



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.*



Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2014

Reverend Jerry Hershops of After Hours Denver is our guest speaker this year. He will speak on ministry to the poor, and how it is and must be at the center of our calling as Christians.

(Read more about our speaker and the weekend's events on page 3.)

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 7, 2014 was designated by the ELCA as God's Work, Our Hands Sunday—a time for volunteers to serve throughout the community. Thank you to all who participated!

(Read more about the event on page 12.)



Fall Back

November 2, 2014



Photo by John Eisele

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Pastor's Page

...thoughts from the pastors

Last year our Reformation Speaker Nadia Bolz-Weber was met with energy and enthusiasm. Her solid theology dressed in tattoos and all of her rough edges both challenged and delighted us. We thought it was a great way to speak about the reformation, and we wanted to make sure that we were able to build on that fresh look on re-formation this year. We figured the best way to follow-up on Nadia was to ask her for some suggestions. Nadia highlighted our speaker, Jerry Herships, out of Denver. She said he is a comedian turned pastor who has centered his life around helping the homeless community. His bio reads as follows:

“Jerry’s story is a familiar one. Former bartender/stand-up comic and mall Santa hear God’s call to leave the bright lights of show biz and dedicate his life to doing the Lord’s work. You’ve heard it a million times...” You can bet that he will be an intriguing speaker.

Please make a point to join us to hear from Jerry and his ministry, After Hours Denver (A spiritual Action Community) on Saturday and Sunday October 25th and 26th. The church has posters up for this event. We would love your help in spreading them out to more people in our community. They are available in the office.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael and Pastor Leta

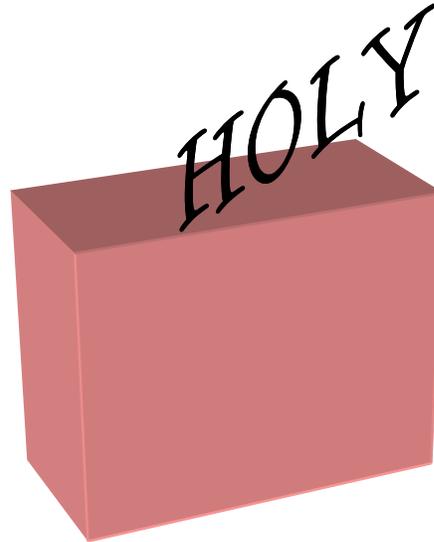
The Importance of Names - A Word from the Pastoral Intern

Names have been on my mind a great deal lately. It started this past summer when Pastor Michael handed me a copy of Our Saviour’s most recent pictorial directly. As I began looking through the pages at all of your beautiful names and faces I felt both fear and excitement. Fear at the prospect of having to learn a thousand different names, and excitement about the opportunity to get to know all the people to which those names are attached!

Names were on my mind again this past week as my sister and her spouse welcomed a new baby into their family. There is relatively little we can know about a child prior to their birth, but even within those narrow parameters we knew very little about this child as they chose not to find out the sex and were keeping their short-list of names top secret. Even after we knew he was a little boy the wait for a name continued as they spent the first day just getting to know him, not even discussing name options with each other. As it turns out, none of the names on the short-list even made it because as they spent time getting to know him that first day a new name emerged him – Claude Linden Smith.

During the church council meeting our get-to-know-you activity was for each of us to share a little about the significance of names. It was a fascinating way to get to know something new about one another. I shared in that setting that I was named Diana after my mother’s mother, who died shortly before I was born. As a child, I had mixed feelings about the uniqueness of my name, as it was not particularly common. However, I also felt a great deal of pride in having been named after my grandmother, who was remembered as a funny and charismatic person who was very involved in the life of her congregation.

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*Taking “Holy” out of the box...
...And returning it to Jesus.*

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October 25, 2014

Saturday Afternoon

2:00-4:30PM

4:30-5:30PM

5:30-6:30PM

Main Conversation

Chili Supper

Ecumenical Christian Worship

(Rev. Herships preaching)

October 26, 2014

Sunday Morning

8:30 and 11:00AM

9:45AM

Ecumenical Christian Worship

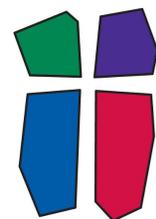
Coffee and Conversation

Q and A with Jerry Herships

Biography on Jerry Herships

Jerry’s story is a familiar one. Former bartender/stand-up comic and mall Santa hear God’s call to leave the bright lights of show biz and dedicate his life to doing the Lord’s work. You’ve heard it a million times...

