



**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.*

**The Signal** will now be printed on a bi-monthly basis to save both financial and environmental resources. We have several other sources of information to help you keep up with **current events**:

1. OSLC enews comes out on Wednesdays and at other times when we need to get out immediate information, such as snow closures and cancellations. If you are not currently receiving enews via your email address, please contact the office. Mary will put you on the subscription list.
2. Visit our church website ([www.our-saviours.org](http://www.our-saviours.org)) for a rundown of general church activities as well as audios of past sermons.
3. Weekly announcements in the bulletin.

### **RALLY DAY, AUGUST 24TH**

9:00 Worship

10:15 Food & Activities (also sign up for fall activities)

2:00 Confirmation Orientation & Ice Cream Social

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME SEPTEMBER 3RD**

### **SEPTEMBER 7TH: ELCA GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

9:00 Worship

(see article page 3)

### **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14TH:**

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11am

Sunday School: 9:45am

11:00 Affirmation of Baptism for Confirmands



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## Pastor's Page

*...thoughts from both pastors*

### **Celebrating Soaring in the Spirit Together:**

The weeks of summer seem to fly by in a manner that is faster than many of us would like and this year is no different! Yet, the summer gives us time, energy, and ways to connect with one another, with our spirits and with God.

As we have explored how to Soar in the Spirit this summer, I have noticed many things:

Worship brings a sense of life and coming together. When we hear the prayers of the hearts of those gathered, when we join our voices in song, and when we hear scripture we are connecting our hearts and our community in ways that go beyond the walls of our building

Connections through VBS, water-world & time by the pool, mission trips, camps, service, and sharing our travels also usher in the breath of God as we move together and a part in life giving ways

Rest renews our spirits, our minds, our energies for things to come and new ways of walking together. And for those who are not getting rest or walking in the dark in these months we stand together and hold them tight.

As we look towards going back to school, to the fall routine, to the newness and the familiarity it will bring, my hope is that we continue to connect, rest, and worship in ways that bring life to the community around us and to one another always remembering and embracing that Jesus walks with and beside us in each season of the year and of our lives.

~Pastor Leta

### **Summer Connections:**

The group should hardly have an easy time staying connected. That is the beauty of our inter-faith group in town; It shouldn't, but it does! The group largely led by laity incorporates a membership not just with multiple Christian Denominations, but also with multiple faiths. There are Muslims, and Buddhists, Jews, Unitarians and members of the Bahai Faith. It sounds like the start of some kind of joke when you talk about them, but their work is no joke. And simply having a dialogue together itself would be an accomplishment, but they do more than talk. In fact they have been the backbone of much of our communities faith group connections to community needs. Do you think FFH would be existing today without interfaith? The Murphy Center? Think again. In fact they have been so successful that many local social agencies show up at their meetings for the opportunity to connect within the faith group.

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**Summer Connections, cont.**

In July this group met in our fellowship hall and I had them fill out a paper chain connecting symbolically their faiths with ours. Many of you filled out those chains too, and now this simple symbol lies on our altar and reminds us that our holiness together is more than just a symbol.

I share this with you because opportunities like this are abundant. Places that you can connect, and places that you can see your faith as much more than a symbolic one. What will it take for you to connect your faith in a more direct way? How can you exercise your faith, so that your gifts can find more connections with the world around you.

We appreciate your connections to Our Saviour's. Thank You for finding a way to connect with the ministries of this church. Let's keep up the good work.

~ Pastor Michael

**God's Work, Our Hands**

The ELCA has designated September 7<sup>th</sup> as "**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**". This is "an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.... the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church will gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people."

Our Saviour's is making plans to join in this celebration. Opportunities will be provided for the congregation to help serve our community. We plan to partner with organizations such as Lutheran Family Service, Mosaic, Sky Ranch, Homeless Gear, and Faith Family Hospitality. Service projects will vary in time commitment and may be in the community or at OSLC. As projects are confirmed, members will be able to sign-up through Sign-up Genius.

