachman:

Graduating from Rocky Mountain High School
Attending Dartmouth College

Fun fact: *his first sentence was "Larry Walker hit the ball over the wall" while sitting at a Rockies game*

Brittany Dalton:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending Cottey College and majoring in Science and Engineering

Fun fact: *rebuilt her own car engine and does all of her own car maintenance*

Emily Dalton:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending Cottey College and majoring in Science and Engineering

Fun fact: *rebuilt her own car engine and does all of her own car maintenance*

Kaylee Dykstal

Kristen Eiswerth:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending St. Olaf College and majoring in Environmental Studies and Political Science

Fun fact: *is a fifth generation Coloradoan*

Tyler Ensore

Ben Ensore

Sam Halac:

Graduating from Colorado Timberline Academy
Attending Fort Lewis College and majoring in Business: Marketing and Finance

Fun fact: *skied 70+ days this season; became a back-country skier complete with avalanche beacon, probe, & skins*

Matthew Hanson:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending CSU

Fun fact: *driving since he was five (Disneyland Autobahn) and has loved driving ever since*

Madison Hays:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending Pepperdine University and majoring in Math Education with a minor in Spanish

Fun fact: *her first date was with Mitchell Khouri when they were three. The went to an Irish Tenors Concert*

Ian Hughes:

Abbey Hughes:

Mitchell Khouri:

Graduating from Fort Collins High School
Attending Colorado School of Mines and majoring in Physics Engineering

Fun fact: *from grade school to high school he has ridden his bike to school everyday through rain, snow or sunshine*

Kira Miklos:

Graduating from Fort Collins High School
Attending Creighton University

Fun fact: *has held a crocodile*

Kenny Miller:

Graduating from Loveland High School
Attending University of Colorado; Honors Program. Majoring in Economics

Fun fact: *can fly a plane better than he can drive a car*

Leslie Olsen:

Graduating from Poudre High School
Attending CSU majoring in Ecosystem Science and Sustainability

Fun fact: *she is not planning on living in America much longer*

Michelle Roby:

Graduating from Fossil Ridge High School
Attending Augustana College. Majoring in Nursing
and Spanish with a minor in Art

Fun fact: *listens to "High School Musical" while
getting ready for school*

Jacob Ruthven

Tony Steinle:

Graduating from Fort Collins High School
Attending Augustana College and majoring in
Biochemistry

Fun fact: *rode his bike all the way across Iowa
from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River*

Daniel Williams:

Graduating from Rocky Mountain High School
Attending CSU majoring in Health and Exercise
Science

Fun fact: *he is focusing on his future career in
Sports Medicine.*



Front: Elisa Thornton, High School Youth Director

Sitting: Kristen Eiswerth, Kira Miklos, Madison Hays, Michelle Roby

Back: Marc Bachman, Mitchell Khouri, Matthew Hanson, Kenny Miller, Tony Steinle, Leslie Olsen



Blessing the Seniors, March 18, 2014

Stewardship of our resources...

Hops For Hunger

Saturday, June 14th
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**Pateros Creek
Brewing Company**
242 N College Ave Fort Collins, CO 80524

*Children's activities! Food Vendors!
Live music from Canyon Collected,
Matt Meehan, Delphi Live, Cabin of
Love, and more!*

**\$1 from each beer
sold benefits
KidsPak**

Cash and food donations are also welcome onsite. ALL donations go toward fighting childhood hunger in NoCo.

presented by:



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more info:



Drink a beer and change the world!

Facility Planning in Support of Our Saviours' Mission

Our Saviour's is embarked upon on an exciting project beginning June 1st. OLSC's Facilities Space Needs Committee has been gathering information on space needs to meet Our Saviour's Mission over the last year. Among those critical needs identified are: expanded Narthex and kitchen spaces, storage space, a multi-purpose room, plus showers (and other improvements) to better serve our Faith Family Hospitality program. And there are other needs that were identified through the congregational survey conducted last year.

To assist us in developing an integrated space plan we have retained architectural consultants Cuninghame Associates out of Denver. Their scope of work includes three basic elements:

SPACE NEEDS ASSESMENT – Working from a survey of space needs already gathered from the congregation, and meeting with key stakeholders in the congregation, the consultant will prioritize space needs.

CONCEPTUAL SPACE PLANNING – Based on the priorities identified in the space needs assessment, and working directly with key congregational stakeholders, the consultant will explore alternatives for the expansion and/or revitalization of the existing church structure. Several options will be chosen from this phase of work for presentation to the Church Council and Congregation.

CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES, CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE AND REPORT - A project report will include activities, findings and recommendations and conceptual sketches with cost estimates.

The SCHEDULE for the study includes:

Sunday, June 1, 2014 – Congregational meeting with the Architect to learn about the study and receive input from the congregation

Sunday, August 10, 2014 – Presentation to the congregation on plan options and preferred plan with input from the congregation

Sunday, August 24, 2014 – Presentation of recommended plan to the Planning Committee and OSLC Leadership/Stakeholder Group

This is an exciting time for our congregation and we hope that you will all participate in the meetings and discussions so that we can develop a great plan that support Our Saviour's Mission, both now and in the future.

For further information, contact any of the Facility Needs Committee Members: Larry Roesner, Fred Habrecht, Kristin Reese, Chris Marston, Chris Hutchinson, John Carlson, or Bob Bury.

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