Jerry is Chief Love Monger and Lead Spiritual Entrepreneur of the faith & action community AfterHours Denver. It currently hands out food, water and communion to 700+ people a week. Jerry has spoken all over the country on new church models as well as entrepreneur leadership and innovation. Jerry has been married to his wife Laura for more than 20 years and their son Hudson is a senior this year. Their dog Rocky is slow-witted but enthusiastic and lovable.



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The Importance of Names, *continued from page 2.*

The topic of names also emerged in one of Pastor Barber's Bible studies when he was discussing the significance of the second commandment: "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God." Pastor Barber pointed out that names are important because they are part of our identity and become part of who we are. They also give us power over one another, which is why God asks us to use God's name carefully, not to "curse, swear, practice magic, lie or deceive," but instead "in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God." (Luther's Small Catechism)

Biblically, names are also important. God changed Sarai and Abram's names to Sarah and Abraham on the day God made God's covenant with them, signifying their new identity in relation to God. Later, after John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the waters of the Jordan, God reveals to those present that Jesus is God's "Son, the Beloved." This practice of being named in relationship to God is also part of the sacrament of Baptism, when we are named both by the name our parents chose and as a "child of God... sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

All of this is to say that names are important, both in our relationship with God and in our relationships with one another. Although God knows and calls each of us by name, it can be challenging for us to remember the names of the many people we meet, even those we worship, serve and learn alongside each week. Yet, it's an important practice since we know that other's names are a part of who they are! As someone new to the congregation, it will still be some time before I learn everyone's names. As a result, I greatly appreciate when you introduce yourself multiple times or extend your grace to me when I say, "Could you please tell me your name one more time!" In fact, this might be a great opportunity for everyone in the congregation to meet those who you do not yet know by learning their name as well something else about who they are, what their interests are, and how they are involved at Our Saviour's.

Finally, I don't want to let the opportunity pass to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me and family in the past month! We are greatly enjoying this community and look forward to continuing our journey with you!

Grace and Peace,

Diana Linden-Johnson

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

SENSING AND RECEIVING GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Within our spirits there are amazing sensors that pick up and receive signals from God's Holy Spirit. Concomitantly, there is a special frequency that God has created and utilizes to communicate with us using our spiritual sensors.

In order to appreciate the uniqueness of these spiritual sensors that we possess we need first to adjust our thinking to allow for the existence of a spiritual world that operates parallel to and in tandem with our physical world. That should not be difficult if we believe in God who is spirit.

While the spiritual world is separate from the physical world, it constantly interacts with it and within it. Both worlds are holy and from God, but different in essence, structure and purpose.

In the *physical* world we experience and enjoy the vast creativeness of the Holy One on a very special sensory level. The *spiritual* world exists before, behind and beyond the physical world and is present in it, underlying, overarching and interacting with it. The power and energy within each of these entities is immeasurable, profound beyond our imagination.

God is in each of these worlds. They come to us in the same package. For us to live fully we must be dynamically engaged in both.

For reasons of survival humanity has developed more thoroughly our physical sensors. Our five physical senses (sensors) allow us to exist and thrive on this fantastic physical planet.

Of no lesser importance to our overall well being should be the development of our spiritual sensors. These sensors are inherent in our being, but like all sensors they are to be used or life gets critically out of balance. We have all experienced that imbalance in our lives. Whenever that occurs it is like riding on square wheels.

How then do we create and maintain that critical balance? As in all exercises it takes practice, practice, practice. We begin slowly and gently and with great patience should not expect immediate success.

Sensing God's messages to us must always begin with *quiet time*, allowing time for God to enter our awareness. First, one minute-then two-three-five, then from there who knows. First, once a day-then twice and on from there. Somewhere along the way a miracle occurs: the awareness that God's Spirit lives within us *all the time!* God's messages may register within our minds at any moment. Then we just let it happen, trust it and give thanks. If you embark on this journey with serious commitment *it will happen!*



Pastor Fred Castor, Spiritual Guide

Welcoming all through worship...