On Sunday September 7th, we will have worship at 9:00 only and it will be a shorten service so that we can be sent out in service to our community! There will be projects off site and on site so all ages and abilities will be able to participate. Saturday worship will be the same at 5:30 with a small service project after worship.

Please reserve this date on your calendars. If you would like to help with the planning or have ideas to share, please contact Joyce Jobson at [atjmjobs@hotmail.com](mailto:atjmjobs@hotmail.com) or leave a note in the church office.

**Faster Pastors** take off August 8-9<sup>th</sup> from Copper Mountain Ski Resort for 200 miles of hills, chills and hopefully no spills! The team of 12 RMS pastors including Pastor Michael are raising awareness of our Madagascar companion synod by running to raise money youth from the Malagasy Synod to have a cross-cultural experience in America. Consider a small contribution to support this endeavor. So far we have together run at least the length of Madagascar which is 1,000 miles in our training since April! Thank you for supporting us and our companion synod of Madagascar. \*Please note that checks can be made out to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church with Faster Pastors in the memo line.

# Welcoming Our Intern

## A big welcome for our pastoral intern!

August marks the arrival of our pastoral intern! Diana Linden-Johnson will become part of the leadership team at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, starting with worship services on Aug. 16 and 17.

Be part of the big welcome for Diana! The Internship Support Committee will host an outdoor celebration on Sunday, Aug. 17, after 8:30 worship. Count on plenty of conversation, cookies, lemonade, and coffee.

You'll have plenty of opportunities to get acquainted with Diana. She'll be involved regularly in leading worship, teaching education classes for all ages, working with various ministries, making visits, and more. On Sunday morning, Sept. 14, she'll be featured in a get-acquainted format during the adult class.

A pastoral internship is a new experience for Our Saviour's. During Diana's 12-month internship, she moves from seminary classroom into real-life daily ministry. She'll learn the habits and practices that will support her life as a pastor. As a pastor-in-training, Diana will work on a 3/4 weekly schedule and salary.

The people of Our Saviour's take on the role of educators, helping our intern grow from seminary student to pastor for an ELCA congregation. We get to learn right along with Diana, supporting her through prayer, friendship, and our own fresh eyes for serving.

The Internship Support Committee (Ruth Brown, Mary Miller, Wes Petersen, Eric Peterson and Lois Samer) will provide support and honest feedback. Pastor Michael will serve as Diana's on-site supervising pastor, working in conjunction with Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

You'll find Diana's office in the main office area, just inside the front door. Feel free to call her "Intern Pastor Diana" or "Diana."

Our intern first sensed a call to ordained ministry as a high school student at Zion Lutheran Church in Loveland. A resident of Fort Collins, Diana earned her Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology, Denver. She recently completed a year of study through Luther Seminary. Diana and her partner Michael are the parents of Ellie (4) and Aiden (1).

**Diana Linden-Johnson (left) with her partner Michael and children Ellie and Aiden**



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### *He Speaks to Me Everywhere*

I am always amazed and often bewildered by God's guiding hand (Spirit) especially when it comes to my writing these articles. When I sat down to write this time, I brought a particular idea that I had planned to develop. However, it wouldn't go anywhere. Dead in the water.

What to do?

Stop and Listen! What a novel idea!

When I did stop and listened what happened was astounding. What I heard in my mind was the words of an old familiar hymn: *This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and 'round me rings, the music of the spheres.* Followed by the wonderful line: *In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass. He speaks to me everywhere.*

That thought speaks so profoundly to my wandering spirit. It lays out so clearly and simply the ultimate truth: God speaks to us all the time and everywhere. We need only to put on our *holy hearing aids* to pick up the messages that are constantly coming our way from the Holy One.

There is a key to discovering the technique for discerning God's voice in the midst of the din that characterizes our culture and engulfs our lives. The key is in *where to look and how to listen.*

So our clue is in the words of the hymn: *In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass.* God is present in some of the most unexpected places, speaking in the most common sounds.

So, what to do?

Discipline ourselves to reign in our roving minds and focus our attention on some simple thing like *rustling grass*. Then, staying focused, wait for the Spirit to show up and put some gem in to our mind. Let this gem rest there for a while and it will take on a life of its own filling our spirits beyond our wildest imagination. We will experience the Holy Presence and be uplifted and duly instructed.