Building Blocks of Faith



This fall we will focus in on the stories in scripture each week in worship as they teach us and guide us in our walk with God. Each story, each song, each experience we dive into together, each time we give and pray and be with one another and engage in our daily world in the name of Christ, we are practicing and walking in our foundations and in building our faith together. As we worship, we will also connect our weekly devotions, our memory verses, and our faith learning to our time in worship and our time each day as we go forth in the world knowing Christ goes with us. You are invited to engage in worshipping, serving, and learning in many ways this fall as we build together.

+Pr. Leta Behrens

Worship Schedule: October & November, 2014

October, 2014

October 4, Holden

October 5, ELW 4

8:30 Chancel Choir & Bells

11:00 Youth Choir & Bells

October 11, Holden

October 12, He Is Our Peace

Celebration Band

October 18, Joyous Light

October 19, With One Voice

Windstrings

October 25, Holden

October 26, Now the Feast with Brass

All Choirs both services

November, 2014

November 1, Holden

November 2, ELW 4, All Saint's Day

8:30 Chancel Choir & Bells

11:00 Youth Choir & Bells

November 8, Holden

November 9, He Is Our Peace

Celebration Band

November 15, Joyous Light

November 16, Now the Feast with Brass

8:30 Youth Choirs

11:00 Chancel Choir

November 22, Holden

November 23, Christ the King Sunday

With One Voice

Windstrings

November 29, Holden, Hanging the Greens

November 30, ELW Healing Service

Have You Ever Wondered What the Icons on Our Weekly Devotional Inserts Mean?

The following article explains the concepts on which they are based.



Our Saviour's
Children, Youth & Family

Children, Youth and Family Ministry is an integral part of faith formation ministry at OSLC. We have many avenues for supporting families of all kinds in their faith journeys and in raising children and youth. The overall theology and practice of ministry at

Our Saviour's come from the Worship-Learning-Serving aspects of our mission statement and from Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, which states that we are to love and serve God all the time in all the places we are--in other words, faith starts at home and in our everyday life and we practice it and celebrate it at church! Within this framework we see children, youth, family, and household ministry not as a separate entity but as an over-arching ministry to those in different life stages, cradle to grave. We are moving towards operating out some basic principles and keys in all that we do:

Five Principles of

Principle 1: Faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships.

Principle 2: The Church is a living partnership between home and congregation.

Principle 3: Home is church, too.

Principle 4: Faith is caught more than taught.

Principle 5: It takes Christian parents and other adults to raise Christian youth.

Four Keys

Key 1: Caring Conversations--Christian values and faith grow in individuals and are passed on to the next generation through supportive conversations at home. Listening and responding to the daily joys and concerns of family members is rooted in meaningful conversations regarding the love and command of God. These conversations are, in themselves, a way to express God's love to one another.

Key 2: Devotions--Christianity shapes the whole one's life and therefore involves a lifetime of Christian study, reflection, and prayer. This starts in the womb and continues through the lifetime! One valuable resource for faith-growth in the home is called Luther's Small Catechism is available in Lutheran Handbook II (given out in the new comers class), in our hymnal the ELW, online or by asking one of the pastors for a copy.

Key 3: Service--Reaching out in service to others around us helps move beyond learning about Jesus to experiencing the one who come to serve us. Taking about the Good Samaritan is valuable AND being the Good Samaritan by caring for others is God's call for us.

Key 4: Rituals and Family Traditions--Daily routines, regular celebrations, and events that recognize milestones in life help connect Christ's life with our life. These activities build values and beliefs.

The Faith+Focus practice (aka Faith 5): In living out the five principles and the four keys together we also focus on a daily ritual that lives out faith in the home. We also use this ritual to frame council meetings, staff meetings, and other ministry meetings. We encourage you to dive in and start practicing it as well!

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Welcoming all through learning...

Have You Ever Wondered What the Icons Mean ...

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In **Faith+Connect** we share our highs and our lows. Or what was great about or day or not so great. Some people share these by saying where did you see God and where did you need God? All work! Sharing helps us check in with one another. It makes aware of our surroundings and provides a balance of thinking about ourselves and listening to others.



In **Faith+Bible** we focus in on scripture. This should be a verse or short passage. It's also a great idea with children in the home to focus on the same one all week so that they start to learn the scripture by heart and memory! We provide weekly inserts in our bulletin which are also accessible online (faithformationjourneys.org) but you can use any scripture or story at all. We also have monthly devotions in our newsletter and often send home connections with Sunday School.



Once we have read scripture, it's time to talk about it! **Faith+Chat** is a time to talk about the scripture, consider how it relates to your highs and lows, and how God is at work in our lives. This can be a quick discussion or a longer one! Up to you!



Prayer is the way we communicate with God and taking time pray is an important part of our journeys and spirituality. There are many ways to pray. Written prayers are provided in the inserts, the Lord's prayer is a good one to say together. In **Faith+Pray** we also encourage that you take the time to pray for your highs and lows, pray for one another!



Faith+Bless is the final step in focusing in. Blessings are a way we remember we are marked by and for God. We are God's children, loved, claimed, forgiven, and held all the time. Mark the sign of the cross on the foreheads of your family and bless them each night!

Join the Conversation!



Adult Bible Studies for October and November

Our journey through *Revelation* will continue through October and then we will study the books of James, I and II Peter, and I, II, and III John.

You are eagerly 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.

Library News

Please send your suggestions to the library committee for any titles you would like to see for 2015. Drop a note under the closet door in the library or to the acrylic holders where "check-out" cards are put— we would love to hear your suggestions.

Amy Holzworth

OSLC Preschool News



Little Learners

Preschool is up and we are running very fast. We have 15 wonderful and very energetic four and five year olds in this class. Our Tuesday/ Thursday class has five boys and one very brave little girl who is holding her own! If you know anyone who has a three year old and is looking for Preschool please let them know we have openings.

The first week of school we talked all about coming to school and all the fun things we do at school. We made binoculars and searched for Owls, we read "The kissing Hand" and learned that Mom always comes back for us; then we water-colored a bus and an Apple.

The second week we learned all about them. They drew themselves on large pieces of paper and they are on display in the hallway by the Preschool room. They covered their name with salt/sand and the three year olds covered their first letter of their name with Fruit Loops— well mostly covered. Much more fun to eat! We also began our letter of the week and show and tell. Needless to say we had a very busy week.

The third week we talked about how we all have families, but how different they all are. We finger painted with our fingers, we made a puppet family, and an apple tree with all our family members on it.

The last week we worked on being good friends. We made a friendship Quilt, a friendship necklace and the favorite activity was to paint with a special friend outside on the Easels.

Bev Watson, Preschool Director

Nancy Bajcsi, Preschool Teacher

Welcoming all through serving...

Outside Our Walls

OOW TO PRESENT AN ADULT FORUM ON HELPING THE HOMELESS FIND JOBS:

On Sunday, Nov. 2, please come and hear HandUp Cooperative present an adult forum on how they work to assist homeless job-seekers in Ft. Collins. Linda Nuss, the new director of HandUp, reports that 345 people have been placed in full- or part-time jobs since HU was founded in 2008. Seventeen found jobs in August of this year, the best month ever. The median duration of unemployment in the US is about 20 weeks. But among those who completed HU's program, the job search lasted less than five weeks. Come and learn how the program works and what you can do to help!

HandUp is a division of Homeless Gear: "Offering Hope and a Hand Up"

IN ADDITION OOW will have a food drive for the Food Bank of Larimer County the first three weeks of November.

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY



Happy Fall everyone. **For new and current members, please take the time to read the history and current news about FFH and consider becoming involved in this vital and rewarding interfaith program.** Some of the following information comes from the FFH Coordinator's Update dated September 1, 2014.

THE STORY OF HOW FFH CAME ABOUT:

Faith Family Hospitality was initially formed by **The Fort Collins Interfaith Council** which provides program support; **The United Way of Larimer County** which serves as fiscal agent for the program, and **Angel House of Loveland** which recruited most of the original congregations.

FFH began serving families on January 15, 2012 because temporary housing for families was very limited in Fort Collins. The four family rooms at The Mission run by Catholic Charities are often full and few other housing options exist. During school vacations we ran a temporary day center which we opened permanently in June 2013.

For the year ending June 2013, FFH housed 21 families who otherwise would have slept in shelter unintended for the needs of young children or on the streets. We helped 8 of these families find permanent housing. Our Day Center has provided respite for mothers nursing new born babies and parents recuperating from surgery.

During this period we provided a total of 4,520 nights of housing, averaging 4.9 adults and 7.3 children per night. Twenty-one congregations coordinated a total of 1,158 volunteers, encompassing 17,368 hours, to support these families. Most importantly, this dedicated group of faith communities provided hope, compassion and solidarity to lift up adults and children struggling for life's basic needs.