Stop and Listen! God speaks to us everywhere!

We just need to train ourselves where to look and how to listen.

Pastor Fred Castor, Spiritual Guide



# Welcoming all through worship...

## □ Soaring in the Spirit and Making Connections in Worship –

As our Spirits connect with God and with one another, we join together in worship this August and September to continue our journey together. We have many ways to connect coming up in our worships so take a look at the highlights and schedule and we look forward to joining you in your journey.

Our worships will continue to be Saturday at 5:30 and Sunday at 9:00 THROUGH September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start worshipping at two services, 8:30 and 11:00 on September 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Worship Schedule: August & September 2014

### August

**August 2, 2014-Holden**

**August 3, 2014-ELW 4**

*(Summerfest Weekend at Sky Ranch)*

**August 9, 2014-Holden**

**August 10, 2014-Celebration**

**August 16, 2014-Joyous Light**

**August 17, 2014-Now the Feast**

*(Intern Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson Welcome)*

*(Blessing the Backpacks)*

**August 23, 2014-Holden**

**August 24, 2014-Celebration**

*(Rally Sunday and Facilities Presentation)*

*(Confirmation Orientation & Ice Cream Social for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders AND a parent/guardian 2:00-3:30)*

### September

**September 6, 2014-Holden**

**September 7, 2014-ELW 4**

*(God's Work Our Hands Service Sunday)*

*(\*check out article on page 3)*

### Fall Worship Schedule Resumes

**September 13, 2014-Holden**

**September 14, 2014-Celebration Service**

8:30& 11:00

*(Sunday School Begins, Blessing of Teachers)*

*(Service of Affirmation of Baptism at 11:00am)*

**September 20, 2014-Joyous Light**

**September 21, 2014-Now the Feast with Brass**

8:30& 11:00

**September 27, 2014-Holden**

**September 28, 2014-With One Voice Windstrings**

8:30 & 11:00



## Mission+Focus Series: Fall 2014

Our mission says Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes all people to the love of Christ through worshipping, learning and serving. We live out this mission daily, but this autumn we will explore it intentionally with special events connecting us to each of its parts.

### **Connecting through Serving** – Sunday September 7th 9:00AM

Join us for our last summer schedule worship as we live out our life in service with activities of service throughout the community. We will meet for a sending worship at 9:00AM. Only lasting about 20 minutes we will continue in our day by connecting in our surrounding community in service. Look for service events sign ups soon, or show up and join us. More details are available under the God's Work, Our Hands article on page 3.

### **Connecting through Worshipping** – October 11th and 12th in all worship services

Our worship services this weekend will help those attending understand how scripture connects with worship through an interactive scriptural connection to the liturgy. Our adult forum on this weekend will include a discussion of how worship is planned and created.

### **Connecting through Welcoming**-- October 25th and 26th with Jerry Herships from After Hours, Denver.

After Hours is--"the alternative ministry of Jerry Herships to serve the poor and the spiritually independent." and Jerry carries the title of their Chief Love Manager. Taking radical welcome seriously and working with others to be God's presence in the city, Jerry will not only share what he does but how it connects with humanity on a spiritual level. Jerry will present on Saturday afternoon Oct 25th and preach in worship that evening and on Sunday morning. See the website for more information as we get excited to welcome Jerry and his message!

[www.afterhoursdenver.org](http://www.afterhoursdenver.org)

### **Connecting through Learning** – Sunday November 9th Sunday School Hour thru 5PM

Walk Through the Bible Event all day long . Join us for the Sunday School hour to find out more about this event that we are sharing with our community. The group "Walk through the Bible" will lead us in an exploration of the Old Testament. For your entry into the course we ask for \$25 dollars for adults and \$10 for children. 4th Graders and above will join on one track with younger ages also connecting on their own track at the same time. Don't let money be the reason you don't attend. Scholarships are available.