THE FFH MISSION

Faith Family Hospitality (FFH) provides fellowship, overnight housing, meals and support to local families experiencing homelessness. This volunteer effort coordinates the service of 27 Fort Collins faith communities (13 host sites and 14 support congregations) to fulfill this mission.

CURRENT INVOLVED FAITH COMMUNITIES

This interfaith project unites diverse faith communities through a shared mission of service. We currently have 26 diverse faith communities, 13 of whom act as host sites and 14 who provide support. The communities are listed as follows:

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FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY, continued

HOST: St Luke's Episcopal Church, Peak Community Church, First United Methodist Church, Summitview Community Church, Council Tree Covenant Church, Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Foothills Unitarian Church, Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Southgate Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

SUPPORT: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Community of Christ Church, Christ Our Hope Anglican Church, Congregation Har Shalom, St Paul's Episcopal Church, American Baptist Church, Pathways Church, Peace with Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Collins Friends Meeting, Temple Or Hadash, Mary of Magdala Community and The Genesis Project.

FFH DAY CENTER

As of June 2013, a Day Center has been established to provide a place for families to go during the day to get out of the heat or the cold. Showers and laundry facilities are currently being installed. This facility is open 6 days a week and located at the Mennonite Church, 300 East Oak St., Fort Collins, CO 80524. Volunteers are needed each day to help ensure that the FFH Center is a welcoming and restful place. If you're interested in volunteering, or would like more information on how you can become involved please use the FFH contact page to get in touch:

<http://www.faithfamilyhospitality.org>, or call Ben Story, FFH Center Coordinator assistant at 970-430-5532.

Current items needed at the FFH Center are as follows. Please have people contact the FFH Center if they have supplies to drop off. **Regular Supplies:** Grocery/gas cards (King Soopers for example) bottled water, healthy snacks, tooth paste and tooth brushes, combs and brushes, deodorant, hypo-allergenic clothes detergent, dryer Sheets, high capacity detergent, all sizes diapers, baby wipes, baby powder. **One time needs for new shower/laundry facilities:** 2 hand held hair dryers, 1 baby bathtub, 4 Clothes baskets, 2 wet towel hampers, 3 trash containers, 1 potty chair. **Back to school:** school supplies - including spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, medium size backpacks - 6 and glue sticks.

OUR SAVIOUR'S CURRENT ROLE IN FFH

OSLC has been an active FFH host church. Many of our members have been regular volunteers and supporters for each rotation. We would like to see new volunteers as well. Our next rotation to host families will be **November 2nd -9th. Please volunteer to set up/tear down, make an evening meal, be an evening host or stay overnight. Signing up is easy, either 1) online at the Sign Up Genius. The link is <http://our-saviours.org>. Click on serve, then scroll to FFH. Within the text is a sign up link or call the church office (484-3133). Contact coordinators, Jodi Loecke at jsloecke@comcast.net, Kim Nichols at atkk1nichol@gmail.com or Rosie Goetz at kero-ja@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you for your support !**

Flowers for October/November

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.

October 5-Vern & Phyllis Reichert
 October 12-Lorna & Jerry Reeves
 October 19
 October 26

November 2
 November 9
 November 16
 November 23
 November 30

Welcoming all through serving...

Our Saviour's in the Community

Thank you to all who were able to volunteer on God's Work Our Hands Sunday! It was exciting to feel the energy as individuals departed from worship on Sept 7th to "Go in Peace and Serve the Lord".

It is estimated that we provided approximately 360 volunteer hours, impacting many in our community. We:

- Packed 450 bag lunches for the homeless
- Did clean up and landscaping on the OSLC columbarium
- Did clean up, construction projects, and wood milling at Sky Ranch
- Cleaned a city playground
- Prepared materials for programs and activities at The Gardens on Spring Creek
- Assembled VIP bags and sorted t-shirts for the Alzheimer's "Walk to End Alzheimer's"
- Painted at church
- Sang-a-long with residents at Parkwood Estates
- Did yard work for church members needing assistance
- Cleaned and did yard work at St. Thomas University Chapel
- Provided dinner for the congregation at St. Thomas

Many of you asked about ongoing volunteer activities. The United Way website has a resource guide with very helpful information www.uwaylc.org. Just click on the Volunteer tab. St. Thomas seeks volunteers to bring dinner very Sunday during the school year. Parkwood would like us to return. Faith Family Hospitality is now seeking volunteers for the next stay at OSLC. These are just a few of the needs in our community. Please contact Joyce Jobson at jmjobs@hotmail.com, or the church office, for possible contacts for volunteering or with suggestions of volunteer opportunities.