## 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...

## Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Our Saviour's Begins Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we explore chapter by chapter the book of John. Bring \$10 to support the great breakfast that we are treated with. The study begins at 6:45AM with the coffee on by 6:15AM. You can be headed out to work by 7:45AM.

## Fall Missional Gathering

Sunday, November 2 from 3 - 6 pm  
Faith Lutheran Church in Eaton

Pastors and a number of lay leaders from each congregation and ministry are invited to join Bishop Gonia and members of the synod staff for our conference missional gathering. More information on the theme and content will be coming soon. For now - Mark the date on your calendar.

## Young Adult Conference Strategy - Initial Gathering

Friday, September 12 6 - 9 pm

Saturday, September 13 9 am - 2 pm

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Fort Collins

All congregational pastors and youth and family leaders, CSU and UNC campus ministry pastors and leaders, Sky Ranch directors and leaders, and anyone interested in young adult ministry in the conference are invited to join the initial conversation on developing a young adult strategy for our conference. In this initial gathering we will begin by learning about the various ministry contexts in which we serve. We will spend time sharing and listening to understand what are the assets that we already have in the conference as we begin to imagine the future of young adult ministry in our area. This is the first gathering that we will have as part of this conversations. Future times and dates will be developed based on this initial meeting. Feel free to call me or e-mail if you have questions about this gathering or who would be best from your ministry context to attend.

## Join the Adult Bible Studies for Fall Conversation!

What is 666? What is the *mark of the beast*? The book of *Revelation* is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted books in the Bible. However, it's also a fascinating book and has much to teach us about God's reality and hope in times of crisis. The author Kathleen Norris has called *Revelation* a "poet's book." "It doesn't tell, it shows, over and over again, its images unfolding, pushing hard against the limits of language and metaphor, engaging the listener in a tale that has the satisfying yet unsettling logic of a dream."

You are invited to come and join the conversation as we journey through *Revelation* this fall. This study will continue for 8-9 weeks and then we will conclude the fall with the books of James, I and II Peter, and I, II, and III John.

Beginning September 2, you are invited to come and join with your brothers and sisters for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Please come; all are invited even if your attendance is infrequent.

David Barber



## Walk through the Old Testament Event – Sunday November 9th – -SAVE THE DATE!

11AM – 5PM (The first hour is a repeat of the Sunday School hour)

There's a lot to remember in the Bible. And it can be overwhelming and confusing. But through the Walk Thru the Old Testament live event, in just a few short hours, you can learn what would have taken years by just reading the Bible—and you'll enjoy yourself in the process!

Get the Big Picture of the Bible!

Removes the intimidation of the Bible

Provides the big picture of the Old Testament through a fun, exciting experience

It's interactive, memorable, relevant, exciting, and fun!

- \$25 dollars for Adults \$10 per youth
- A better understanding of the Old Testament in Just a Few Hours
  - \* a fun way to connect with one another and learn together!

4th grade through adult will participate together and 3rd grade and under will have their own program, so all ages are welcome! Registration available soon! Watch the e-news, bulletin announcements and website.

Join us as we explore chapter by chapter the book of John. Bring \$10 to support the great breakfast that we are treated with. The study begins at 6:45AM with the coffee on by 6:15AM. You can be headed out to work by 7:45AM.

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

*Sun. Aug. 10 – Free blood pressure checks in the church library after the 9 a.m. service*

Your FC Nurses want to encourage everyone to stop by for a free blood pressure check. Blood pressure is a measure of the force of your blood against the walls of your arteries. The top number (or systolic pressure) measures the force as your heart is beating. The bottom number (or diastolic pressure) measures the force between heartbeats. Ideal blood pressure would be about 120/80 or less.

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms and is more common in older adults. Left untreated it increases your risk for heart attack, stroke, and kidney and eye damage. The higher your blood pressure goes, the higher your risk becomes. If making lifestyle changes doesn't bring your pressure down, your Doctor will likely prescribe medication. Be smart and check it often!

## WELCA NEWS

The Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization is having its 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention on Oct. 10-12 at the Double Tree Hotel at 3203 Quebec St. in Denver. Our congregation is allowed one voting delegate who must be registered by Aug. 15, 2014. If you are interested in participating, please leave your name with the church office.

# Welcoming all through serving...

## Outside Our Walls

**Outside Our Walls** will be raising funds for some 5<sup>th</sup> grade children at Putnam Elementary so they can attend Eco Week at Pingree Park. If you can assist with this need, the cost is \$100 per child. Whatever you can donate for this cause would be greatly appreciated. Make your check to OSLC and mark Putnam Elementary on the memo line.

### 2014 Grocery Cart Report

April through July 7th

Once again, you have been very generous. Donations of food to the Food Bank of Larimer County totaled 337 pounds after some items were sorted out for FFH and Homeless Gear use. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Load a Truck Weekend, August 16 and 17.

"A Hunger Free Larimer County": This is the vision of the Food Bank of Larimer County. Here is our opportunity to help make this vision a reality. Outside our Walls is asking your support for the 14th year to help those in need in our county. Our goal this year is at least **1400** pounds and **\$1400!**

The need continues to be great. 1 in 10 Larimer County residents receive food from the Food Share program. The Food Bank has seen a steady increase in need. The Food Bank distributed nearly **8 million pounds of food** in 2012 and more than 29,000 *unduplicated* clients were served through the two Food Share locations in Fort Collins and Loveland. **Food Link** is a source of food for nearly 80 Larimer County non-profit member agencies that serve the hungry. The Food Bank saved these agencies nearly \$2.2 million on food expenses in 2012.

Through the two Food Share locations, the Food Bank provides food to nearly 1,000 individuals EACH DAY, including families with young children and seniors. The Kids Café prepares and delivers hundreds of meals and snacks EACH Day to after school programs in Larimer. For the tenth straight year, the Food Bank for Larimer County received a 4-star rating from the Charity Navigator. Only 1% of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have accomplished this goal.

**Non-perishable items most needed:** canned dinners, canned meat, fish, peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, canned beans, canned drinks, bottled juices.

**Kids Café:** Individual servings of: granola bars, goldfish, fruit cups, applesauce, pretzels, chips, popcorn/snacks.

**OOW** will be providing grocery bags and lists of non-perishable items for the Food Bank and Kids Café **two weeks** and **one week** before the collection weekend. Monetary donations are always welcome as each \$1 donated provides an individual with enough food to make 4 nutritious meals. **Checks are to be made payable to OSLC with Food Bank of Larimer County written in the memo line.**

OSLC has been very generous the past thirteen years and we are counting on you to open your hearts for our fourteenth year of donating.



## A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Many thanks, to those who have big hearts and contributed \$654. to "blanket" Sundays in May. This money goes to Church World Service, who serves the poorest of the poor around the world by responding to disaster relief and recovery programs. What's more, CWS is there to help people gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to build, or rebuild sustainable lives and communities.

## Thank you notes from recent recipients:

### From ELCA World Hunger and Disaster

#### Appeal:

"Thank you for your recent gift of \$4,131.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters that have already occurred and to stand ready for those that may come in the future. To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to walk with our neighbors all along the long road to recovery."

Rev, Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

### From Food Bank for Larimer County:

"This spring, your donation of \$612.75 through the Lenten Soup Supper Donation will go a long way toward helping us with our hunger-relief efforts. For many families, housing and other fixed costs are taking more of the monthly budget, leaving little leftover for food. Frankly, we could not do what we do without donors such as you. We look forward to working with you in the future. We and those we serve, deeply appreciate your generosity."

Amy Pezzani

Executive Director

## Wednesday night dinners will be starting soon: September 3, 2014

Wednesday night dinners were developed so busy people could attend events on Wednesday night without the stress of what to do about dinner. Everyone is invited and you don't have to be involved in a specific activity to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. *I try hard to meet dietary restrictions when I know about them.*

Volunteers are needed to bring the dinners. You will be reimbursed. It can be one person or a couple of people working together. If many people are willing to help out once in the year this ministry can be very successful.

Contact Vicki Eiesle if you have any questions. 229-9263.