Offering Tellers Needed

If you are looking for an easy way of contributing to the church where time commitment is minimal, please volunteer one Sunday or more to be an offering teller!

Offering tellers work with a member of the finance team to count the cash offering after the last Sunday service each week. It almost always takes less than an hour and usually much less time.

The task requires no special skills except a desire to help. Please contact either Adrienne Thomas (adrienne4thomas@yahoo.com) or Cal Selig (calselig@gmail.com) to volunteer, or just drop by the financial office to sign up for future dates.



GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE

	2014			
	AUG		YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
TOTAL GIVING	45,997	55,756	392,942	446,046
LESS EXPENSES	<u>67,266</u>	55,756	<u>432,086</u>	446,046
CASH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-21,269		-39,145	

Worship, learning & serving in groups...

Welcome Ministry News

Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in Our Busy Lives – sound like a good idea? A good resource for small group study is Wayne Muller's Sabbath. Fall is a great time to begin a Faith Group – 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. 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 packet of popcorn with a welcoming message.

Next New Members Series - The next series will begin October 19th – stop by the Welcome Table for details. 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.

Greeting and Welcoming Guests to OSLC – We would love to have some new volunteers to help host the Welcome Table on a regular, rotating basis for our three services. Please stop by the table and learn more about this fun and easy way to serve.



Coffee and Connect for Newcomers

- What:** An opportunity to visit, learn more about OSLC and ask questions
- Who:** Visitors and Newcomers to OSLC and newer members who would like to share their thoughts or get more information
- When:** October 5th – Sunday between services
- Where:** Room 11 E (north end of the building, just past the fellowship hall)

Hope to see you there!

OSLC New Member Orientation

Room 11 E
Sunday, October 19, 9:45 AM
 Lutheran Identity

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 PM
 Church Identity

Sunday, October 26, 9:45 AM
 Individual Identity

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 PM
 Spirituality

Sunday November 2, 11:00 AM
 Welcome Brunch with your sponsors

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 AM
 New Member Reception

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
Oct 6	Me Before You - Jojo Moyes	Anita Bleem
Nov 3	Orphan Train - Christina Baker Kline	
Dec 1	All that is Solid Melts into Air - Darragh McKeon	
Jan 5	The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics - Daniel James Brown	
Feb 2	Caleb's Crossing - Geraldine Brooks	

Sunday, August 17th, High School Youth Group Acoustic Ceiling Tile Installation Day.

Many of our High School Family members turned out to help in this fund-raiser for our 2015 H. S. Summer Trip. By way of background, a May hail storm had damaged every exterior roof section of our church, and a heavy snow right after hail storm caused lots of roof leaks which did water damage to over a hundred interior acoustic ceiling tiles. Insurance payments (and our deduction) covered the exterior repairs/replacement, and bought replacement interior ceiling tiles. Rather than having these interior tiles professionally installed, OSLC asked our High Schoolers to do the job in order to earn money for their 2015 Summer Trip. Pastor Leta and Bill Withers set up a work day, Sunday, August 17th, after Church; and the following volunteers spent over four hours matching, customs-cutting, and replacing all of our water-damaged acoustic ceiling tile:

- The Seitzinger Family: Newton & Ann, Claire & Kurt.
- Cal and Conrad Selig.
- Bruce and Austen Boudeen.
- Roxy Magro; and her Mom, Leyla, served us Lunch!
- Kathy and Halley Miklos.
- Leyla Raquel Moran.
- Claudia and Chloe Halvorson
- Cindy Pederson.
- Kristi Thomas.



Roxy Magro (left) & Claire Seitzinger (right) repair Pastor Leta's new office.

In the Community

FOR 34 YEARS, CROSSROADS SAFEHOUSE has provided life-saving emergency shelter, resources and support to thousands of domestic violence victims and their children to help them escape harm's way and rebuild their lives free from violence and abuse.

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Halley Miklos replacing a cloakroom ceiling tile, while Mom, Kathy, (lowed left) sets-aside a water-damaged tile.

Small Groups

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

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on October 23rd & November 20th at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Barb Slattenow for the beginning of a new year of lessons.

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