## Flowers for August/September

*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.*

**August 3**-Steve Story in honor of Ann's birthday

**August 10**

**August 17**

**August 24**-Holzworth's in honor of Nate's 13th birthday

**September 7**-Mike & Peg Hoover in honor of their anniversary

**September 14**-Leslie Olsen in honor of Lisa Olsen's birthday

**September 21**-Wes & Sharon Petersen

**September 28**-Bill & Janie Lauer in honor of 60th Anniversary



Hester Flowers

# Welcoming all through serving...

## Lutheran Family Services

1. **Foster Homes Needed:** There is a large and growing group of children and youth needing foster care in Colorado. Ever thought of opening your home for this ministry? To learn more, contact Shannon Stricker, Program Specialist, at [303.217.5069](tel:303.217.5069) or at [shannon.stricker@lfsrm.org](mailto:shannon.stricker@lfsrm.org).
2. **Furniture Needed:** Lutheran Family Services is running low on furniture for newly arriving refugee families. We could use your gently used furniture, as well as household items such as bedding and silverware. Contact Jaime at [303.217.5181](tel:303.217.5181) to see if your furniture is eligible for a pick up or if you have questions.
3. **Gala Thanks:** Lutheran Family Services would like to THANK all of our Gala guests and sponsors for a wonderful evening at "The Masked Ball at the Ritz" on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! The proceeds from the event support the human services programs of LFS.
4. **Annual Golf Tournament:** Please join Lutheran Family Services for "A Great Game of Golf for A Great Cause" Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Hiwan Golf Club! Visit [www.lfsrm.org/events](http://www.lfsrm.org/events) to register.
5. **Back to School Hands on Project:** It's hard to start thinking about Back to School when students just got out this school year, but August will come upon us quickly. Each school year there are LFS refugee and foster kids who don't have anything for the upcoming school year, so we partner with congregations and individuals to provide school supplies, back packs and gift cards to those students. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact Becca Sager at [303.217.5841](tel:303.217.5841) or at [becca.sager@lfsrm.org](mailto:becca.sager@lfsrm.org). There is a flyer and list of supplies attached to this email.
6. **Youth Ambassador Program:** We are holding our first Youth Ambassador meeting tomorrow at the Harlan office, so please keep those youth in your prayers. It is not too late to nominate a youth for the program, which will teach youth about non-profit work, help them gain leadership skills and train them to be ambassadors for LFS. If you have a nomination or would like more information, please contact Becca Sager at [303.217.5841](tel:303.217.5841) or at [becca.sager@lfsrm.org](mailto:becca.sager@lfsrm.org).

As always, we are thankful for your prayers and your partnership! Thanks for all you do!

*Becca Sager*

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# Worship, learning & serving in groups...

## WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

We will be hosting another new member class in late Oct and be receiving these new members on **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**. The welcome committee and our pastors have decided to have two new member orientations a year but expand them to four sessions rather than three. We would like to include a segment on spirituality which is taught by Pastor Fred Castor.

The Welcome Ministry committee has placed two new **Welcome Benches** at the front entrance to welcome people as they arrive or wait for transportation. Thanks to all who helped with this effort and to those people who help to greet our members and guests every Sunday!

### **I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .**

OSLC is a warm and welcoming church home and we need your help to convey this message to our visitors. Please consider serving - this can be a one time volunteer opportunity or an ongoing involvement. Please visit the Welcome Table between services to see how you can make a difference.

**Thoughts on Welcoming** – A recent item in “Faith Formations Journeys” (our green sheet) said it well in a short prayer “Dear Jesus, help us to welcome everyone whom we meet. Allow us to be changed by other people and accept their welcoming of us, as well. We thank you for welcoming all of your people into your love and forgiveness. Let all those who are alone feel your presence. Amen.”

Thank you for taking time to greet others around you and extending a special welcome to those who may be visiting. People exploring possible membership at OSLC often comment on the friendliness and warmth they feel when attending services and activities here.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM** – This is another important behind the scenes role to serve at brunch or cake receptions to welcome new members. There are typically a couple new member / sponsor brunches and cake receptions per year and you can volunteer to help with them. You can help in one or more of the following ways:

- Set up the fellowship hall with chairs, tables, decorations and table settings
- Food organization, preparation and set-up of the buffet line
- Clean up - wash dishes, put away tables / chairs, vacuum fellowship hall and clean the kitchen

**WELCOME TEAM NEEDS MORE PEOPLE** – We would like to include more people to host the Welcome Table in the Narthex between services and especially on Saturday evening. What we do:

- Warmly greet visitors at the table in the Narthex or during the coffee hour in fellowship hall
- Share information about OSLC
- Help visitors to connect with Pastors or other ministry leaders
- Help visitors or new members to get connected to ministries and opportunities
- Support the New Member Orientation classes held several times per year

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer in Colorado. Stop and rest yourself on our new benches after a nice bike ride to church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.



# Worship, learning & serving in groups...

## 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
Aug 4	<b>Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend</b> - Matthew Dicks	Shelly Carroll
Sep 1	<b>The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow</b> - Rita Leganski	Judy Lantry
Oct 6	<b>Me Before You</b> - Jojo Moyes	Anita Bleem



### SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>-OSLC GOLF OUTING

"Shotgun Start" Sunday, September 28th, 3:00pm, City Park 9 Golf Course, \$35.00 per person - includes green fees, meal, & prizes, Non-Golfers \$10.00 for meal, Registration Deadline September 21, 2014, Registration Forms in Narthex.

## Small Groups

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

**LEAH CIRCLE**— Leah Circle will meet on August 28 & September 25 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.



# In the Community

## NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry

This month we will be welcoming back students to our campus communities! Please help us reach out to new students attending CSU, Front Range, UNC or Aims by sending names and contact info to us so that we can invite them to be a part of Lutheran Campus Ministry. You can also easily connect your student with any Lutheran Campus Ministry in the country by going to [www.elcacampusministry.org](http://www.elcacampusministry.org).

For Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado contact Pastor Deb Abbott - [lcm.unco@gmail.com](mailto:lcm.unco@gmail.com). For Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University contact Interim Pastor Chad Adamik at [apastor@lcmcsu.org](mailto:apastor@lcmcsu.org).

An update from LCM-CSU: Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU is still active and vibrant since the departure of Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg and her husband, Steve Eulberg, the music director. LCM has formed a Transitional Ministry Team to assist Interim Pastor Chad Adamik in discerning the Spirit's leading. Pastor Chad & the Transition Team are interviewing people from area churches, former and current students, and other "friends" of LCM as we learn about LCM's history, the passions of those interested in LCM, and the context of our ministry. Be sure to look out for more information about the interim period and about LCM's ministry at CSU this school year.

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**The Lutheran Choral** is currently getting ready to tour southern Colorado, with a first stop in Salida, Colorado on August 5 and moving on to Durango, Montrose, and Grand Junction.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming 2014-15 season. We will be starting rehearsals on Monday, September 8 at 7 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 N Broadway, Lakewood. You are cordially invited to join us and check us out.

Our first concert will be **Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 3 pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, "**Reformation Concert**".

Our Holiday concert will be **Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7 pm**, at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, "**Welcome Joyous Season**".

**Hymns Triumphant Workshop** and concert will be on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9-4**, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4500 N Wadsworth Blvd, Wheat Ridge (workshop) and **Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3 pm** also at Holy Cross (concert). More information will follow.

We are also going to perform a new piece of music by **Bob Chilcot**, "**St John Passion**". We will be performing with other local choirs on **Sunday, March 22, 2015** and **Sunday March 29th, 2015**. Both concerts will be at **3 pm**. please stay tuned for the locations. These concerts will be free will offering, with the offering going to a local charity.

Our final concerts will be on **Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 3 pm**, at Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, 2688 North Park Drive, Lafayette, and **7:30 pm** at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1335 Francis Street, Longmont. "**Remembering**".

**For more information please contact David Hodel (conductor) at 303-551-2822, or email us at [thelutheranchorale@comcast.net](mailto:thelutheranchorale@comcast.net) or visit our web page at [www.thelutheranchorale.org](http://www.thelutheranchorale.org).**

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